

some time before the usual hour of High Mass. Tierce was chaunted by the Choir, His Lordship robed and the ceremony of the Blessing of the Palms commenced after which the Bishop distributed them to the clergy, students and children of the Choir, whilst the appropriate Antipons, &c., were sung. The Procession of the Palms then slowly advanced through the centre aisle, and all who composed it, bore their Palms in their right hands except the Bishop who carried a large Palm branch ornamented with crosses and flowers, in his left hand, whilst with his right he gave his repeated benedictions to the faithful as he moved along. At the return of the Procession the usual verses and responses were sung within and without the great entrance of St. Mary's* and when the Sub-dea-

* The following ancient hymn *Gloria*, laus et honor in hexameter and Pentameter verses, was sung on this occasion.

To thee, O Christ, be glory, praises loud;
To thee *Hosanna*, cried the Jewish crowd.

R. To thee.

We Israel's monarch, David's Son proclaim:
'Thou com'st, blest King, in God's most holy name.

R. To thee.

Angels and men, in one harmonious choir,
To sing thy everlasting praise conspire.

R. To thee.

'Thes Israel's children met with conqu'ring palms,

To thee our vows we pay in loudest psalms,

R. To thee.

For thee on earth with hough they strew'd the ways:

To thee in Heaven we sing melodious praise.

R. To thee.

Accept this tribute, which to thee we bring, ♯
As thou didst theirs, O good and gracious King,

R. To thee.

con who bore the Processional Cross knocked thrice at the door, it was opened and the entire Procession re-entered the Church singing 'At the entrance of our Lord into the holy city the Hebrew children declaring the resurrection of life, * With palm branches cried out: *Hosanna* in the highest. V. When the people heard, that Jesu was coming to Jerusalem, they went out with palm branches, &c. as above to V.'

At the return of the procession to the sanctuary, High Mass was sung at which the Bishop assisted pontifically, and when Mass was over Sext was chaunted by the Choir.

On Monday and Tuesday a very handsome Repository for the Blessed Sacrament was tastefully fitted up, near the Baptisterium.

On Wednesday evening the office of *Tenebræ* commenced, and the lamentations of the Prophet Jeremy were pathetically sung. The *Tenebræ* was conducted in the same manner on Thursday and Friday evenings. The Bishop was assisted in performing this mournful duty by ten clergymen, the students of the College, &c.

On Holy Thursday morning the ceremonies commenced at 9 o'clock. This being the memorable day on which our Lord instituted the adorable mystery of the Eucharist, the decorations of the Altar and Church, and the dresses of the Clergy betokened the solemnity of the festival. None was tendants appeared in the sanctuary