#### THE CEREMONIAL

OF HOLY WEEK FULLY EXPLAINED

By the Rev. Father Carrier. C. S. C., a St. Anthony's Church-A Masterly Exposition.

On Palm Sunday evening the Rev.

Father Carrier, of St. Laurent College, preached upon the lessons of Holy Week. Having introduced his discourse by an eloquent passage on the greatness of the events commemorated and the need of human submission to the great mysteries before us, he continued: It is not my intention, this evening, to enter into a discussion of subjects of a dogmatic nature; but simply to explain to you, in a familiar way, the significance of the highly impressive. and beautifully instructive ceremonies of the Holy Week. Yet you will not find it amiss, I am sure, that I should have thought proper to introduce the subject as I have done; that is, by a short dicussion on the nature and necessity of mysteries, and a corresponding obligatory faith in them. In the delineation of my subject, you do not expect, I am sure, that I shall express very striking original ideas; and certainly no hypothetical opinion of any kind. The facts that I will adduce are found mostl; in the great repertory of Ecclesiastical Science, which is opened to all scholars. However I beg leave to state here that much of the purely didactic and descriptive portion of my lecture is the product of my own thoughts; and a the rest has, in a degree, undergone the process of mental claboartion, and. such, it is entirely and truly original. In the exposition and unfolding of the suljee, we will follow, if you please, the order is marked in the office-book for the Holy Week. And, first, let us speak of Palia Sunday (this very Sanday) and explain itbeautiful symbols. The fast Sunday of Lent-the Sunday preceding Easter. - harecived in various countries, and at different periods of time, diverse names: We call it in English Palm Sunday, which is a literal translation of the German Palm Sounta; The expressions in French, "Dimanch has Palm Sountages in the Country in the Country of the Palm Sountages in the des Rameaux": in Italian, "Dominica dei Palmi"; in Spanish, "Domingo d Ramos," are all directly derived from the Latin, "Dominic in Palmis," and very closely from the Greek, "Kladephoria tishe orte," which, literally, meanthe feast of the carrying of branches. You see that all those different expresions signify the same thing, namely, the Sunday of paims or of branches, which appellation the feast has obtaine! from the circumstance recorded in the holy Gospels of the

#### TRIUMPHAL ENTRANCE

of Our Blessed Redeemer into the city that was to be, a very few days later the theatre of His cruel Passion and ignominious Death, when the Jerusalemitans, proclaiming and acknowledging Him King, cut boughs from off the trees and strewed them in the way: "Coe leconstantly been used as a

#### SYMBOL OF VICTORY.

And the Christians, during the eras of persecutions adopted it, also, as a sign of martyrdom. Now, the palm-branches: strewn before our Saviour signify, 1st, the victory he was, on that day, winning overhis mortal enemies; 2nd, the victory he had already won over death by raising and sings:-Principes, aperite portas (against our Lard; nor iess loud than they Luzarus, a few days previous, to life again; vestras, etc. Princes, open your gates in heaping of probrain and to ment of and 3rdly, by anticipation, his greatest victory—the victory over Death itself, in Hisown person. But, however, the pain of the early Christians. "Ergo vincimus bolizes also immortality by its perennial brating priest represents Jesus Christ; the wayside, sterile, bearing leaves, inducation, the permanency of its evergreen leaves, the durability of its undegreen leaves, the durability of its undegree leaves, the durability of its undegree leaves, the durability of its undegree leaves, the people who follow in the rear, priests and the ancients of the The alive tree is the emblem of peace.

