

An Order for the Burning of the Palms Officium Conglaginationum (the Conflagration Office)

*The People being gathered and overstuffed with pancakes and other rich foods,
shall stand when the Procession enters the Church.*

It is not appropriate to snicker at the Officiant.

The People follow the Server and Officiant and proceed to the place of burning.

When all are assembled, the Officiant shall say

Officiant: Kindle in us a zeal for your will, O God;

***People:* And set our hearts on fire with your love.**

Officiant: Let us pray.

O God of blazing glory; you set in motion the times and seasons of our lives for your good purpose; grant that these palms, once symbols of triumph, may become for us a sign of our repentance and amendment of life; that by humility and service we may share in the victory of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The Office Hymn – (sung to the tune of “*Shall we gather at the river?*”)

Shall we gather at the Weber, where the palms await the flame?

Shall we gather at the Weber, to burn them in God's name?

Yes, we'll gather at the Weber, the beautiful, the beautiful Weber;
Gather with the saints at the Weber, to burn up the palms of God.

(repeat at will, ad nauseum)

*The palms are then asperged and censed, after which the Officiant calls down the fire of Yahweh
in imitation of Elijah before the priests of Ba'al.*

Alternately, the palms may be lit with the taper.

*The roasting of marshmallows is not appropriate at this service, as any dropped into the palms
results in sticky ashes, to say nothing of ruining the marshmallow.*

When all the palms are consumed, the Officiant shall sing:

Officiant: Move along, there's nothing more to see here.

***People:* Thanks be to God.**