

Nurturing Faith...
Every Day in Every Way



March 25, 2018

Palm Sunday
Isaiah 50:4-9a
Psalms 31:9-16 (5)
Philippians 2:5-11
Mark 14:1 — 15:47 or Mark 15:1-39[40-47]



The A Joyful Celebration. *Object: Noisemakers such as kazoos, whistles, horns, bells, clickers and some flags or banners.*

I really enjoy a great celebration, don't you? One way people celebrate is by making a lot of noise with noisemakers. Another way people celebrate is by waving flags or pennants. Still another way people celebrate is by shouting and cheering.

This morning, let's celebrate that we are here today to worship and praise Jesus. Let's all give three cheers for Jesus! Are you ready? Here we go! "Hip, Hip, hooray! Hip, hip, hooray! Hip, hip, hooray!"

Wow! That was great. I think this is good day for us to celebrate Jesus, because today is a very special day, Palm Sunday. It is a day when we remember how people celebrated when Jesus entered into Jerusalem on a Sunday some two thousand years ago.

Jesus was walking with his disciples toward Jerusalem. As they came near to the city, Jesus told two of his disciples to go on ahead into the town. He told them that they would see a young donkey tied there that had never been ridden. The disciples did what Jesus told them to do and it happened just as he had told them. They found the young donkey, untied it, and led it away.

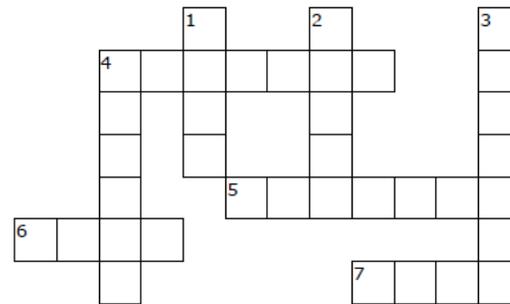
The disciples brought the young donkey to Jesus and they put their coats on it to make a soft place for Jesus to sit. As they made their way into the city of Jerusalem, people went ahead of Jesus shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" All the while, people lined the streets cheering and waving palm branches.

Just as those people celebrated two thousand years ago, we have come here today to celebrate Jesus.

Father, we celebrate today just as those people celebrated in Jerusalem two thousand years ago. In Jesus' name we pray, amen.

Gospel Acclamation: Christ humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name. (Phil. 2:8-9)

Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 4. Said something in a loud voice; called out; yelled
- 5. A word used for praise and adoration which means "save us"
- 6. A pathway for vehicles, persons, and animals; a street or highway
- 7. What a person is called

DOWN

- 1. A young animal of the horse family; especially one under one year
- 2. The Son of God
- 3. A small town
- 4. To stretch out over a large area

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CELEBRATION STICKS: Give the child a tongue depressor or craft stick. Let the child color their stick. Help them glue thin pieces of crepe paper to the top end. The child can raise their celebration sticks over head while marching around the house.



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