

Today is Palm Sunday and the start of Holy Week.



You may like to begin by lighting a candle.

Read or sing these words.

If you have internet, you can click on this link

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_jKTa9hgVKA

Praise is rising, eyes are turning to You,
we turn to You
Hope is stirring, hearts are yearning for You,
we long for You
'Cause when we see You
we find strength to face the day
In Your presence
all our fears are washed away, washed away
Hosanna, Hosanna
You are the God who saves us
Worthy of all our praises
Hosanna, Hosanna
Come have Your way among us
We welcome You here, Lord Jesus

Hear the sound of hearts returning to You,
we turn to You
In Your Kingdom broken lives are made new,
You make us new
'Cause when we see You
we find strength to face the day
In Your presence
all our fears are washed away, washed away
Hosanna, Hosanna
You are the God who saves us
Worthy of all our praises
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Come have Your way among us
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Words: Brenton Brown & Paul Baloche

On Palm Sunday the crowds waved branches from the trees to welcome Jesus. Look around your house or garden. What would you use to make Jesus feel welcome?

Read this collect:

Almighty and everlasting God,
who in your tender love towards the human race
sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ
to take upon him our flesh
and to suffer death upon the cross:
grant that we may follow the example of his
patience and humility,
and also be made partakers of his resurrection;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JzJr9T5JYRU>

Have you heard God's voice; has your heart been stirred? Are you still prepared to follow?
Have you made a choice to remain and serve, though the way be rough and narrow?

*Will you walk the path that will cost you much and embrace the pain and sorrow?
Will you trust in One who entrusts to you the disciples of tomorrow?*

Will you use your voice; will you not sit down when the multitudes are silent?
Will you make a choice to stand your ground when the crowds are turning violent?
Will you walk the path that will cost you much....

In your city streets will you be God's heart?
Will you listen to the voiceless?
Will you stop and eat, and when friendships start, will you share your faith with the faithless?
Will you walk the path that will cost you much....

Will you watch the news with the eyes of faith and believe it could be different?
Will you share your views using words of grace?
Will you leave a thoughtful imprint?

*We will walk the path that will cost us much and embrace the pain and sorrow.
We will trust in One who entrusts to us the disciples of tomorrow.*

Words: Jacqueline G. Jones

Read Mark 11:1-11.

Spend some time reflecting on these questions:

1. Today we remember people meeting Jesus in a bustling, crowded city. When have you felt the presence of Jesus at a large gathering? When have you met Jesus in times of solitude and isolation?
2. "The Lord needs it" (verse 3). What does the Lord need from his disciples (including you) this week? What do your family, friends, neighbours and fellow disciples of Christ need from you this week?
3. How do you think Jesus felt as he entered Jerusalem? How are you feeling as we enter Holy Week?



Here are some suggestions for your prayers:

For our church and for all who are journeying with Jesus through Holy Week ...

For the people of Jerusalem ...

For all who have gathered on the streets recently to make their feelings known...

For all who feel unwelcome and unwanted ...

The Lord's Prayer

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If you have internet, you can click on this link

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QUd0VwMvCiU>

**Give me oil in my lamp, keep me burning,
Give me oil in my lamp, I pray
Give me oil in my lamp, keep me burning,
Keep me burning 'till the break of day.**

**Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,
Sing hosanna to the King of Kings
Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,
Sing hosanna to the King.**

**Give me love in my heart, keep me sharing...
Give me love in my heart, I pray.
Give me love in my heart, keep me sharing.
Keep me sharing 'till the break of day...**

**Give me joy in my heart, keep me singing...
Give me joy in my heart, I pray.
Give me joy in my heart, keep me singing,
Keep me singing 'till the break of day...**

**Give me faith in my heart, keep me praying...
Give me faith in my heart, I pray.
Give me faith in my heart, keep me praying.
Keep me praying 'till the break of day...**

Words: A Sevison

Additional resources for those who have internet:

The Three Trees

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z5qRzTOpOnk>
<https://bible.org/illustration/story-three-trees>

The Three Donkeys

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ySMAYZ3cRZs>

Various clips from different movies depicting Jesus entering Jerusalem

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rdyJO-aAv8>

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