

Palm Sunday



April 5, 2020

10:30 AM

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Join us at 9:30 AM on Sundays for Children's Time by clicking <https://zoom.us/j/374109491>.

Virtual Coffee Hour begins today after worship. Join us each Sunday by clicking on this link: <https://zoom.us/j/753360733> or call in at 646-558-8656 and use ID #753360733.

We will continue offering Sunday worship at 10:30 AM via Facebook Live **UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**. Whether you have a Facebook account or not, you can sign onto our www.facebook.com/stjohnssummit to access the livestream or the archive of videos. **YOU DON'T NEED AN ACCOUNT**. When you reach the login page, select "NOT NOW" to proceed. Once you reach our page, **SCROLL** down a bit to see the livestream video. To access the archived videos, select "Videos" on the left sidebar.

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REMEMBER: You can set up access to your own giving profile **AND** see the church directory by creating an account with our database system, Servant Keeper. Invitations were sent out with instructions this past week. If you have questions, contact the church office.

Pastoral Care During Covid-19: During this time it is important for the whole congregation to care for one another. If you have a health, mental, or emotional concern, please do not hesitate to reach out to [Pastor Moore](#) or [Pastor Scalet](#) (click on their names to be redirected to their emails). We may not be able to meet in person but we can talk on the phone, set up a Zoom meeting, or just share a quick text. We are here for you. Likewise, all members should make contacting fellow members a priority.

We're delighted you're worshipping with us. As part of our ongoing outreach, your voice and your image may be videographed and photographed and used by St. John's for ministry purposes. For any questions or concerns, contact the church office.

Prayer Before Worship

Let your Word, O God, break open our hearts this day through the power of the Holy Spirit, that we may enter into the coming Holy Week with the same mind that was in Christ Jesus.
Amen.

From Feasting on the Word Worship Companion, Year A, Vol. 1

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

In the name of the Father, and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. **Hosanna in the highest.**

Let us go forth in peace. **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

HYMN 344 All Glory, Laud, and Honor

Verses 1–3

Refrain



All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to you, re - deem - er, king, to



whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.



1. You are the king of Is - rael and Da - vid's roy - al Son, now
2. The com - pa - ny of an - gels are prais - ing you on high; cre -
3. The mul - ti - tude of pil - grims with palms be - fore you went; our



in the Lord's name com - ing, our King and Bless - ed One.
a - tion and all mor - tals in cho - rus make re - ply.
praise and prayer and an - thems be - fore you we pre - sent.

To Refrain

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

GOSPEL Matthew 21:1–11

¹The holy gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ²saying 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. ³If anyone says anything to you, just say this, “The Lord needs them.” And he will send them immediately.’ ⁴This took place to fulfil what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, ⁵ ‘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.’ ⁶The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; ⁷they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. ⁸A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹The 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!’ ¹⁰When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, ‘Who is this?’ ¹¹The crowds were saying, ‘This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.’

The gospel is proclaimed, concluding: The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

HYMN 344 All Glory, Laud, and Honor

Verses 4 and 5

Refrain



All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to you, re - deem - er, king, to



whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.



4. To you, be - fore your pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise. To

5. Their prais - es you ac - cept - ed; ac - cept the prayers we bring, great



you, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.

au - thor of all good - ness, O good and gra - cious King.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Everlasting God, in your endless love for the human race you sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take on our nature and to suffer death on the cross. In your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Word

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching and song.

PSALM 118:24–29

Spoken responsively

- ²⁴ This is the day that the LORD has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.
- ²⁵ **Save us, we beseech you, O LORD!**
O LORD, we beseech you, give us success!
- ²⁶ Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD.
We bless you from the house of the LORD.
- ²⁷ **The LORD is God, and he has given us light.**
Bind the festal procession with branches,
up to the horns of the altar.
- ²⁸ You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;
you are my God, I will extol you.
- ²⁹ **O give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good,**
for God's steadfast love endures forever.



READING Philippians 2:5–11

⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, ⁷but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, ⁸he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. ⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The reader concludes: The word of the Lord. *The assembly responds:* Thanks be to God.