that he whom they were welcoming was in very deed the "Prince of Peace," the learthly city of Jerusalem, before His sees, Sadducees, Herodians, etc., for their bread and wine, the body, the blood and stance, the Jews signified by their action harbinger of universal peace over the entire house in general, and of Israel in particular. But I must hasten on; and to dwell too long on this rather abstract, yet very interesting subject of structure of the not dwell too long on this rather abstruce, yet very interesting subject of religious symbolism. The festival of Palm Sunday is also called, though very rarely, the Flowery or Florid Easter. And it may not be amiss for me to state ed, and met by an innumerable army of shall be delivered up to be crucined." mands as bind under the highest penal-here, incidentally, a thing that many of angels who, in profound adoration, well-holder the highest penal-here, incidentally, a thing that many of angels who, in profound adoration, well-holder the highest penal-here, incidentally, a thing that many of any of the penal-here. you, no doubt, know; namely, that the name of Florida was given to the most southern state of the American Union because the eastern coast of said state was discovered by Spaniards

#### ON PALM SUNDAY,

which, in their language, they frequently call Pascua florida. The reason of this appellation is because it was the general custom, until not very long ago, to carry in the procession enormous bunches of both natural and artificial flowers. Indeed, it is still the custom in Rome to form the palms of the Pope and of the There are, as you no doubt know. Cardinals in the shape of beautiful pyr-parts in it; and all the four very d amidal bouquets made of palm branel es annual bouquets made of faim branel's ent in composition and expression from artistically intertwined with artificial flowers. This Sunday was also called the "Sunday of the Candidates"—" Double the "Sunday of the Candidates"—" Double the sense that the words convey. It is a kind of dramatic action, a sort of opera or rather oratorio, in which on that day, in the first ages of the Church, that the catechumens came to ask historian; that is, the Evangelist, who is of their bishop the grace of baptism, which was to be administrated to them, and even manner; 2nd, the servant, the day—that is, Holy Saturday. And as to and whose notes are rather high and prepare them for that great sacrament, somewhat grating; 3rd, Jesus, who is a it was the custom, on this occasion, to deep and solemn bass, whose notes are wash their heads, and on this account the slow, long and all within the two lower day received likewise the name of bars, or staves; and 4th the populace. "Dominica Capithariam." Among the Greeks the day was called the "Sunday passionate. To say that the immentation of Indulgences"—"He hearte ton philosurgion"-because it was the well-establauthor, at least and certainly the reviser. lished custom, in the East, for Emperors of this truly sublime Tiece of musical and Patriarchs to grant pardons, amness composition is, at the same time, t ties, or some other favors to their sub-jects. At the ve-per-jects,

this procession represents the crowd of hymns of the Catholic Liturgy, namely worshipful people who went out of the "Vexilla Regis predent"—" The Jerusalem to meet Our Blessed Lord, and sandards of the Immortal King are under appropriate but him left, the life of the Immortal King are under appropriate but him left, the life of the Immortal King are under appropriate but him left, the life of the Immortal King are under the life of the Immort who accompanied him into the city for (turled," etc. At the stanza; "O cro., the purpose of crowning him King. This Ave. spes unica!"—"O Cross, our only procession is certainly very ancient in hope, we salute and adore the sl" aid in both the Eastern and Western Churches, on their knees, as to do reverential St. Isidore of Sedia, who lived in the homage to that precious wood on which it in his great work, entitled: "A raye, to the very last drop, for the reit in his great work, entitled: "A: Chronicae, from the Origin of the World to year of the Lord 626. The observance or this ceremony was sestrictly enjoined. and so universally recognized that even; Bishop of Poitiers, in France, in the year anchorers, and other monks used to an other occasion of the selemn recei setable together and take a prominent tion of a large piece of the true Crospart in it; and when the sciennity of donated to his Cathedral by the Emperor the day was over, they all returned to Justin II, at the instance of St. Rade

