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Suggestions for Palm Sunday

by Revd John Elliott

Passages from the Word

John 12:12-15

Zechariah 9:9-13

Psalm 24

and/or Psalm 118:19-29

Matthew 21:1-17

The Teachings of the New Church

Garments in the Word symbolise truths that clothe good, and in an opposite sense, falsities that clothe evil. For a person embodies either his goodness or his evilness. Truths or falsities are therefore his garments.

From the symbolic meaning of garments it can be seen why the Lord's disciples put their garments upon the donkey and its colt when the Lord was ready to enter Jerusalem, and why the people spread their garments on the road, Matthew 21:7-9; Mark 11:7,8; Luke 19:35,36. It can be seen, too, what is symbolised by the soldiers' dividing the Lord's garments into four parts,

John 19:23,24, thus what is meant symbolically by this verse in the Psalms,

They divided My garments ...,
and over My vesture they cast lots.

Psalm 22:18

Parts of paragraph 166 of Apocalypse Revealed pub 2007 tr N Bruce Rogers

The Lord came into the world to subdue the hells and to glorify His Human.
And His passion on the cross was the final conflict through which He
completely conquered the hells and completely glorified His Human
The heading above paragraphs 12-14 of Teaching concerning the Lord pub 2019 tr John Elliott

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Songs of Praise

- 9 All glory, praise, and honour
- 292 O for a seraph's golden lyre
- 45 Christian, seek not yet repose

Prayers

O Lord Jesus Christ, who as on this day didst enter the rebellious city where thou wast to die: Enter into our hearts, we beseech thee, and subdue them wholly to thyself. And, as thy faithful disciples blessed thy coming, and spread their garments in the way, covering it with palm branches, make us ready to lay at thy feet all we have and are, and to bless thee, who comest in the name of the Lord.

Prayers for the Christian Year

Lord Jesus, you showed the world your princely power by riding into Jerusalem on a donkey; help us to understand the humility of your journey to the cross, so that we may experience the glory of your victory over sin and death. We ask it for your name's sake.

Alan Warren

Lord Jesus Christ, come into our hearts and rule there. May we love only what You desire, believe only what You teach, and do only what You command. In your strength, may we shun all impure self-love, despise the worship of worldly pleasure, and conquer the longing for honour and reputation. May we work only for those things which will bring Your kingdom on the earth.

Book of Worship (1971) slightly altered