HOMILY

HYMN OF THE DAY Hosanna, Loud Hosanna



1. Ho - san-na, loud ho - san - na, the lit - tle child-ren sang; through
2. From Ol - i - vet they fol - lowed 'mid an ex - ult - ant crowd, the
3. "Ho san-na in the high - est!" That an - cient song we sing, for



pil - lared court and tem - ple the joy - ful an - them rang. To
vic - tor palm branch wav - ing, and chant - ing clear and loud; the
Christ is our Re - deem - er; the Lord of heaven, our King. O



Je - sus, who had blessed them, close fold - ed to his breast, the
Lord of earth and heav - en rode on in low - ly state, nor
may we ev - er praise him with heart and life and voice, and



chil - dren sang their prais - es, the sim - plest and the best.
scorned that lit - tle chil - dren should on his bid - ding wait.
in his bliss - ful pres - ence e - ter - nal - ly re - joice.

TEXT: Jennette Threlfall, 1873

MUSIC: ELLACONBE, Gesangbuch der Herzogl, 1784



NICENE CREED

Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith:

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Lord in your mercy, . . . **Hear our prayer.**

Response at the conclusion of the prayer: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

GATHERING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

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OFFERTORY

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right

spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your

pres-ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -

store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,

and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

Sending

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

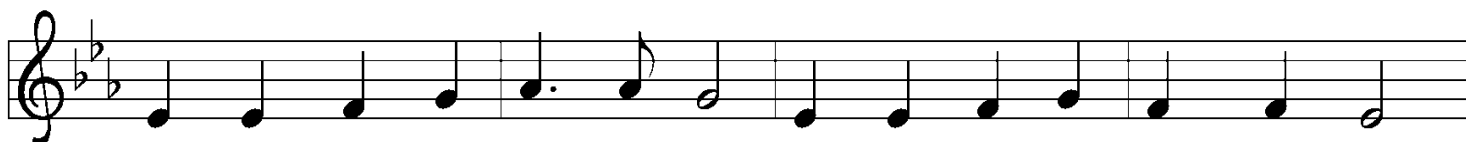
PRAYER FOR HOLY WEEK

Let us pray. **O God, your Son chose the path that led to pain before joy and to the cross before glory. Plant his cross in our hearts, so that in its power and love we may come at last to joy and glory, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

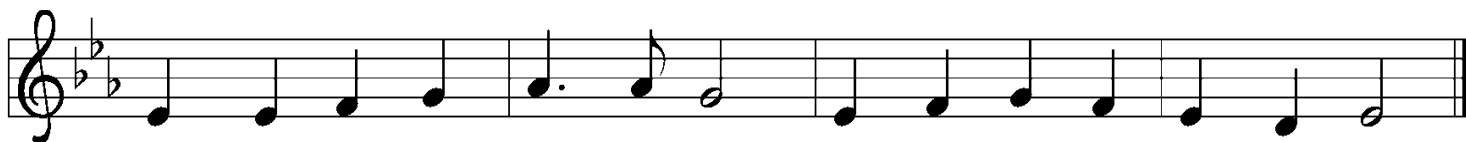
SENDING HYMN 347 Go to Dark Gethsemane



1 Go to dark Geth-se-m-a-ne, all who feel the tempt-er's pow'r;
2 Fol-low to the judg-ment hall, view the Lord of life ar-raigned;
3 Cal-v'ry's mourn-ful moun-tain climb; there, a-dor-ing at his feet,
4 Ear-ly has-ten to the tomb where they laid his breath-less clay;



your Re-deem-er's con-flict see. Watch with him one bit-ter hour;
oh, the worm-wood and the gall! Oh, the pangs his soul sus-tained!
mark that mir-a-cle of time, God's own sac-ri-fice com-plete.
all is sol-i-tude and gloom. Who has tak-en him a-way?



turn not from his griefs a-way; learn from Je-sus Christ to pray.
Shun not suf-f'ring, shame, or loss; learn from him to bear the cross.
"It is fin-ished!" hear him cry; learn from Je-sus Christ to die.
Christ is ris'n! He meets our eyes. Sav-ior, teach us so to rise.