#### FEAST OF EASTER.

The procession is set in motion by these words, sung by the Deacon: "Pro-cedamus in pace." "Let us go forth in chained in face," to which the chanters in the swenth of the Christian era. Palm chair answer: "In nomine Domini," In the name of the Lord." This recalls was which also has revived several via (Matthew xxi., v. 8.) St. John says Hebrews made to one another, to go and that they were branches of palm trees: meet the Saviour of Israel. During Ramos palmarum (chap. xii.) That the procession, that portion of St. Matthe Great Week. (In Latin, Hebdomada they were such—namely, palm branches thew's Gospel which has relation to the majora; in French, la semaine sainte on further proved from the fact that : preparation for Jesus' entrance into grande semaine; in German, Charmoche; the Israelites used to carry in their Jerusalem, and his progress thither, is in Greek, hebdomas megas; in Italian hands branches of palm on all their high sung in a sort of recitative form. On the land Spanish, semana santa.) You see testivals, especially on the Feast of the return of the procession, the celebrant that in all these languages the qualifica-Tabernacles. And there is this addi-with his ministers, together with the rest tions given to the week are those of holy tional similarity, that on that feast, as of the people, stop at the closed door of or great. Great and holy indeed, is it, well as on this occasion, the multitude the Church on the outside. Then two by the combined facts of an awing sang repeatedly: "Hosanna, Hosanna!" choir boys, standing within the church. I tragedy the immortal consequences of which, as Dom Calmet relates, was a close by the main door and facing the that tragedy, and the adorable victim in form of gladsome salutation or of well-procession, sing these joyous words:

that tragedy, and the adorable victim in that tragedy. In some countries, the come; and which means literally, in "Gloria, laus, et henor, etc.," which may week is called "the week of Pardons" Hebrew: "Save, we pray!" On the be rendered, in English, as follows:

The Week of Passion," or "Penal Week;" the former appellation is used erying out Hosanna, Hosanna! called on Christ, Redeemer and King; to Thee of Jehovah for blessings and happy omens for the ensuing year. And, on this pretrium h by holy hosannas." The second wards mankind; and the latter on account gent occasion, the same people, by very and third stanzas of that beautiful hymn, of the sufferings He endured during said same words of exchanation, requested which might be aptly called a song or the "Son of David," that is, the Messias welcome, run as follows: "Thou art the to bless them and enrich them with King of Israel, the noble Son of David: Sorrow, the Days of the Cross, the Days heavenly gifts. Another proof that the O Holy King, Thou comest in the name of Torments. Our Blessed Saviour, after branches strewed before our Lord were of the Lord. All the choirs of the angels such; that is, palm branches, is sufficiently indicated by the well-known creatures sing thy praises. The Hebrew His apprehension, in instructing His historical fact that the space between people come with palms to meet Thee! disciples and the multitude of His tolBethphage to Jerusalem—a distance of To-day we present to Thee, our prayers, lowers. His first act was to go to the well planted with palm and olive trees, verse, the clergy who are still outside.

Indeed, the little village of Bethphage, the olive the true first single planted with palm and olive trees. To go to the clergy who are still outside. To go to the earth where the true through which our Lord passed in the William Land planted with palm and olive trees. through which our Lord passed on his When the two little singers have finished way to Jerusalem, stood at the foot of their sweet and touching address of wel-Mount Olivet, or of Olives. It is quite come, the sub-deacon knocks at the door Mount Olivet, or of Olives. It is quite come, the sub-deacon knocks at the door (quoting the words of Isaiah, chap. lyi., likely that some of the Jews cut branches of the church, which is at once opened. (v. 7.) "My house is the house of payer: of olive trees also, as expressing in their soil a response with its versicle is immediately supported by the searcely inferior to that of the pain. Then lenter the Holy City: the children of the relet us see, for a little while, what is the Hebrews, proclaiming the resurrections of hory transfer that those reported significant or the pain. Then the resurrection of the resurrection of hory transfer that the resurrection of the resurrection of hory transfer that the resurrection of the spective signification of both trees: The tion unto life, went with palm their bargains, or else they would not palm has, from the remotest antiquity, branches and cried out: Hosanna in have been called thieves. But let this constantly been used as a the highest; which the people hearing be what it may, it is certain that this went out to meet Jesus on the way, car- summary treatment of Jesus towards rying palar-branches,"-In some ancient, these merchants brought upon Him their liturgies a very touching, a well as strik- (mortal enmity and butter resontment; ing dialogue takes place at this stage and we may well presume that those of the procession. The celebrant him-same men—thieves, as lesus calls them—

