

Palm Sunday

Double of the First Class

THE SOLEMN PROCESSION OF PALMS

IN HONOUR OF CHRIST THE KING

Branches of palms, olives or other trees are used for the blessing and procession of palms. In accordance with local custom they are either prepared and brought to the church by the faithful, or are distributed to them after the blessing.

I. THE BLESSING OF PALMS

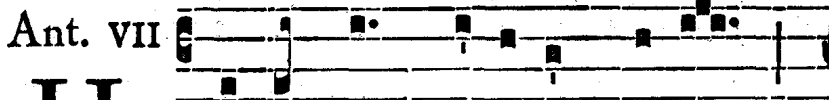
1. *At a suitable time, after Terce in choir, the blessing of branches of palms, olives or other trees begins. The Aspérge is omitted.*

2-3. *The celebrant and sacred ministers wear red vestments, without maniple. Instead of chasuble, the celebrant wears a cope (optional in the simple rite).*

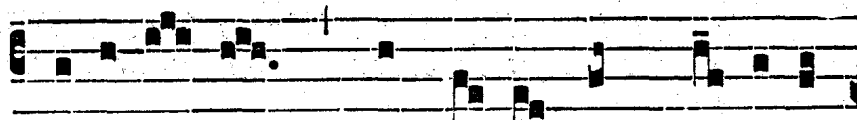
4. *If the faithful are not already holding their palms, these are placed on a table which is covered with a white cloth and placed in a convenient place in the sanctuary so that the people can see it.*

5. *When everything is ready, the celebrant and the sacred ministers [or servers]¹ genuflect or bow to the altar as usual, and go behind the table, facing the people.*

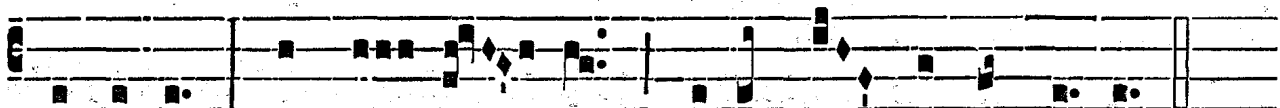
While this is taking place, the following antiphon is sung :



H Osánna * fí-li-o Dávid :



benedí-ctus qui vé-nit in nómine



Dómi-ni. Rex Is- ra- òl : Hosánna in excél-sis.

Hosanna to the son of David : blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. O King of Israel : Hosanna in the highest.

Gospel

6. *Then the celebrant, with his hands joined, blesses the palms, singing the Collect to the ferial B tone (or the simple ancient tone).*

¹ The rubrics printed in square brackets concern churches where a deacon and subdeacon are not available.