Text: James Montgomery, 1771–1854

Music: GETHSEMANE, Richard Redhead, 1820–1901

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Follow in the way of the cross. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE Setting of *Valet will ich dir geben* By Georg Friedrich Kauffmann (1679–1735)

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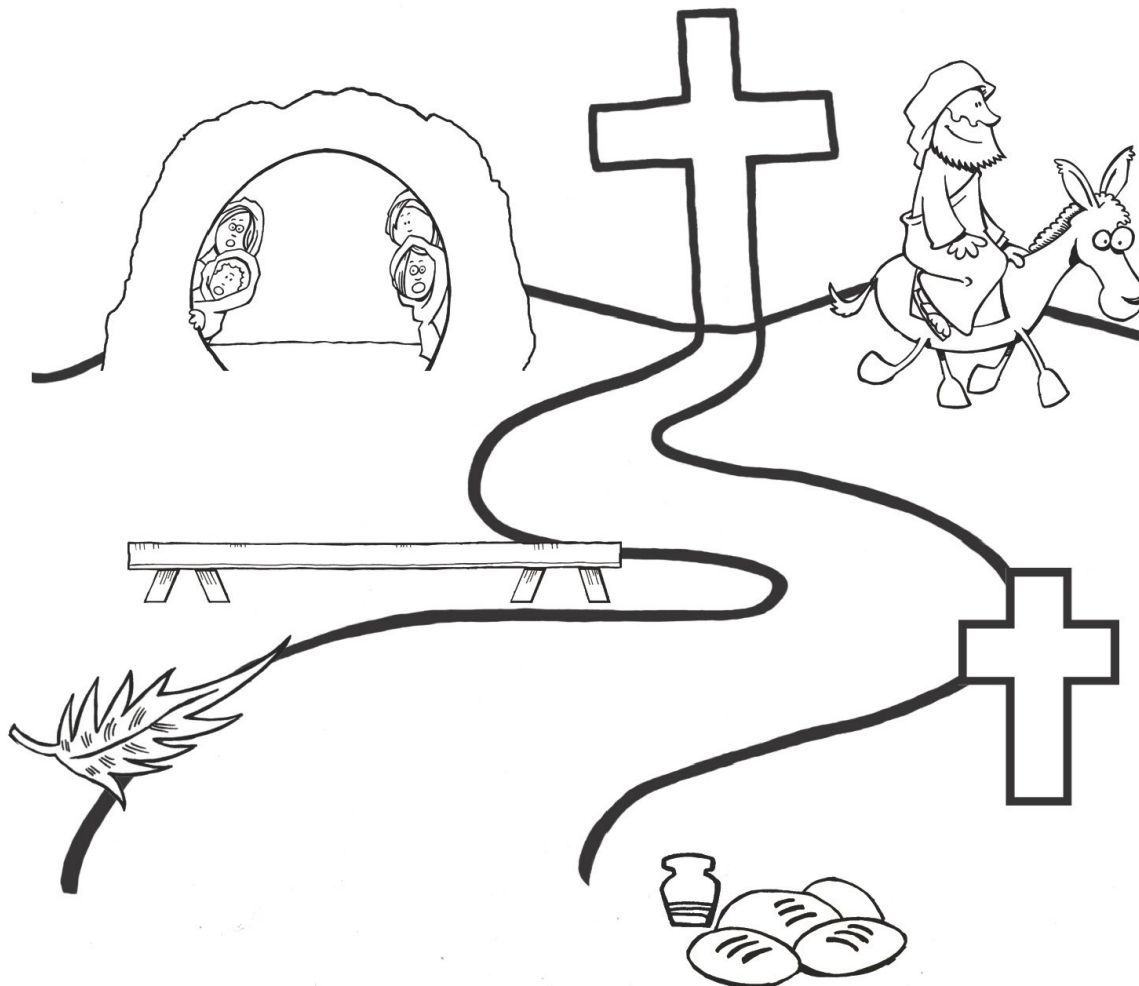


PRE-READER

Passion/Palm Sunday

- Palm Sunday is the first day of **Holy Week**.
- During Holy Week, we are both **happy** and **sad**.
- **God is with us** during Holy Week—and **always!**

Match each picture on the left of the path with a picture on the right.