### KNOCKS AT THE DOOR,

vestras, etc. Princes, open your gates; open wide ye eternal portals, and the King of glory shall enter." Then the two little choristers enquire from within singof Finas victory was to be obtained only ing: "Quis est iste Rex Gloria?"—"Who after the palm of martyrdom; and the is this King of glory?" The dialogue latter paint is also a palm of victory; for having been repeated three times, the "to die for Christ-for God-is to cons doors are finally thrown open, and the quor," was the constant and brave saying procession enters into the church. Now. what does at this mean? Listen:-The cum occidimur"; therefore we conquer Church—the material Church, I mean—trees, planted in the when we are killed, says Tertuilian; and is the image of the Heavenly Jerusalem. St. John in his Apocalypse, tells us that towards which we are all journeying dur. Woe be to us, if notwithstanding an exthose who shall have vanquished the ing the days of our mortal pigrimage, eclent son, the result of a good and solar old enemy of mankind will stand be. It is also more directly, but less striking. Christian education, and a careful tender fore the throne of the Lamb holding by, the terrestrial Jerusaiem, through the ung and watering (the constant flow of palms in their hands, "portantes palmas gates of which our dear Lord desired God's heavenly graces), we remain like in manibus corum." The palm-tree symbol with a longing desire to pass. The celestrial figures of the gospel that should be the Jerusalemitans or the faithful. The people, who had come to him, as he To prove that this symbol was so under-stood from the earliest ages of mankind, represent the citizens who had remained. Then, he tood them the striking paraba-

the redemption of man, into the celestial plished all those marks, he said to his let. It behaves the wisdom and goodJerusalem, accompanied by a multitude disciples: "You know that in two days ness of God to proclaim His laws or comof happy captives whom he has ransom- shall be the Pasch, and the Son of Man mands, particularly such laws or comcome that "King of Glory"—their King fore, have been said on Tuesday, two everlasting—not only in the ordinary and days before the eating of the Paschal obvious sense that words convey, but also Mass of the day is then celebrated. Lamb. On the morning of the first day in such a way as to be easily and correct. masses, except the singing of the Passion of our Lord according to St. Matthew. The execution of this beautiful once, done, Jesus sat down in the event whom He would deign to speak if piece of musical composition

#### IS TRULY GRAND

and impressive when suitable voices can

be found for the intelligent and artistic parts in it; and all the four very different in composition and expression from In all well-appointed churches, there is most correct, in a grammatica, or clasprocession made on that day. An1 sical sense, as well as most touching domption of us all, poor falien and help less creatures. This elegant place versitication was composed by Fortunatus their respective hermit geser conventual gonde. Such indeed, is the perells to prepare themselves for the approaching hymn that it has won for its author the name of The Christian Horace," It is certainly worthy of the hest epoch of the Augustan age, although written in that much slandered century. the seventh of the Christian era. Palm names. It is, however, generally called

THE HOLY WEEK. and buyers and money changers trafficking. He cast them out of it, saying: were not less active than were the Pharisees and Levites in instigating the rabble in heaping of probrains and torment of Him, and in condensing Him. When our Saviour had criven those meneut of the Temple, there came to Him thither the brind, and the dumb, and the lane, and Hecared them." We next find Himin Bethania; but soon returning to the city, hungry. He saw a storde figstree He cursof it, and it withered away torthwith. We are -all of us-as it were, tig-

