

We Raise Our Branches High Today

Jesus enters Jerusalem

Palm Sunday, Years ABC

We raise our branches high today
to sign Hosanna and to warn:
The hands that wield a waving branch
may also weave a crown of thorns.

We sing exultant songs today,
yet singing we remember this:
The lips that bring the sweetest praise
may also bear the sharpest kiss.

We greet a golden dawn today
and marvel as the darkness grows
that even stalwart confidence
may fail before the rooster crows.

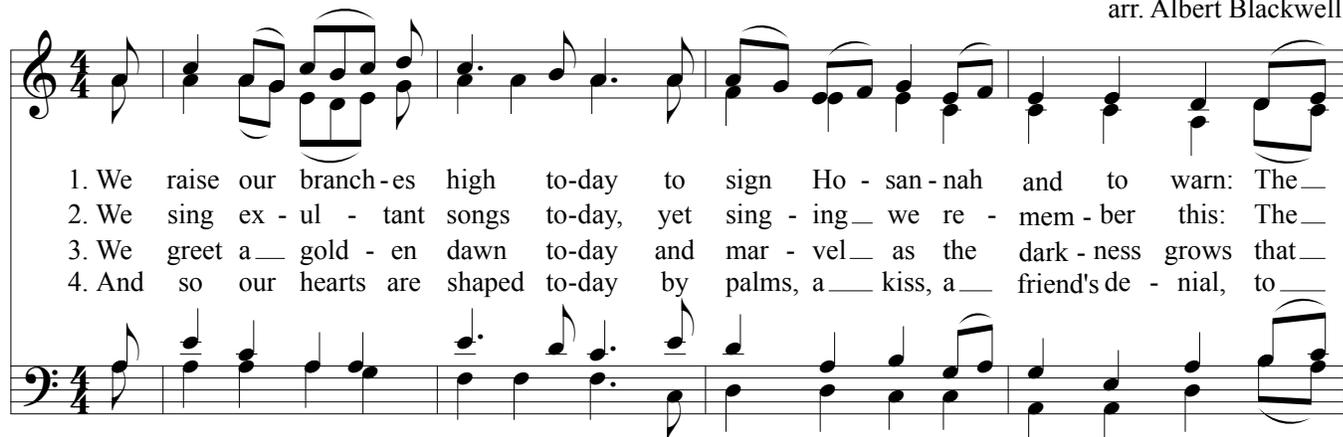
And so our hearts are shaped today
by palms, a kiss, a friend's denial,
to hold the very simple prayer—
God, save us from the time of trial.

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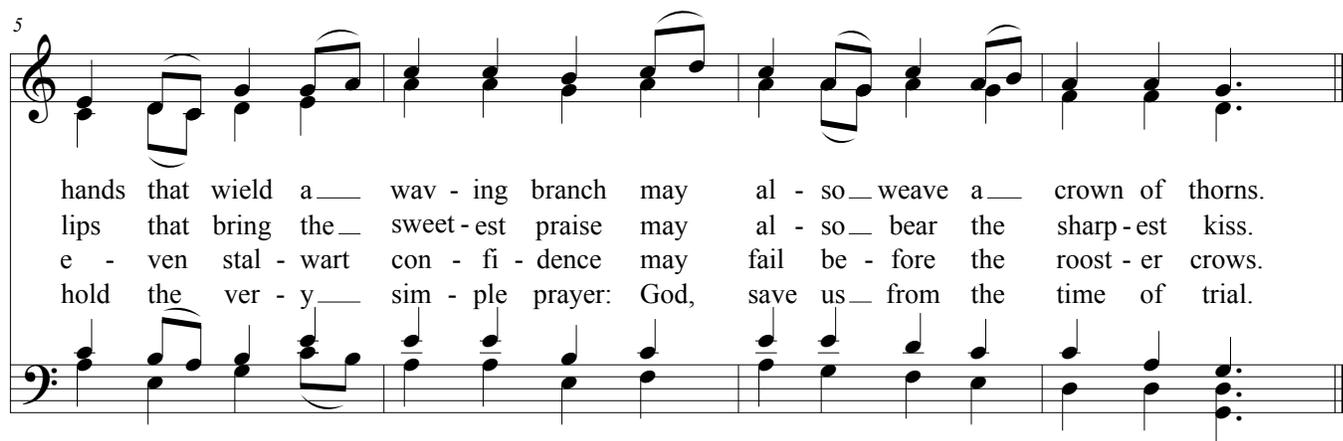
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1. We raise our branch-es high to-day to sign Ho - san - nah and to warn: The__
2. We sing ex - ul - tant songs to-day, yet sing - ing__ we re - mem - ber this: The__
3. We greet a__ gold - en dawn to-day and mar - vel__ as the dark - ness grows that__
4. And so our hearts are shaped to-day by palms, a__ kiss, a__ friend's de - nial, to__

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