

WORSHIP @ HOME



DAILY WORSHIP FOR HOLY WEEK PALM SUNDAY



Preparing for worship:

Christian meditation music <http://www.viewpure.com/fOB73qRVGJs?start=0&end=0>

Take a few moments to be still.

The Greeting:

ALL: 'In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. AMEN'.

Our tradition is to cross ourselves as this is said.

Each of the two hosannas could be said by half of those present.

Hosanna, Hosanna, Welcome your King.

Hosanna! Hosanna! WE WELCOME HiM!

Hosanna, hosanna, welcome your Saviour.

Hosanna! Hosanna! WE WELCOME HiM!

Hosanna, hosanna, welcome your God.

Hosanna! Hosanna! WE WELCOME HiM!

Opening prayer and lighting of six candles:

Lord God, we come to worship,
and to be reminded of our Saviour's passion;
by the power of your Spirit,
help us to enter fully into the journey of Holy Week, that we may be prepared once again
for the celebration that is Easter Day.
We ask in the name of our crucified and risen Lord.

Father God, help us to put you first every day and in every situation so the light from our
flame grows tall, sending out more light to others.

ALL: Amen

Bible Reading:

A reading from Matthew Chapter 21 verses 1-11

The Triumphant Entry into Jerusalem

As Jesus and his disciples approached Jerusalem, they came to Bethphage at the Mount of Olives. There Jesus sent two of the disciples on ahead with these instructions: "Go to the village there ahead of you, and at once you will find a donkey tied up with her colt beside her. Untie them and bring them to me. And if anyone says anything, tell him, 'The Master needs them'; and then he will let them go at once."

This happened in order to make come true what the prophet had said:

"Tell the city of Zion,
Look, your king is coming to you!
He is humble and rides on a donkey
and on a colt, the foal of a donkey."

So the disciples went and did what Jesus had told them to do: they brought the donkey and the colt, threw their cloaks over them, and Jesus got on. A large crowd of people spread their cloaks on the road while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds walking in front of Jesus and those walking behind began to shout, "Praise to David's Son! God bless him who comes in the name of the Lord! Praise be to God!"

When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was thrown into an uproar. "Who is he?" the people asked.

"This is the prophet Jesus, from Nazareth in Galilee," the crowds answered.

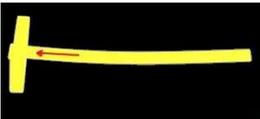
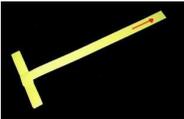
Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

A message:

Jesus arrived in Jerusalem and people welcomed him with praise and waved palm branches. The King had arrived, in peace and riding on a donkey, just as he promised he would hundreds of years before (Zechariah 9:9). However, they did not understand he came to die on a cross. **Jesus had six days to live.**

Activity: Make palm crosses together

	<p><u>You will need:</u> 1 A4 sheet of thin yellow card, (this will make 7 palm crosses), ruler, pencil, a pair of scissors. Cut the card into strips 1.5cms wide and 29.6cms long. You will need 2 of these strips for each palm cross.</p>
	<p>To make the crossbeam of the palm cross: On one of the strips mark from the left 2cms, 4cms, 10cms and 20cms. Fold neatly from the right along the 20cm line and then the 10cm line.</p>
	<p>Turn the piece of card over and fold forward along the 2cm line and then the 4cm line. This makes the centre of the crossbeam. Flatten.</p>
	<p>To make the cross: Now take the other strip of card and insert one end under the top layer only of the centre of the crossbeam. Do not go all the way through.</p>
	<p>Fold the long piece of card behind the crossbeam and then thread it up in front of it and through under the top layer of the centre of the crossbeam. Pull this through and flatten it.</p>
	<p>Finally thread the long piece of card back under the centre of the crossbeam stopping when a cross shape is made.</p>

A time for reflection:

As we celebrate Palm Sunday and begin our journey through Holy Week, we are called to ask ourselves who and where we are in the crowd.

How do you know when a king has entered a room?

How do you know Jesus is with you?

We know because God keeps his promises. He said, "I am with you always" (Matthew 28:20) and "I will never leave you nor forsake you" (Hebrews 13:5). When you start to wonder if God is with you, remember His promises. If He said it, He will do it. You can count on that. So rest in the knowledge of God's promise - He is ALWAYS with you."

Listen to and/or sing 'All glory, laud and honour':

<http://www.viewpure.com/pHN8UAK6Yow?ref=search>

*All glory, laud, and honour
To thee, Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children
Made sweet hosannas ring.*

To thee before thy passion
They sang their hymns of praise,
To thee, now high exalted,
Our melody we raise.

Thou art the King of Israel,
Thou David's royal Son,
Who in the Lord's Name comest,
The King and Blesséd One.

*All glory, laud, and honour
To thee, Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children
Made sweet hosannas ring.*

*All glory, laud, and honour
To thee, Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children
Made sweet hosannas ring.*

Within that blesséd City
Thy praises may we sing,
And ever raise hosannas
To our most loving King.

The company of angels
Are praising thee on high,
And mortal men and all things
Created make reply.

*All glory, laud, and honour
To thee, Redeemer, King!
To whom the lips of children
Made sweet hosannas ring.*

*All glory, laud, and honour
To thee, Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children
Made sweet hosannas ring.*

Closing prayer:

Dear Lord,

We thank you for all the benefits that you have won for us,
for all the pain and insults you have borne for us.

O most merciful redeemer,

friend and brother,

may we know thee more clearly, love thee more dearly,
and follow thee more nearly, day by day.

(based on the Prayer of St. Richard of Chichester)

ALL: Amen.

Our Father, who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy name;

thy kingdom come;

thy will be done;

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation;

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,

the power and the glory,

for ever and ever.

Amen.

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us, now and evermore. Amen.

To finish, keep a minute or two of silence. Rest in the Lord's presence.