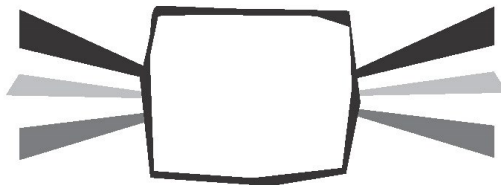
It was a sad and hard time for Jesus and his friends.



When Jesus came to Jerusalem, he rode on a donkey.
People came out to celebrate.
A few days later, the people were angry.



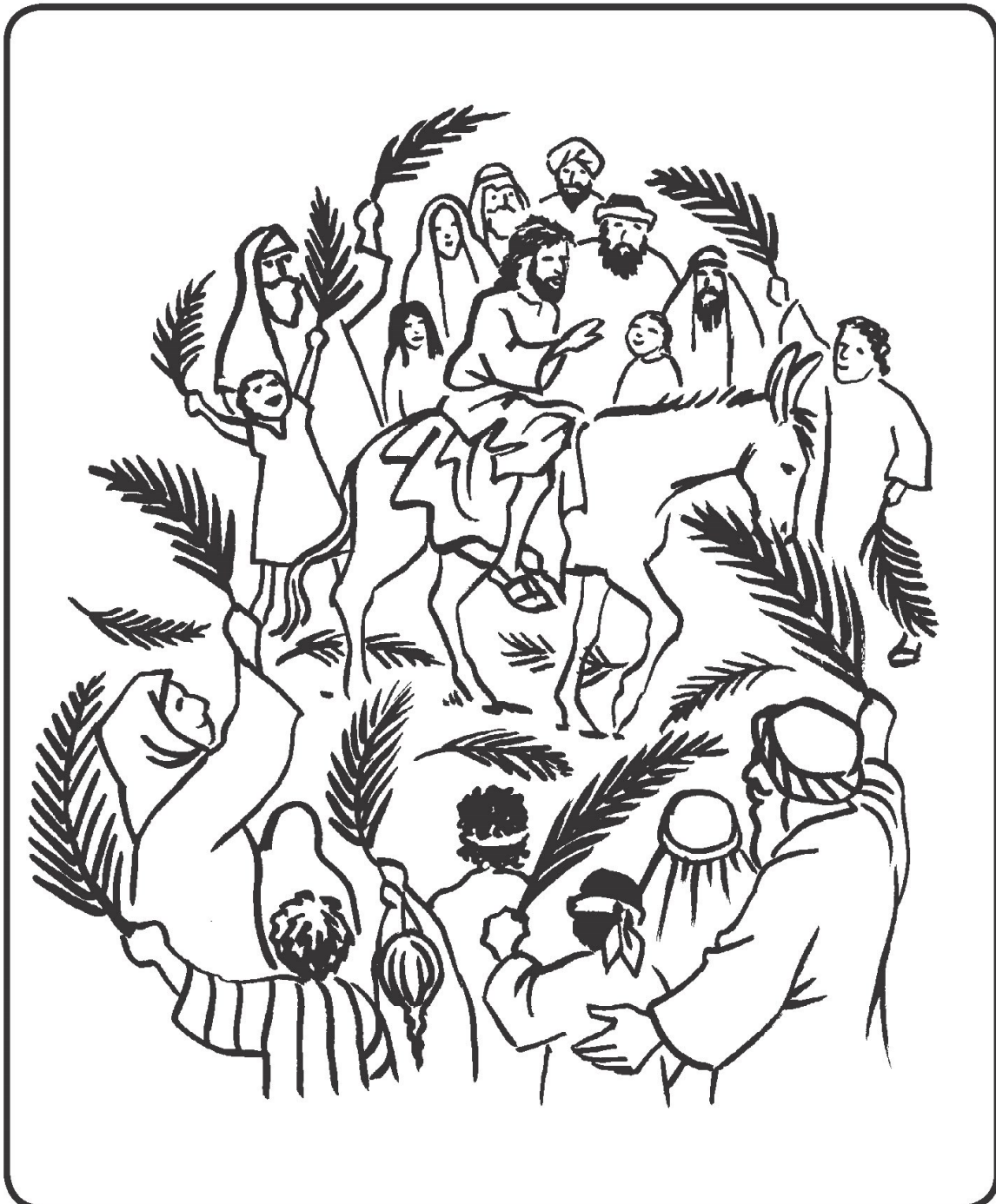
**Count how many people are celebrating
Jesus' coming. Write the number in the
box below.**



