

Ministry @Home



Sunday 28th March
Palm Sunday



These resources are to help equip & enable worship together as "family". They are intentionally intergenerational to allow space, conversation, activity & response together as the family of God. We encourage all ages to be participative & open, being responsive to God and each other.

Gather.....

- As you gather find a place that is comfortable and have the resources ready for the activities, prayer or response times ready.
- Choose 3 members to light the 3 candles (engage all ages)

Opening words of praise with lighting of 3 candles -

I will light a light
in the name of the Maker,
who lit the world
and gave everything life.

I will light a light
in the name of the Son,
who saved the world
and stretched out his hand to me.

I will light a light
in the name of the Spirit,
who is present everywhere in the
world
and gives me strength.

Together:

**We will light three lights
for the trinity of love:
God above us,
God beside us,
God beneath us;
The beginning,
The end
and the Everlasting one.**

Welcome.....

Song: Hosanna (Praise is Rising)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oAaQ5EEKidc>

(can be sung or listened to)

Reflection time: Today is called Palm Sunday or Passion Sunday and it is the first day of Holy Week – the week leading up to Easter. In the church calendar this is a special week as the time of Lent ends, and we celebrate Jesus' triumphant arrival into Jerusalem. Share with those who you are gathered with the following questions:

How do you feel when an important person is coming to visit you and I wonder how we would feel if we knew Jesus was coming to visit?

I wonder what Jesus felt like as he rode into Jerusalem on the colt that day... I wonder what his emotions were...I wonder if we would feel the same way had we been in that position.....

Bible passage: John 12.12-16

AND/OR WATCH

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

Date palms are very tall trees that grow very well in the Holy Land. Their single trunk grows more than fifty feet high from where long, large leaves spread out waving majestically. It would have been easy for people in and around the city to grab leaves and wave majestically as Jesus arrived. It is believed that the people of Jerusalem thought that Jesus was a leader or politician visiting the city, it was not until later they realised they had indeed been welcoming a King into the city. In these times, palm branches represented well-being, luxury, steadfastness, and victory. They were often stamped on coins or carved on important buildings.

Interactive Learning.....

On Palm Sunday we share & give out palm crosses, we wave crosses as the crowd would have waved palms when Jesus entered the city, we wave crosses to remember Jesus saving us, to welcome Jesus into our lives and as our King. There are many ways to make palm crosses, below is one example.



Palms leaves can be created in many ways, try experimenting with different materials



The word **"Hosanna"** means to save, rescue and is related to the word Saviour which is another name we use for Jesus as our saviour. Saying Hosanna and waving palm crosses or palm branches is a way in which we can express our Thanks and Praise. Use this time now and over the week to create different styles of palm branches, place them around your home and say "Hosanna" to Thank and Praise God who is our Saviour & welcome Jesus into our homes and into lives as we reflect and think about Jesus saving and rescuing us in Holy week.

Whilst creating chat about the following questions & Share stories.....

- What is the most important or significant thing that has happened to you in your journey with Jesus.....
- What would you like to say to Jesus today, as you welcome him as your King?
- I wonder how I can demonstrate my Thanks & Praise to God more often...



Palm Tree Biscuits

See the link in Extra's on page 3

Reflection & Prayer Time.....

Song: We bow down & confess
(can be sung/read aloud or listened to)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A6Ejxp19lic>

Heart of Nails from BRF Messy Palm Sunday can be used to pray as you weave.

https://www.messychurch.org.uk/sites/default/files/pdfs/messy_palm_sunday_activities.pdf

Encourage members to read silently or aloud their prayers. Other prayers can be said at this time, concluding with the Lord's Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.**



Celebration....

If any of your members celebrate a birthday within the next week – sing

Happy birthday to you
To Jesus be true
May God's richest blessings
Be showered on you.



Closing.....

The Grace (with "Messy" actions)

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

Closing Responses.....

Song: We Want to See Jesus Lifted High
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WLJmRPvhqdo>
(be sung/read aloud or listened to)

From where we are
to where you need us.

Jesus, now lead on!

From the security of what we know
to the adventure of what you reveal.

Jesus, now lead on!

To make this world
look more like your kingdom,

Jesus, now lead on!

Ask different members to blow out the candles.....until you meet again

Extra Ideas

- Palm leaf template
<https://www.twinkl.co.uk/resource/t-t-19239-palm-sunday-make-a-palm-leaf>
- Biscuit recipe
<https://themondaybox.com/palm-tree-pineapple-sugar-cookies-for-military-care-package-16>
- Palm Colouring
[Free Downloadable Palm Frond Colouring Page for Palm Sunday \(illustratedministry.com\)](https://www.illustratedministry.com/free-downloadable-palm-frond-colouring-page-for-palm-sunday)
- Childrens activities
<http://www.spiritualchild.co.uk/foothosanna.html>