ORCHARD OF THE LORD. I have only to mention the fact that when the dove returned to the aik with the walls of the city. The people who want forth to meet our Lord represent the citizens who had remained within the walls of the city. The people who went forth to meet our Lord represent the citizens who had remained in the within the walls of the city. The people who went forth to meet our Lord represent the citizens who had remained in the within the walls of the city. The people who went forth to meet our Lord represent the citizens who had remained in the within the walls of the city. The people who went forth to meet our Lord represent the citizens who had remained of the Master of the Vineyard and the who and superceded by the aw coff the Sadmen. On another occasion of the same week he confinted the Sadmens as promulgated to the redeemed by showing them which is the first commandment; and puzzled the Pharisees who had remained in the will of the data superceded by the aw coff the Sadmens as promulgated to the redeemed by showing them which is the first commandment; and puzzled the Pharisees in the citizens who had remained in the will of the data the wind and the who went forth to meet our Lord represent the citizens who had remained in the will of the Master of the Vineyard and the who are also the data the wind and the citizens who want for the same week he confinted the Sadmens as perceased by the aw coff the Vineyard and the who are also the data the

There is, however, nothing in it which of the Azymes, the disciples came to distinguishes it from ordinary Sunday Josus, enquiring of him where he desired ing of Thursday with his faithful to!- wrongly understood; or, worse still, if I wers, in order to partake of the un- not leavened bread, and so fulfil one of the for the sake of argument rincipal requirements of the M said Moses had misunderstood the application Law, during the celebration of the great rendition of its several distinctive parts. Feast of the Pasch. The word pesach, bad received from Jehovah on Mount in Hebrew—from the velb pasach—Sinai, is it not quite clear that the Divine means literally a jump (Latin, saltus,) a Legislator would have been bound to "passing over," because the reast of that correct him and to set him right? Most name was established in memory of the passage of the exterminating angel through the kingdom of Ram sees III. Now thrist was God; and, as such, he then pharaon of Egypt, on the night was necessitated, by his very divine nathat preceded the going out of that ture not to induce men into error; nor country of the children of Israel, sparing yet could be suffer his bearers -literally jumping or skipping over the houses of such of the Israelites who had strinkled their doors with the blood of a lamb,-a male yearling, as they had een previously ordered to do. In the xiith chap, of the Book of Exodus ,s to be found a full account of how the paschal lamb was to be killed, prepare l and caten. Suffice it for me to say here, that one of the most important observances on that occasion was to abstain from eating any leavened bread, not only on that day, but, likewise, during the seven days following the immolation of

> SO STRICT WAS TRIS COMMAND that any Israe'ite found violating it that is, eating heavened bread, was to be junished with instant death. The word relictated the very words he had attered Asyme means, in Grees, not fermented, before; and even corroberated it by addi.e., unleavened. It was during the repast that Jesus made the solemn and indeed, and my blood is drink indeed," metancho'y warning that one of his Many of his disciples, hearing this, were chosen twelve was to betray him. And scandalized, or at heast greatly puzzled. as everyone of them was much troubled and said: "This is saying hard; who can in heart thereat, each inquired of his bear it." They therefore, not believing Master: "Is it I. Rabbi?" Indas, also, what desirs had said, "departed, and the very one who was about to betray walked no more with him." Josus perfection of the control of the very one who was about to betray walked no more with him." Josus perfection of the control him; made hold to say likewise; "Nun - ce ved this; for the remarked; "Ther quid ego sam, Domine?" to which Our are some of you that believe not fierd, by a special mark of generous as a certainly, saw the faithless disciples frankness and admirable mercy, mility beaving the synagegrae Hertening to the asswered Lim: "Tu dixisti,"—"Thou faithful few, he said to then: "Will you hast said it." While they were still also go?" New, I ask, was not our hast said it." While they were still also go?" New, I ask, was not our sitting at supper, desus took bread and Blessel Redeemer be and by every dictate. wine; blessed those natural elements. and gave them to His disciples, thereby instituting the most wonderful of the Sacraments, the Sacrament of the love of a God to his faithless creature, the august sold in a rightly understand him? But Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist. It was concerning this ineffable and adordue Sacrament that Jesus said: "I atathe bread of life. I am the living bread which came down from heaven. It any man cut of this bread he shall live for-It any ever. And the bread which I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world. He that eateth my flesh and drinketh my blood hath life everlasting: for my thish is meat indeed, and my blood is drink indeed. He that eateth having suffered for more than ten years my flesh and drinketh my blood abideth from a stiff and painful knee, he was in me and I abide in him. This is the permanently cured in less than ten in me and I abide in him. This is the bread that came down from heaven." (See chapter VI, of St. John's gospel, where these and many other very strik- thas; is it not aimost magical?" An-

