

Jesus enters Jerusalem

Reader:

The disciples went
and did as Jesus
had ordered them.
They brought the ass
and the colt and laid
their cloaks over them,
and he sat upon them.
The very large crowd
spread their cloaks
on the road,
while others cut branches
from the trees
and strewed them
on the road.
The crowds preceding
him and those following
kept crying out
and saying:
“Hosanna to
the Son of David;
blessed is the he
who comes
in the name of the Lord;
hosanna in the highest.”
And when he entered
Jerusalem
the whole city was shaken
and asked, “Who is this?”
And the crowds replied,
“This is Jesus the prophet,
from Nazareth in Galilee.”

- Matthew 21:6-11

The Domestic Church Prays

On Palm Sunday



Create a sacred space (an altar) at home, with an image of Jesus on it. The image could be a crucifix. Gather your family around your altar.

Leader: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen

Leader: Today is Palm Sunday. Today we remember Jesus as he entered the holy city of Jerusalem. There, Jesus would be hailed as the Messiah but he would also be rejected by the people. On his final days on earth, Jesus suffered and died on the Cross, and on the third day, rose from the dead. Let us listen to the reading from the Gospel according to Matthew.

Reader: (Please read the text on the left.)

Leader: With these blessed palms, we welcome Jesus as our king and the king in our home.

All: Jesus, you are my king. You are welcome in our home.

(You may place the blessed palms in front to the crucifix.)

Leader: Let us take this time to offer Jesus our prayer intentions. (Encourage family members to offer their personal intentions. And once everybody has offered an intention...) And now, we gather our intentions in the prayer that Jesus taught us...

All: Our Father, who art in heaven...

Leader: Peace be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

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