

Family Connections

Palm Sunday: The Triumphant Entry

Philippians 4:4-9 & John 12:1-18



Today He returns from Bethany and proceeds of His own free will toward His holy and blessed passion ... He comes without pomp or ostentation ... Let us run to accompany Him as He hastens toward His passion, and imitate those who met Him then, not by covering His path with garments, olive branches or palms, but by doing all we can to prostrate ourselves before Him by being humble and trying to live as He would wish ... So let us spread before His feet, not garments or olive branches, which delight the eyes for a few hours and then wither, but OURSELVES, clothed in His grace, or rather, clothed completely in Him. —St. Andrew of Crete (8th century)

EXPLORE TOGETHER:

Journey with the Lord—As a family, make a plan for your journey with Christ to the Resurrection. This year's journey is likely to be more unique than any you have experienced to date. Plan to participate in as many live-streamed Church services as your family dynamics will allow during Holy Week. Consider your prayer life at home and how you will prepare yourself and your children to participate in the services in this modified setting of worshiping in your home through technology. Allow for little ones to rest and play quietly if they need to. If you do not wish, or are not able to attend through live-streamed services, try to read portions of the daily scripture readings and the hymns from the Holy Week service book.

Palms for Victory—As the palms symbolize victory, have your family make a victory collage. Get a large sheet of poster paper and draw images of victory on it. You can also use magazines to cut out the images and glue them on. Look for quotes from the Bible but also from popular culture that could symbolize Christ's victory. Be creative and have fun. Discuss the difference between Christian victory and victory in popular culture. When you are done, hang the poster somewhere for all to see during Holy Week.

**Before next Sunday, read the scripture passages for the
The Resurrection of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ
Acts 1:1-8 & John 1:1-17**

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