Do you see any palms in worship today?
Did you get to carry a palm?
On **Palm Sunday**, we celebrate **Jesus!**



Find and circle all 15 palm branches in this picture.





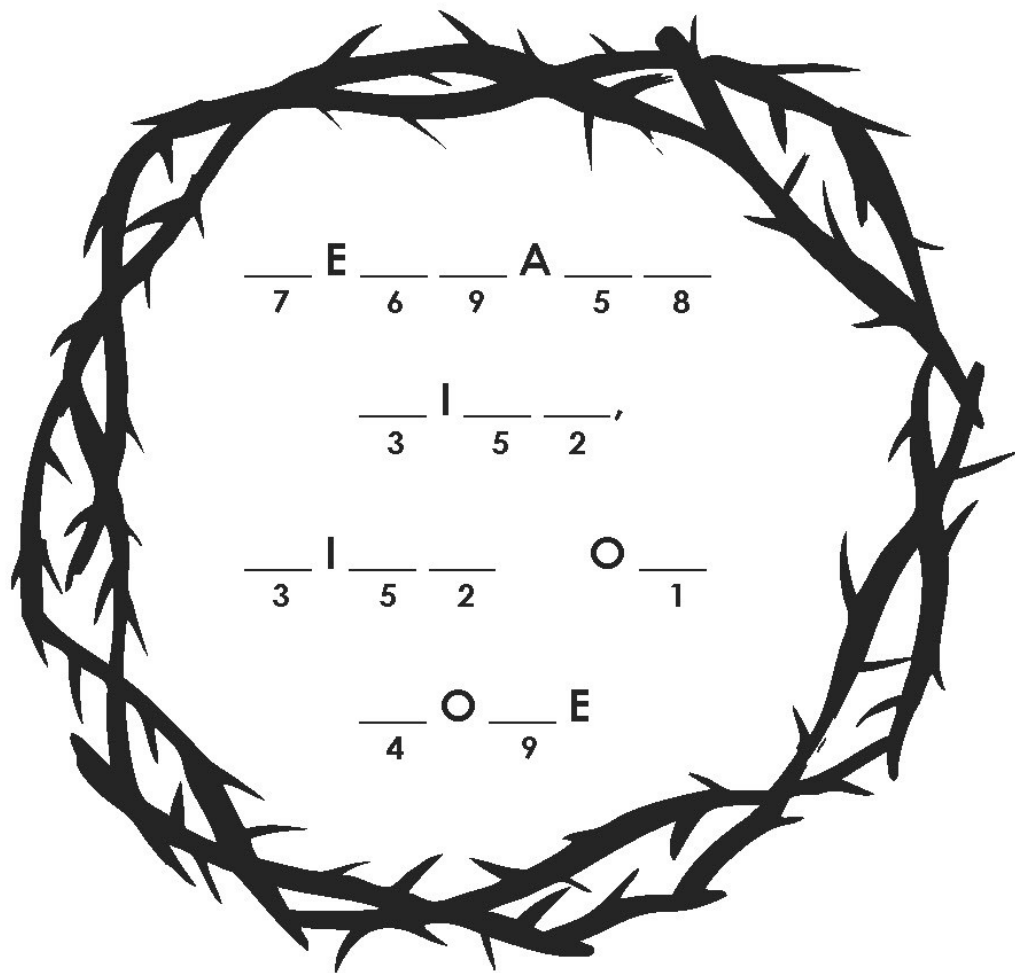
READER

Passion/Palm Sunday

- This is **Holy Week**.
- Holy Week was the **last week** of Jesus' life.
- During Holy Week, we **honor** Jesus and **mourn** his death.

