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## PALM SUNDAY - 4<sup>TH</sup> Sunday of Lent

### Gospel Reading for Palm Sunday – Mark 11:1 - 10

Jesus and his disciples reached Bethphage and Bethany near the Mount of Olives. When they were getting close to Jerusalem, Jesus sent two of them on ahead. He told them, “Go into the next village. As soon as you enter it, you will find a young donkey that has never been ridden. Untie the donkey and bring it here. If anyone asks why you are doing that, say, ‘The lord needs it and will soon bring it back.’” The disciples left and found the donkey tied near a door that faced the street. While they were untying it, some of the people standing there asked, “Why are you untying the donkey?” They told them what Jesus had said, and the people let them take it. The disciples led the donkey to Jesus. They put some of their clothes on its back, and Jesus got on. Many people spread clothes on the road, while others went to cut branches from the fields.

In front of Jesus and behind him, people went along shouting, “Hosanna! God bless the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

God bless the coming kingdom of our ancestor David. Hosanna to God in heaven above!”

Reflection on the Palm Sunday procession.

- For now and the next five days, we follow the way of the Cross. Our procession today was the beginning, for the rest of the week we continue our pilgrimage to Easter.
- Who was there? Why did they shout “Hosanna”
- What does the story tell us about God?
- Why was Jerusalem so busy at this time? (Passover)

## LITURGICAL ACTION

- 1 Read this poem with your child(ren)

THEY SANG “HOSANNA” LONG AGO  
WAVING PALM LEAVES TO AND FRO,  
THROWING FLOWERS AT HIS FEET  
AS HE CAME RIDING DOWN THE STREET.  
LISTEN TO THE PEOPLE SING,  
PRAISING JESUS CHRIST THEIR KING.  
DADDY HOLD ME WAY UP HIGH  
SO I CAN WATCH THE PARADE GO BY!

- 2 Pray with your child(ren)

“May we grow closer to Jesus during this week as we remember and share His journey to the cross.”

Amen.

Palm Sunday Procession.