ing texts are found.) How clear, how precise, how iterative the sense through the sense ab this is! of these most plain, most obvious, and, at the same time, most forcible words? anguage, I assett, can not convey ideas

Let us again read over those words and arrange them, as we do so, in a strictly that Omaha would not contribute to the ogical order:-1st. Jesus is the Bread of life.

2nd. That Bread came down from

3rd. It is a living Bread.

4th. Men must eat of that living Bread o have life in them.

that came down from heaven—Jesu-

himselt. You see, by this series of propositionthat the last one is formulated in about the same words as the first was; and continues, moreover, the substance of all the others, proving the whole to be per-fectly ogical. Admit the first prop si-

tion, and all the others must necessarily follow. This doctrine, taken in its most natural and literal sense, is indeed a wonderry. mystery—the very depth and height and breadth of the starentous love of the Red-emer for His ransonred children, the very compressione and key-stone of the Caristian Religion; for it is evident that a sacritice, a victim and a sacrateato, e usuante, and west, indeed, constitute. the very essence and fundamental basis or all forms of religion in the laken humanity. How so't Hear me. All

-in accessarily supposes an explation: eve y explaction a sacrifice, every sacrifice e vietim, every vietim a sacrificator, Now, in our body religion the sacrince is he renewal at Mass, in an amoundy manner, of the broody mandation on calver, a Mount. The place of sacrifice is a chartae in our charches. The victim is Ch. is. Himself still. The sacrineator is the prest whom Christ commissioned to do this in comment ration of Him"

#### UNTIL THE END OF TIME.

In the dewish religion twitch was essenti c y a resigion of figures and types progering and typnying the realities and execute notes of Christ's holy religion. the sacrance was the minnolation of carves, gents and other animals. The ; lace of sacrifice was the attar of horocaust made of setim-wood. The victim was the animal without bemish, and the sac invator was the Israeatish priest. But at this, however, has been abregat-

in this scene. One of them recalls the Again, we find him denouncing the Eucharist there are present, really and

ly understood by the generality of mankind. For a still stronger reason is he understood at all. Suppose, of one or more of the commandments he Sinai, is it not quite clear that the Divine Legislator would have been bound to certainly; or else He would not have been infinitely good, nor wise, nor just. was necessitated, by his very divine na-

#### TO MISUNDERSTAND HIM. So, when Our Blessed Savior said: "nin-

less a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of heaven;" Nicodemus. one of the princes of the Jews and a master in Israel, understood him in a natural sense, and exclaimed: "How can a mut be born again when he is old." Thereupon Jesus immediately corrects him by saying; "Unless a man be born again of water and the Holy Ghost," etc.--But when Our Divine Lord said: "Unless you cut my desh and drink my blood, you shall not have life in you." the Jews, who heard him say so, wondersligreatly, and said among themselves: ing this clause; "For my desh is meatof justice and reason to undeceive, or of least try to undeceive, those who were leaving him-his own disciples, his par-ticular friends, if he thought that they they, and a lothers, understood him it. the very sense he wanted them to anderstand four and, consequently, he had

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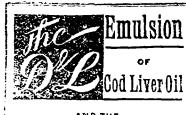
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