

# Palm Sunday



## What is Palm Sunday?

Palm Sunday celebrates Jesus' triumphant entrance into Jerusalem. People filled the streets to watch Jesus ride into the city on a donkey, and threw palms at his feet to celebrate his arrival. They hailed Jesus as a King, but did not know his crown would be of thorns and his Kingdom in heaven.



## Open the Word

And when he entered Jerusalem the whole city was shaken and asked, "Who is this?" And the crowds replied, "This is Jesus the prophet, from Nazareth in Galilee." (*Matthew 21:10-11*)

- Read today's readings including the full account of Jesus' Entrance into Jerusalem in [Matthew 21:1-11](#).



## Holy Week At Home

[Watch Mass](#) with Archbishop Gregory today at 10:00am.

Are you missing the distribution of palms at church?

Did you know that across the world palms, olive branches and **other greenery** are used for celebrating Palm Sunday?

Look around outside, what greens can you use?

Add the greens to your prayer space, hold them as you watch Mass online, or as you pray today.



## Spiritual Reading

"Dear brothers and sisters, may these days call forth two sentiments in particular: praise, after the example of those who welcomed Jesus into Jerusalem with their 'Hosanna', and thanksgiving, because in this Holy Week the Lord Jesus will renew the greatest gift we could possibly imagine: he will give us his life, his body and his blood, his love."

*-Pope Benedict XVI, Homily, World Youth Day 2012*



## Did You Know?

The word the crowd chants to Jesus, "Hosanna," means "save us".



## Let Us Pray

Loving God, We praise you in a special way today as we celebrate Palm Sunday.

Be with us as we begin our journey through Holy Week, that we may more closely align our lives with yours, knowing suffering and death, yet remaining hopeful in the life you promise. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen. (Liturgical Press, [Holy Week at Home](#))



## For Children:

Download the image of a cross in [English](#) or [Spanish](#). Draw a picture of palms or Jesus riding into Jerusalem.



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