Sometimes It Hurts

Solve the puzzle below to find out what kind of king Jesus was.

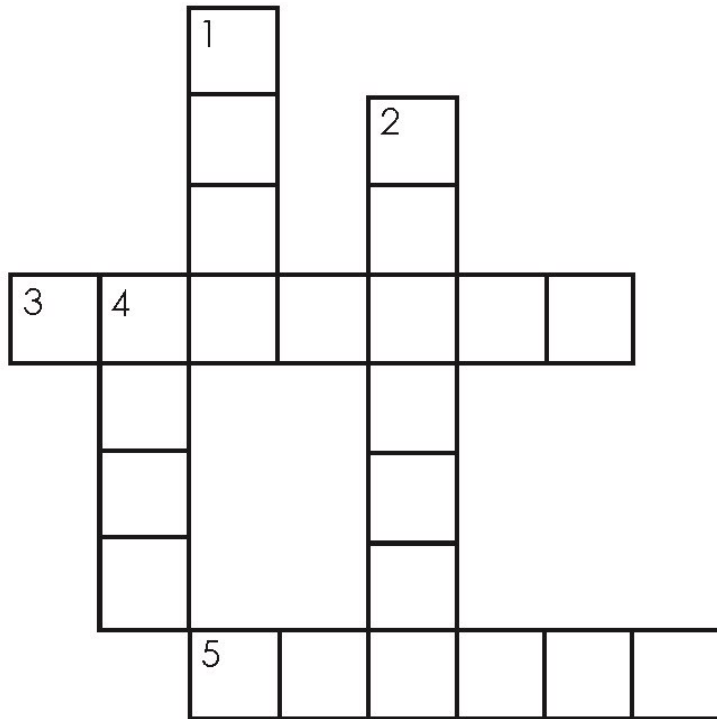


1=F 2=G 3=K 4=L 5=N 6=R 7=S 8=T 9=V

_____ is the one who comes in
 the _____ of the _____!
 _____ in the highest _____!
 Matthew 21:9



Use the clues below to fill in the crossword puzzle and the memory verse. If you get stuck, look up Matthew 21:9 for help.



ACROSS

- 3. Mary was _____ among women. Luke 1:42
- 5. In the beginning, God created the _____s and the earth. Genesis 1:1

DOWN

- 1. Adam gave one of these to all the animals: A _____. Genesis 2:20
- 2. People waved palms and shouted, "_____!" Mark 11:10
- 4. God is the _____ of lords. Deuteronomy 10:17



A Long Way to Go

On **Palm Sunday**, Jesus rode a donkey into Jerusalem.

On **Maundy Thursday**, Jesus gave the disciples bread and wine.

