

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Palm Sunday
13 April 2025 - Year C
"The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ."

Something to Think About

What does a King look like? What is his job?
Imagine what a parade would look like for a king that everyone loved?

The Story

Jesus had travelled all over the countryside helping people, telling them about God's love and doing miracles. Now Jesus was preparing to come to the important city of Jerusalem. He didn't have a horse and carriage because he wasn't rich like a normal King, so he borrowed a donkey to ride on. The people cheered and there was a great commotion! They were excited to finally see Jesus whom they had heard so much about. People put their cloaks on the ground to cover the dirty road as a sign of respect for Jesus. They waved palm branches and sang "Hosanna" to praise Jesus.

The Scriptures

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke (19:28-40)

Jesus went toward Jerusalem. As he was getting near to Bethphage and Bethany on the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples on ahead. He told them, "Go into the next village, where you will find a young donkey that has never been ridden. Untie the donkey and bring it here. If anyone asks why you are doing that, just say, 'The Lord needs it.'"

They went off and found everything just as Jesus had said.

While they were untying the donkey, its owners asked, "Why are you doing that?"

They answered, "The Lord needs it." Then they led the donkey to Jesus.

They put some of their clothes on its back and helped Jesus get on. And as he rode along, the people spread clothes on the road in front of him. When Jesus was starting down the Mount of Olives, his large crowd of disciples were happy and praised God because of all the miracles they had seen. They shouted, "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory to God."

Some Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, make your disciples stop shouting!"

But Jesus answered, "If they keep quiet, these stones will start shouting."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Group Discussion

When Jesus rode into Jerusalem, the people were so excited that they took palm leaves from the surrounding trees to wave in the air and to lay on the ground for Jesus. If Jesus were to ride through your city on a donkey today, what would you do to welcome Jesus and express your joy and praise?

Praying For Others

Leader: Let us pray now for the leaders of our Church, our world, for those in our community and for our own needs.

Reader 1: We pray for our leaders. Lord hear us.

All: Lord hear our prayer.

Reader 2: We pray for peace in our homes and in our world. Lord hear us.

All: Lord hear our prayer.

Reader 3: We pray for those who are worried about something. Lord hear us.

All: Lord hear our prayer.

Reader 4: We pray that we will be gentle with others. Lord hear us.

All: Lord hear our prayer.

Reader 5: We pray for hearts filled with praise for Jesus. Lord hear us.

All: Lord hear our prayer.

Reader 6: We pray for our own needs. *(Invite the children to pray for their own special intentions).* Lord hear us.

All: Lord hear our prayer.

Leader: Loving God, listen to the prayers we make in the name of Jesus.

All: Amen.

Prayer



Lord God,
Thank you for loving us so much that
you sent Jesus to save us.
Fill our hearts with joyful praise!
Amen.

Video (optional)

Click to watch the video: [God's Story – Palm Sunday](#)

