



Palm Sunday Family Prayer Experience

Family Traditions are important!

□ Introduction **parents use these or your own words**

In the gospel of Luke (2:41-42) we learn about one of Jesus' family traditions. Every year, Jesus and his family and their neighbors traveled from Nazareth to Jerusalem to celebrate the **Festival of Passover**. It was a 3-4 day journey from Nazareth to Jerusalem. The families camped together along the way. Since many Jews traveled to Jerusalem for the, it must have been an exciting time to visit the big city, especially during such a joyful time.

It seems Jesus continued this tradition as an adult, because today we recall how Jesus and his disciples entered Jerusalem. The gospels tell us they went to Jerusalem to celebrate the Feast of Passover (probably with members of their families and other friends). This time Jesus enters the holy city as the **Messiah, the one sent by God for the salvation of the world**. Jesus rides into Jerusalem on a donkey. This is to fulfill the prophecy of Zechariah.

“Rejoice, people of Jerusalem. Shout for joy, people of Jerusalem. Your king is coming to you. He does what is right, and he saves. He is gentle and riding on a donkey.”

(Zech 9:9-10)

The people greet Jesus waving **palm branches** singing **Hosanna**. It is from this Bible passage that we get the words for the prayer we pray at Mass called the **Holy, Holy Holy** or the **Sanctus**.

□ **Make the Sign of the Cross**

□ **Light your Christ Candle saying,**

Leader: **“The Lord is my light and my salvation.”** (Ps. 27:1)

All: **“The Lord is my light and my salvation.”**

□ Listen to or sing along with the music video **Hosanna Praise is Rising** https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NSBR-r9B_94





**Blessed is He who comes
in the name of the Lord!**

☐ Read the gospel for today, **Mark 11:1-10**

www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Mark+11%3A1-10&version=ICB

☐ **Family Sharing**

- Going to Jerusalem was one of Jesus' family traditions. What are some of our family traditions?
- Why are family traditions important?
- Why do the people cheer for Jesus when he rides into Jerusalem?
(they recognize him as the Messiah – the one sent by God to save the world)
- What do you think the word Hosanna means? (It is a cry/cheer of praise for God)
- What are some ways we could praise God this week? (Praying together, praising and encouraging each other, noticing all the gifts God gives us and remembering to say Thank you...)

☐ **Closing Prayer:** Pray the **Holy, Holy, Holy**

★ Parents, if you have very young children have them repeat each phrase of the prayer after you

**Holy, holy, holy,
Lord, GOD of power and might.
Heaven and earth are filled with Your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna to GOD in the highest.**