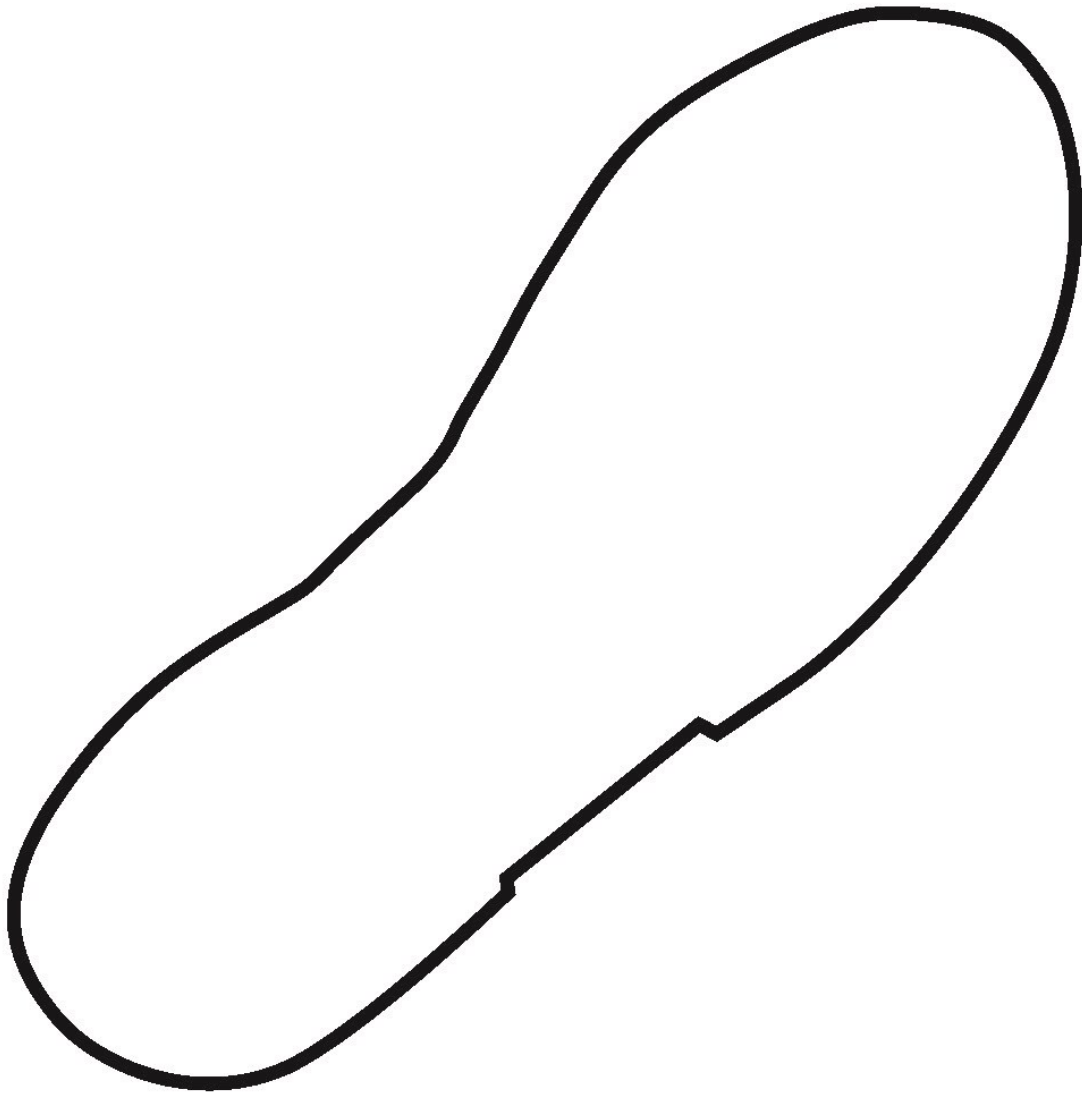
On **Good Friday**, Jesus prayed in the garden. And Jesus died on the cross.

But that was **not the end** of Jesus' journey!



Jesus walked a long way, telling people about God. Even when he died on the cross, it was not the end of his journey to share God's love with everyone.

Use a pencil or crayon to make a rubbing of part of your shoe's sole to remind you of how far Jesus traveled.



Look it Up!

Jesus cried out these words when he was dying on the cross: "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" These are the first words of Psalm 22. Look it up to read the rest of the psalm.

Last Week, Last Words

What did Jesus do during the last week of his life? Listen to the Gospel reading during worship. While you listen, number the pictures in order.

Use the phrases to fill in captions.

Jesus ate. Jesus sang. Jesus prayed. Jesus was arrested.
Jesus was asked many questions. Jesus was sentenced to die.
Jesus was nailed to a cross. Jesus died. Jesus was buried.

