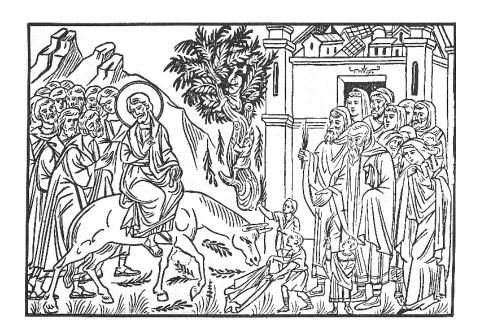
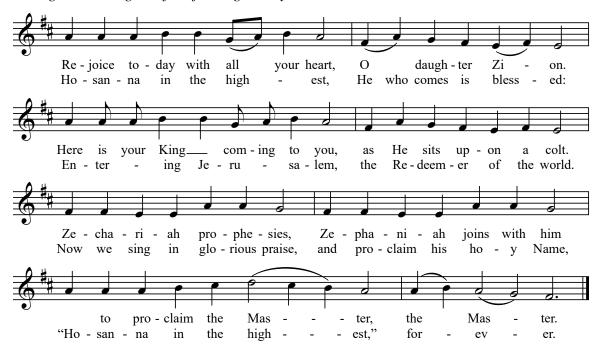
## PALM SUNDAY Blessing of Palms



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## **Blessing of Palms**

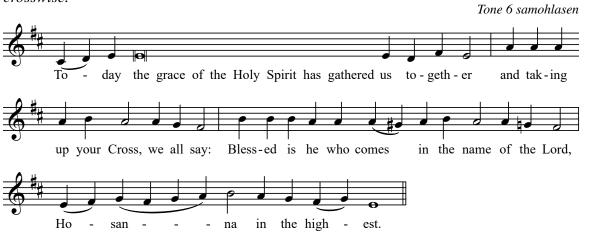
During the censing, the faithful sing this hymn:



Melody and Slavonic text: traditional

English translation: Cantors Nicholas Kalvin, Michael Zaretsky, Jerry Jumba, and Fr Alexis Mihalik, alt.

While the following sticheron is sung, the celebrant censes the palms and branches crosswise.



**Deacon:** Let us pray to the Lord.

**Response:** 



**Celebrant:** 

Lord our God, seated upon the Cherubim, you raised up your power and sent your only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, to save the world through his cross, burial, and resurrection. Today He enters Jerusalem for his voluntary passion. The people sitting in the darkness and shadow of death took the symbols of victory, the boughs of trees and branches of palms, foretelling his resurrection. Now, O Master, on this prefestive day, in imitation of them, we carry palms and branches in our hands, and like that crowd and the children we shout "Hosanna," so that in hymns and songs and spiritual odes, we also might be made worthy of the life-giving third-day resurrection in Jesus Christ our Lord, with whom you are blessed, together with your all-holy, good, and life-creating Spirit, now and ever, and forever.

**Response:** 



Then the celebrant sprinkles the palms and branches with holy water saying:

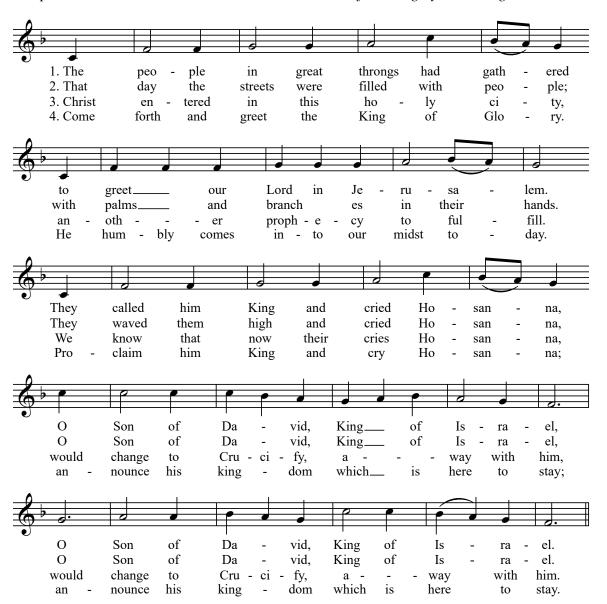
**Celebrant:** 

These palms and branches are blessed and sanctified by the grace of the Most Holy Spirit through the sprinkling of this holy water in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Response:



The palms and branches are then distributed, and the following hymn is sung:



Source: Sister Servants of Mary Immaculate

English by Cantor George Sabol