

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2021  
Palm Sunday



### Gather Together...

Take time together as a family, find a quiet space, perhaps play some music, light a candle and sit comfortably.

Make the Sign of the Cross

### Listen Together...

Listen to this week's scripture, from the Gospel according to Matthew...

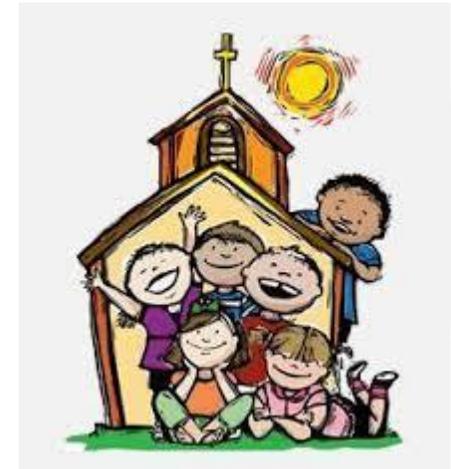
Jesus and his disciples arrived at the Mount of Olives just outside Jerusalem. He sent two of the disciples to the next village to collect a donkey and her foal. 'If anyone stops you, tell them that they are for me,' he said. They brought the animals to Jesus and put cloaks on their backs so that Jesus could ride on them.

When the people heard that Jesus was coming they laid their cloaks on the road before him and pulled branches off the palm trees to wave in the air. The crowd grew more and more excited and shouted at the top of their voices, 'Hosanna, Hosanna! Blessed is the one sent by the Lord.'

Excitement filled the whole city and some people asked, 'Who is this man?' The people answered them, 'It is Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.'

### Respond Together...

- What did Jesus ask his friends to fetch from the village?
- Would you expect a King to ride on a little donkey or a grand horse?



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- Why do you think Jesus chose a donkey? By his actions Jesus was showing the crowds that he was no soldier but that he came as a King of Peace, riding on a meek and gentle donkey.
- What did the crowds wave in their hands and what words did they use to cheer as he passed? They waved branches from the palm trees they found along the roadside to welcome the King, just like we might wave flags today. They shouted, 'Hosanna, Hosanna!' which is a word that is used to praise God.
- Do you know why Jerusalem was so crowded at this time? Many people had come to celebrate the Passover. This was a feast the Jews celebrate together each year to remember how God had saved them from slavery in Egypt.

Pray Together... Lord Jesus, Prince of Peace and King of the World, we pray that your peace will spread throughout our world today and touch the lives of everyone. Amen.

