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PALM SUNDAY - Cardinal Bourne conducts annual ceremony of blessing the palms, at Westminster Cathedral.

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Picture.:- Two thousand years ago one Jesus, the son of a carpenter, rode into Jerusalem for the Feast of the Passover. At His coming the people went forth to greet Him carrying palm--

--branches in their hands, and singing hymns of praise to His name. On Palm Sunday this event is recalled every year by religious ceremonial. Cardinal Bourne, the Archbishop of--

--Westminster conducts the procession and service of blessing the palms at Westminster Cathedral. Palm branches similar to those--

--carried by the joyful populace of Jerusalem twenty centuries past--

--are held by high dignitaries of the Church, while--

--the forms of the ceremony are observed. The service of blessing the--

--palms" is held on the steps of the Cathedral.

An open-air congregation of devout thousands gather to witness this solemn celebration.