A black and white photograph of a person holding a palm frond, with the shadow of another palm frond cast over them. The text is overlaid on the image.

*It is wonderful to be able to begin
Holy Week together as a sign of the unity
for which we long and an act of common
Christian witness in this most holy of weeks.*

**PALM SUNDAY PROCESSION FROM DE BEAUVOIR SQUARE
SUNDAY, MARCH 24, 2024, 9:15AM**

Reader Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, the king of Israel. Hosanna in the highest!

All **Hosanna to the Son of David!**

Fr Derek Dear friends, since the beginning of Lent until now we have prepared our hearts by penance and charitable works. Today we gather together to herald with the whole Church the beginning of the celebration of our Lord's Paschal Mystery, that is to say, of his Passion and Resurrection. For it was to accomplish this mystery that he entered his own city of Jerusalem. Therefore, with all faith and devotion, let us commemorate the Lord's entry into the city for our salvation, following in his footsteps, so that being made by his grace partakers of the Cross, we may have a share also in his Resurrection and in his life.

We lift our palm crosses as Fr Simon prays an introductory prayer and Fr Derek blesses our palms for the year ahead.

Fr Simon Let us pray. Increase the faith of those who place their hope in you, O God, and graciously hear the prayers of those who call on you, that we, who today hold high these branches to hail Christ in his triumph, may bear fruit for you by good works accomplished in him. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

All **Amen**

Fr Derek Almighty ever-living God, sanctify + these branches with your blessing, that we, who follow Christ the King in exultation, may reach the eternal Jerusalem through him. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

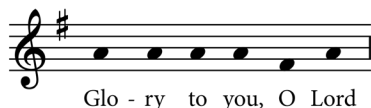
All **Amen**

GOSPEL

Matthew 21.1-11

Gospeller A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St Matthew

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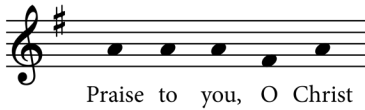


Gospeller

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, 'Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, "The Lord needs them." And he will send them immediately.' This took place to fulfil what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, "Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.' The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, 'Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!' When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, 'Who is this?' The crowds were saying, 'This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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PEACE

praying for the unity for which we long, we share the peace

Fr Simon Once we were far off, but now in union with Christ Jesus we have been brought near through the shedding of Christ's blood, for he is our peace.

Fr Derek The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All **And with your spirit**

Fr Simon & Dear friends, like the crowds who acclaimed Jesus in Jerusalem, let us
Fr Derek go forth in peace.

PROCESSION

All Glory, Laud, and Honour



All glo - ry, laud, and hon - our, to thee, Re - deem - er King, to



whom the lips of child - ren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.



1. Thou art the King of Is - rael, thou Da - vid's roy - al Son, who
2. The com - pa - ny of an - gels and prais - ing thee on high, and
3. The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore thee went: our
4. To thee be - fore thy pas - sion they sang their hymns of praise: to
5. Thou didst ac - cept their prai - ses, ac - cept the prayers we bring, who

D.C.



1. in the Lord's name com - est, the King and bles - sed one.
2. mor - tals, joined with all things cre - at - ed, make re - ply.
3. praise and prayer and an - thems be - fore thee we pre - sent.
4. thee now high ex - al - ted our mel - o - dy we raise.
5. in all good de - ligh - test, thou good and grac - ious king.

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