

# Liturgy of the Palms

March 29, 2026

## *Welcome to the SJC Partnership*

*'For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's harvest field, God's building.' The First Letter to the Corinthians 3:9*

### St. John Chrysostom Episcopal Church



*You are welcome here*

***Our Mission Statement:*** *We are to be a church where people know, experience and share Christ.*

### St. Joseph Episcopal Church



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***Our Mission Statement:*** *We aspire to be an inclusive faith community growing the love of God through: Worship, Education and Outreach.*



# The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday

## The Liturgy of the Palms

*When circumstances permit, the congregation may gather at a place apart from the church, so that all may go into the church in procession.*

*The branches of palm or of other trees or shrubs to be carried in the procession may be distributed to the people before the service, or after the prayer of blessing.*

*The following or some other suitable anthem is sung or said, the people standing*

Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.

**Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.**

*Presider* Let us pray.

Assist us mercifully with your help, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts, whereby you have given us life and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Here a Deacon or other person appointed reads the following (Matthew 21:1-11)*

When Jesus and his disciples 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 fulfill 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."

*The Presider then says the following blessing*

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Presider* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

It is right to praise you, Almighty God, for the acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph, and was proclaimed as King of kings by those who spread their garments and branches of palm along his way. Let these branches be for us signs of his victory, and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our King, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; who lives and reigns in glory with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. *Amen.*

*The following or some other suitable anthem may then be sung or said*

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

**Hosanna in the highest.**

*The Procession*

Let us go forth in peace.

*People* **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

*During the procession, all hold branches in their hands, and appropriate hymns, psalms, or anthems are sung, such as the hymn "All glory, laud, and honor" and Psalm 118:19-29.*

*All glory, laud and honor*

Refrain

All glory, laud and honor to thee, Redeemer, King  
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.

Verse 1:

Thou art the King of Israel, thou David's royal son,  
Who in the Lord's Name comest, the King the Blessed One.

Refrain

Verse 2:

The company of angels, is praising thee on high;  
And we with all creation in chorus make reply.

Refrain

Verse 5:

Thou didst accept their praises; accept the prayers we bring,  
Who in all good delightest, thou good and gracious King.

Refrain

Psalm 118 *Confitemini Domino* (said together)

**19Open for me the gates of righteousness; \***  
**I will enter them;**  
**I will offer thanks to the LORD.**

- 20“This is the gate of the LORD; \*  
he who is righteous may enter.”
- 21I will give thanks to you, for you answered me \*  
and have become my salvation.
- 22The same stone which the builders rejected \*  
has become the chief cornerstone.
- 23This is the LORD’S doing, \*  
and it is marvelous in our eyes.
- 24On this day the LORD has acted; \*  
we will rejoice and be glad in it.
- 25Hosannah, LORD, hosannah! \*  
LORD, send us now success.
- 26Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; \*  
we bless you from the house of the LORD.
- 27God is the LORD; he has shined upon us; \*  
form a procession with branches up to the horns of the altar.
- 28“You are my God, and I will thank you; \*  
you are my God, and I will exalt you.”
- 29Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; \*  
his mercy endures for ever.

*At the entrance to the Church the following or some other appropriate Collect is said*

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*As we enter the Nave to hear the Passion Gospel, please place your palm branches on the table near the entrance as well as the Service Booklets for the Palm Liturgy. Our procession into the Nave for the Passion a suitable song, hymn, or silence may be used. You are welcome to gather the Palms after the conclusion of the service of the Passion.*