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Placing the Palm Branches in our Homes.

The branches that are blessed and brought home on Palm Sunday are placed near the cross . They remind us that Lent has been the slow coming of Spring to the earth, the renewal of life. They remind us of the "Hosanna" which was used to hail the crucified and risen Christ. Pick an appropriate time during the day to join together in this prayer.

Leader: "Hosanna in the Highest! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord."

All Respond: "Hosanna in the highest!"

Leader: " We have come to the last days of Lent. Today the reading of the Passion of Jesus was rendered to Christian Faithful all over the world. As we leave Lent behind on Holy Thursday, let us enter the Three Holy Days when we celebrate the mystery of Christ's suffering and death and finally to life at God's right hand. Listen to the words of the Bible…"

Someone may read aloud: "Listen to the Words from the apostle Paul… (Philippians ch2)

"Christ Jesus emptied himself taking the form of human likeness. He humbles himself accepting even death on a cross. Because of this, God exalted him. And every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord! " The Word of the Lord.

All respond: "Thanks be to God."

All say together the Lord's prayer.

Then **the leader** continues: "Let us pray… Blessed are you God of Israel,

So rich in love and mercy. Let these branches ever remind us of Christ's triumph.

May we who bear rejoice in His cross and sing your praise forever and ever.

All: Amen

Leader: Let us bless the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.