

St Domini Savio Children Liturgy

Apr 05-Sun 2020 – Palm Sunday- Cycle A

Welcome children to their worship space.

(prepare a crucifix and 2 candle stands on a table near your laptop or computer)

Say: This is it! The last Sunday before we begin the celebration of the Passion and Easter week. We have some extra church services this week to remember the things that happened to Jesus before he died and rose again. We gather on **Holy Thursday** to remember his last supper together with his friends. We gather on **Good Friday** to remember how he died for us. And we will gather again on **Easter Sunday** to celebrate his rising from the dead, his triumph over death.

Say : Today's symbol is a **coloring sheet on Palm Sunday**. <hold up the symbol> The cross always stands for Jesus and the sacrifice he made for us. The palms remind us that on this day we celebrate Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. Do you remember how the people acted when he entered? <let the children respond> They treated him like a king!

Explain : There will be 2 Gospel readings – one is the Processions with Palms and the other is the Passion of the Lord.

Introduce Gospel reading

Say: Today's Gospel reading comes from the book of Matthew. **(Matt 21:1-11)**. This is the Procession with Palms.

When Jesus and his disciples came near to Jerusalem, he went to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives and sent two of his disciples on ahead. He told them, "Go into the next village, where you will at once find a donkey and her colt. Untie the two donkeys and bring them to me. If anyone asks why you are doing that, just say, 'The Lord needs them.' Right away he will let you have the donkeys." So God's promise came true, just as the prophet had said, "Announce to the people of Jerusalem: 'Your king is coming to you! He is humble and rides on a donkey. He comes on the colt of a donkey.'" The disciples left and did what Jesus had told them to do. They brought the donkey and its colt and laid some clothes on their backs. Then Jesus got on. Many people spread clothes in the road, while others put down branches which they had cut from trees. Some people walked ahead of Jesus and others followed behind. They were all shouting, "Hosanna for the Son of David! God bless the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hooray for God in heaven above!" When Jesus came to Jerusalem, everyone in the city was excited and asked, "Who can this be?" The crowd answered, "This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee."

Reader : The gospel of the Lord

Response : **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

Say: Usually we stand to get ready to hear the Gospel; today we will sit because this Gospel is a little different:

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Have the reader begin: The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (Matt 27:11-54).

Encourage kids to respond: “Glory to you Oh Lord” <teaching them to trace a cross on their foreheads, on their lips and on their hearts>

The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=51&v=QGSxM95ostg&feature=emb_title

(play the video for the gospel reading)

Reader : The gospel of the Lord

Response : **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

Ask: Do you think that the people who killed Jesus were all bad people? Or do you think maybe they might have been frightened into doing the wrong thing? Maybe they don't really understand. Any of us might have behaved in the same way.

Say: Jesus forgave the people who killed him. He regularly forgives us too as long as we recognize what we do wrong and are sorry.

Lesson learnt today: that we all make mistakes and how Jesus keeps on forgiving us all the time.

Palm Sunday

Matthew 21:1-11

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Blessed is he who
comes in the name
of the Lord!



Find the hidden words



- Jerusalem
- Bethphage
- Jesus
- Disciples
- Village
- Donkey
- Lord
- Crowd
- Cloaks
- Branches
- Road
- Hosanna
- David



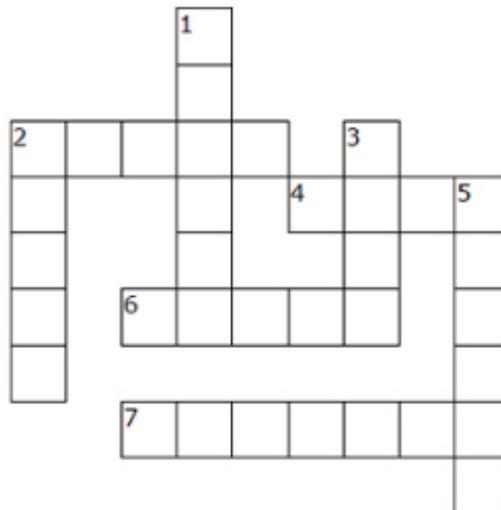
The Triumphal Entry

Crossword

The Triumphal Entry

A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. Matthew 21:8 (NIV)

Based on Matthew 21:1-11



ACROSS

2. A loose outer garment without sleeves worn instead of a coat
4. A pathway for vehicles, persons, and animals
6. To speak with a very loud voice
7. A community which is smaller than a town, usually in the countryside

DOWN

1. The part of a tree that grows out from the main trunk and has leaves
2. A large group of people who have gathered together
3. A young male horse (or donkey)
5. An animal like a small horse with long ears

BRANCH	COLT	ROAD	CLOAK
SHOUT	VILLAGE	DONKEY	CROWD

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Dear Parents,

Today is Passion Sunday. You and your childrend would have viewed the gospel of Passion **Matthew 27:11-54**.

Symbol: coloring sheet on Palm Sunday

To reinforce at home:

Today's we are reminded how the Jewish people welcomed Jesus into Jerusalem. They treated him like a king. They waved palms and sang songs just like we did. We travel in the Gospel reading step-by-step through the judgment of Jesus to the crucifixion. We recall the tremendous physical and spiritual pain that Jesus willingly went through for our sakes. We experience again the awesome size of the forgiveness of God. If he can forgive his own son's murderers, how can we believe that he would not forgive us?

Activities to do at home:

Talk about the different holy days that we will celebrate this week and why they are important to Christians. Go to these services virtually at your church.

Go to Stations of the Cross this week virtually and follow together in Christ's footsteps to Calvary.

<https://stdominicsavio.caedm.ca/masses/>

How can we publicly acknowledge this important day on our calendar when so many of us will be behind closed doors? What if everyone on **Sunday April 5** in the morning, puts a branch on the door of their house or on the window, to celebrate Palm Sunday?

It could be any green branch you can get. Or make some paper palms in the video below. This would help, despite the social distancing, to be connected as we enter into the Holiest of Weeks. Want to join? Yes, we are. We've got this. Let's do it.



*We may be physically isolated, but not separated. We are united as the body of Christ.
We are the Church.*

Post your pictures on our FB page. Let's stay connected in any way possible.

<https://www.facebook.com/stdominicsavio.edm>

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Click on the links below for an audio experience and craft ideas with your children.

We wish you many happy moments as your experience God with your children.

Gospel for Parents

https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=29&v=SoujG6h7UGI&feature=emb_logo

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qdrPhxqRP9I>

Crafts for kids

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OINpRlnZxsY>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YRcf95hKdB4>