

LITURGY OF THE PALMS

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- ✠ Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures forever."
- ✠ Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.
- ✠ This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it.
- ✠ I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.
- ✠ The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.
- ✠ This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.
- ✠ This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.
- ✠ Save us, we beseech you, O LORD! O LORD, we beseech you, give us success!
- ✠ Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD. We bless you from the house of the LORD.
- ✠ The LORD is God, and he has given us light. Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar.
- ✠ You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God, I will extol you.
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CHRIST RIDING AN ASS (PALMESEL), Ulm, Germany (?), Victoria and Albert Museum, ca.

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