

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Pasion

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| Procession w/Palms: | Matthew 21:1-11 |
| First Reading: | Isaiah 50: 4-7 |
| Resp. Psalm: | Psalms 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 |
| Second Reading: | Philippians 2: 6-11 |
| Gospel: | Matthew 26:14—27:66 |

[Full readings can be found here](#)

1. HEAR

Grab your bible and look up the Gospel reading. Don't have one? No worries you can find the Gospel reading by clicking [HERE](#). (Bishop O'Connell's Gospel Reflection page.)

As an alternative to reading the Gospel, you can watch a short video with the proclamation for adults by clicking [HERE](#). (YouTube, Lumo Project Films channel, 1:43 min)

Children can also watch a video proclamation of the Gospel by clicking [HERE](#). (YouTube, Saddleback Kids, 3:07 min.)

2. PRAY

Gather with your family or a friend and spend sometime in prayer as we enter into Holy Week. Prepare a prayer space with a bible, a candle, and a crucifix. (If your family has already been to church, have available the palms they received. Please use a piece of red fabric to cover your prayer space, or have a red ribbon or a piece of red paper handy.)

Someone can lead by using these or similar words:

Leader: Today, Lord, we want to accompany you at the beginning of your Passion. Thank you, Jesus, for the great love that you will manifest to us these days. Help us to be by your side in the following days. Give us your grace so that during this Holy Week we can really meet you and personally experience the love, sacrifice and generosity that you have had for us.

All: Lord Jesus, we give you thanks because your Word has made us better see the will of the Father.

Let Your Spirit enlighten our actions and communicate the strength to follow what Your Word has revealed. Grant that we, as Mary, your Mother, can not only listen, but also put the Word into practice. You who live and reign with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit forever and ever. Amen.

Next, someone can access the song "[Nobody Loves You Like I Do](#)" (on their cellphone or tablet) and plays the song for all to hear.

As the song plays, invite all family members to place their palms on the prayer space. (If you have yet to go to mass, use some palms or small green branches from your garden).



3. TALK

After praying, someone guides the family on a conversation by sharing the following questions:

- Think of the gospel we just read. Whom do I identify with: Judas, Peter, Mary the Mother of Jesus, Mary of Magdala, Simon of Cyrene, or Joseph of Arimathea? (Allow time for reflection and then share with one another.)
- Have you ever experienced the agony, rejection, betrayal, and abandonment that Jesus suffered? How have you dealt with it? What can you learn from today's reading? (Allow time for reflection and then share with one another.)

Next, ask all family members to think of a way they can practice being with Jesus during this Holy Week, as we all prepare to celebrate the Passion, Death and Resurrection of our Lord. If desired, each person can share their commitment with the entire family.