

The Palms

1 O'er all the way green palms and blossoms gay
Are strewn this day in festive preparation,
Where Jesus comes to whip our tears away,
E'en now the throng to welcome Him prepare.

Refrain:

Join all and sing His name declare,
Let ev'ry voice resound with acclamation,
Hosanna! Praise be the Lord!
Bless Him, who cometh to bring us salvation!

2 His word goes forth, and people by its might
Once more their freedom gain from degradation,
Humanity doth give to each his right,
While those in darkness find restored the light. (Refrain)

3. Sing and rejoice, O blest Jerusalem,
Of all thy sons sing the emancipation,
Thro' boundless love, the Christ of Bethlehem
Brings faith the hope to thee forevermore. (Refrain)

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Responsive Reading

Psalm 118:14-29

The LORD is my strength and my might;
he has become my salvation.

15 There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous:

“The right hand of the LORD does valiantly;

**16 the right hand of the LORD is exalted;
the right hand of the LORD does valiantly.”**

17 I shall not die, but I shall live,
and recount the deeds of the LORD.

**18 The LORD has punished me severely,
but he did not give me over to death.**

19 Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter through them
and give thanks to the LORD.

**20 This is the gate of the LORD;
the righteous shall enter through it.**

21 I thank you that you have answered me
and have become my salvation.

**22 The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.**

23 This is the LORD’s doing;
it is marvelous in our eyes.

**24 This is the day that the LORD has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

25 Save us, we beseech you, O LORD!
O LORD, we beseech you, give us success!

26 Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD.

We bless you from the house of the LORD.

27 The LORD is God, and he has given us light.

**Bind the festal procession with branches,
up to the horns of the altar.**

28 You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;
you are my God, I will extol you.

**29 O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures forever.**

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