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ATTACHMENT #2: PALM SUNDAY MATINS

Palm Sunday begins with a joy-filled procession around the church. As the multitudes all shouted “Hosanna” to the Lord on the original Palm Sunday, we do the same. We go around the entire church and cry out with all the saints and all creation as we say “Hosanna in highest!”

There are 12 “stations” along the path of this procession. At each station, simply read the corresponding gospel passage and then sing the short hymn afterwards. The hymn is made up of a verse that is specific to each station (so there are 12 of them) and then a refrain that is the same throughout.

Do your best to locate icons or pictures in your house that match each station, but if you don’t have some of them, don’t worry. You can either pull up a picture online or find another icon that’s close (i.e., you don’t have an icon of St. George the martyr, but you have an icon of another martyr, that’s fine). Be creative.

Station #1: In front of your home altar

- Reading: John 1:43-51
- Verse: “The four bodiless living creatures: carrying the chariot of God: A face of a lion, a face of an ox: a face of a man, and a face of an eagle.”
- Refrain: “Hosanna in the highest: this is the King of Israel: Blessed is He Who comes in the name: of the Lord of Hosts.

Station #2: Icon of St. Mary

- Reading: Luke 1:39-56
- Verse: “We exalt you worthily: with Elizabeth your cousin: saying, “Blessed are you among women: Blessed is the fruit of your womb.”
- Refrain: “Hosanna in the highest: this is the King of Israel: Blessed is He Who comes in the name: of the Lord of Hosts.

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Station #3: Icon of The Annunciation or Archangel Gabriel

- Reading: Luke 1:26-38
- Verse: “Gabriel the angel: was seen by Daniel: standing on his feet: on the shore of the river.”
- Refrain: “Hosanna in the highest: this is the King of Israel: Blessed is He Who comes in the name: of the Lord of Hosts.

Station #4: Icon of Archangel Michael

- Reading: Matthew 13:44-52
- Verse: “Michael, the head of the heavenly ones: is the first: among the angelic orders: serving before the Lord.”
- Refrain: “Hosanna in the highest: this is the King of Israel: Blessed is He Who comes in the name: of the Lord of Hosts.

Station #5: Icon of St. Mark

- Reading: Luke 10:1-12
- Verse: “Mark the Apostle: and the evangelist: the witness to the passion: of the Only Begotten God.”
- Refrain: “Hosanna in the highest: this is the King of Israel: Blessed is He Who comes in the name: of the Lord of Hosts.

Station #6: Icon of 12 Apostles

- Reading: Matthew 10:1-8
- Verse: “Jesus Christ sent you: O twelve apostles: to preach to the nations: and make them Christians.”
- Refrain: “Hosanna in the highest: this is the King of Israel: Blessed is He Who comes in the name: of the Lord of Hosts.

Station #7: Icon of St. George (or any martyr)

- Reading: Luke 21:12-19
- Verse: “Seven years were completed: by Saint George: as seventy impious kings: were judging him everyday.”
- Refrain: “Hosanna in the highest: this is the King of Israel: Blessed is He Who comes in the name: of the Lord of Hosts.

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Station #8: Icon of St. Anthony (or any saint)

- Reading: Matthew 16:24-28
- Verse: “Remove from your hearts: evil thoughts: and deceiving memories: that darken the mind.”
- Refrain: “Hosanna in the highest: this is the King of Israel: Blessed is He Who comes in the name: of the Lord of Hosts.

Station #9: Front door to your home

- Reading: Luke 13:22-30
- Verse: “When You come again: in Your second fearful advent: may we not fearfully hear You say: ‘I do not know you.’”
- Refrain: “Hosanna in the highest: this is the King of Israel: Blessed is He Who comes in the name: of the Lord of Hosts.

Station #10: Baptismal font (pitcher of water)

- Reading: Matthew 3:13-17
- Verse: “John has witnessed: in the four gospels, saying: “I baptized my Savior: in the waters of the Jordan.”
- Refrain: “Hosanna in the highest: this is the King of Israel: Blessed is He Who comes in the name: of the Lord of Hosts.

Station #11: Back door to your home (or window)

- Reading: Matthew 21:1-11
- Verse: “He Who sits upon the Cherubim: upon the throne of His glory: entered into Jerusalem: what is this great humility.”
- Refrain: “Hosanna in the highest: this is the King of Israel: Blessed is He Who comes in the name: of the Lord of Hosts.

Station #12: Icon of John the Baptist

- Reading: Luke 7:28-35
- Verse: “There is no one born: of women who is like you: you are great among all saints: O John the Baptist.”
- Refrain: “Hosanna in the highest: this is the King of Israel: Blessed is He Who comes in the name: of the Lord of Hosts.