

PALM SUNDAY

When more than one person is present, the Reading and the Collect should be read by one person, and the other parts said in unison, or in some other convenient manner. Use all or part of each liturgy as you see fit.

Go outside if able and select a branch from a bush or tree.

Gather back in your home and pray the following:

Collect of the Day *read by one or all*

Assist us mercifully with your help, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts, whereby you have given us life and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Reading from Matthew 21:1-11

When Jesus and his disciples had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying,

"Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey." The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

"Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!" When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

If a reflection is provided by your local clergy, read, listen or watch it now.

Reflections:

- What examples of hope can you identify, even in the midst of the pandemic?
- Who have you “welcomed” this past week through a telephone conversation or video chat? Where was “hope” in that conversation?
- Who can you reach out to this week to offer a word of hope?

Process through your home, or from space to space as you are able. In each room or in each space, say together:

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The Lord’s Prayer *said by all*