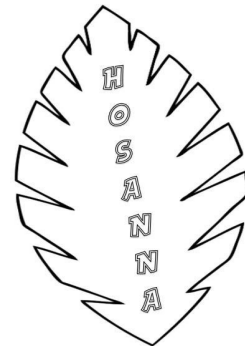


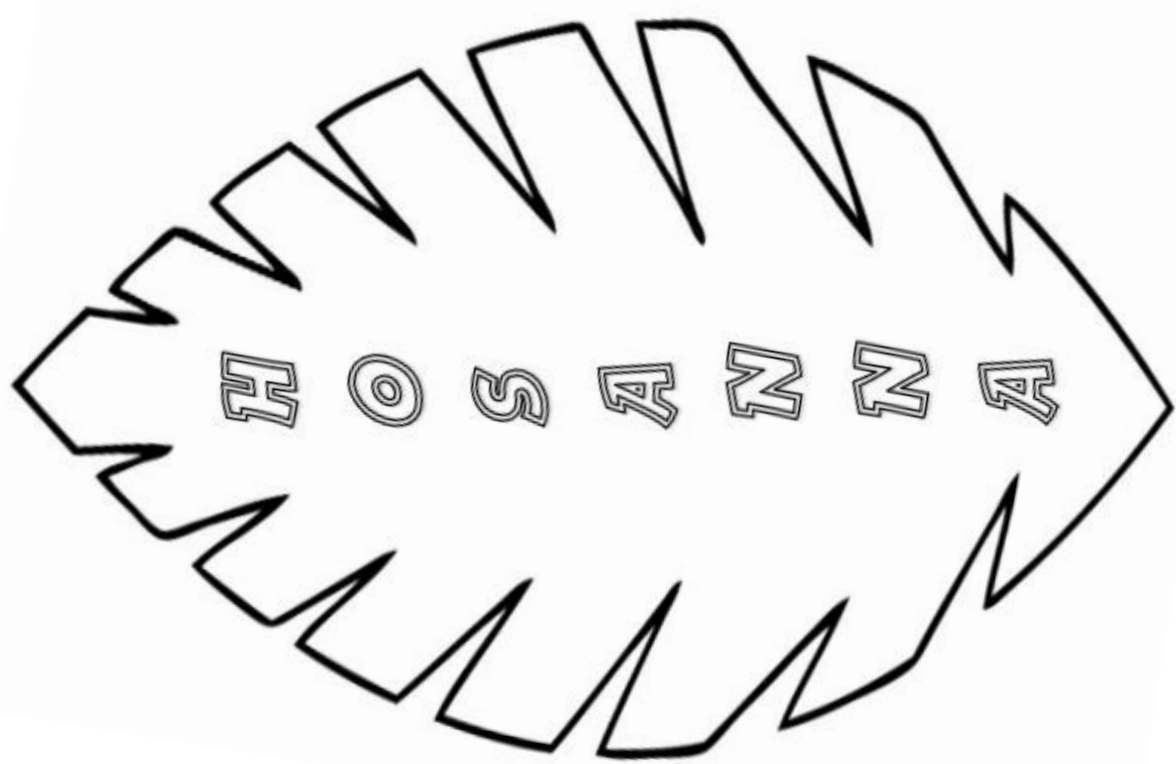
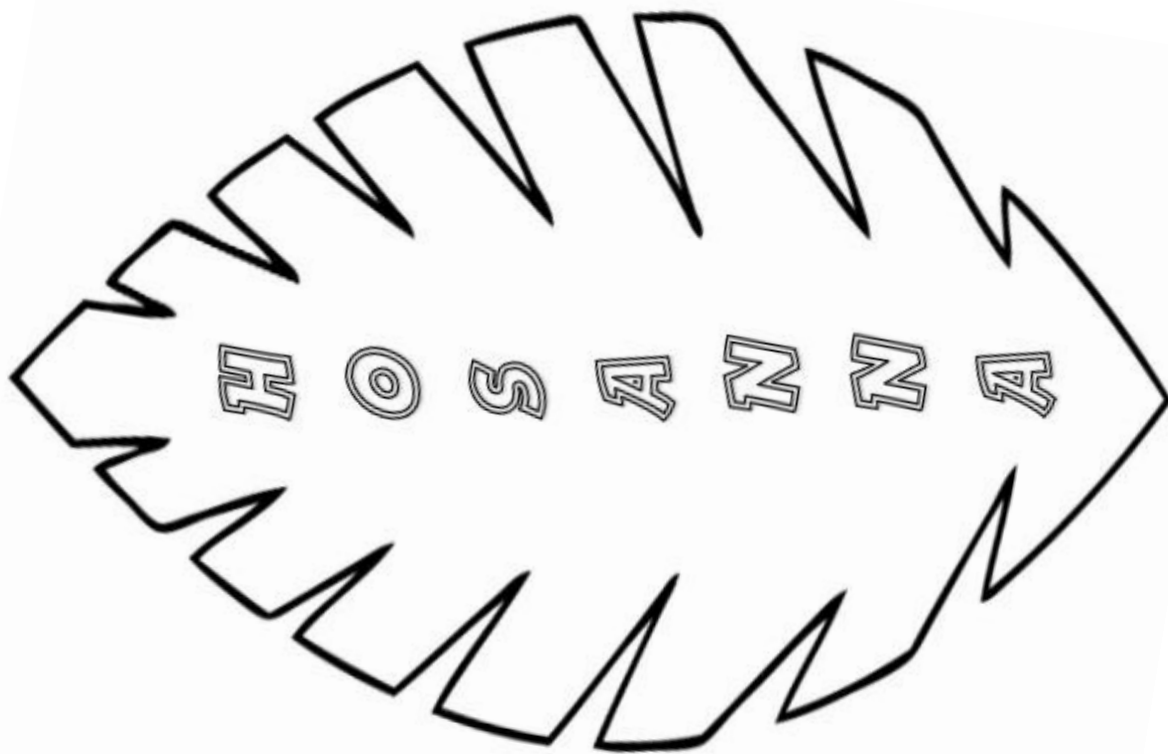
Group Activity (optional)

HOSANNA BRANCH WEVERS

You will need: template for each child printed on construction paper or card, paddle-pop sticks, coloured pencils or markers, scissors, sticky-tape.

1. Colour and decorate the palm leaves.
2. Cut out the palm leaves.
3. Take one or two paddle-pop sticks and use tape to fix these to the base of the palm leaves.
4. Wave gently about singing, "Hosanna to our King!"





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DECORATE THESE ACCLAMATIONS
WITH GREEN PALM BRANCHES

