Palm Sunday

Procession with Palms: Luke 19:28-40 **First Reading:** Isaiah 50:4-7

Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-

20, 23-24

Second Reading: Philippians 2:6-11 **Gospel:** Luke 22:14-23:56 OR

Luke 23:1-49

Full readings can be found here!

1. HEAR

Grab your Bible and look up today's Gospel reading. Don't have one? You can <u>find the Gospel here.</u>

Click here to see a video of a Gospel reflection.

<u>Click here to see a children's video</u> of the proclamation of the Gospel.

2. PRAY

In the Gospel today, we see that Jesus made a triumphant entry into Jerusalem riding on a donkey – this was to fulfill the prophecy. In Zechariah 9:9, the prophet speaks of a future king presenting himself to Jerusalem while riding on a humble donkey.



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This foreshadowed something that happened about 500 years later. As explained in Luke 19:35-37, Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey and presented himself as the Messiah, the King. The people were eagerly awaiting the Messiah. Some of the people recognized Jesus as the Messiah and shouted "Hosanna" and other words of praise. God sent us His son, Jesus, because God loved us. Jesus was a powerful king who chose to love us by sacrificing his life on the cross.

As we enter into Holy Week, hold a crucifix in your hand and pray with Jesus.

Contemplate His great love for you. Feel deep gratitude for His love, mercy and forgiveness. What words of praise would you offer to Jesus? Pray with Jesus and ask Him to help you love others unconditionally.

3. TALK

Think about a time when you experienced the unconditional love of a family member or friend. Begin by recalling the experience of receiving this love. *How did this unconditional love touch your heart?* Journal your thoughts and feelings about this experience.

Now, recall a time when you showed unconditional love to a family member or friend. How did you feel when you touched another with this action of unconditional love? Journal your thoughts and feelings about this experience.

Sit down with a family member or close friend and share these unconditional love stories. After the exchange of these stories, pray together the prayer that Jesus taught us... "Our Father."



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