Blessing of Palm

When the multitudes of Jewish people heard that Jesus was approaching Jerusalem, they went to meet Him with Olive branches, shouting: *Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the Name of the Lord!*

* Let us also greet Christ the King using the same words.
* Let us offer Him our songs of praise before His Passion.
* Let us acclaim Him, not only with Palm branches, but by honoring one another in charity.
* Let us scatter the desires of our hearts, like so many garments at His feet, that He may direct his steps toward us, and make His dwelling with us.
* Let us shout to Sion the words of the Prophet: *Rejoice, Daughter Sion. See, your King shall come to you, a just Savior is He, Meek and Humble.* He comes, who is present everywhere and fills the universe. He comes to accomplish the salvation of all.

Therefore, do not fear:

* God is in your midst, you shall not be disturbed.
* Welcome Him who has accepted in Himself all that is ours, that He may take us with Him.
* Rejoice, Mother Church! And fear not. Celebrate your feasts. Give glory to Him who comes to you, for great is His mercy.
* Rejoice greatly! Sing and dance for joy.
* With Isaiah the Prophet we proclaim to you: *Rise up in splendor! Your light and come. And the glory of the Lord shines upon you.*

Let us pray:

Almighty, ever-living God, sanctify [+] these branches with Your blessing, that we, who follow Christ the King in exultation, may reach one day the happiness of the eternal Jerusalem through Him. Who lives and reigns forever and ever.

Amen.

Holy Water

Gospel

Brothers and Sisters, like the crowds who acclaimed Jesus in Jerusalem, let us go praising our Messiah and King.