

PARISH OF BLESSED JAMES BELL

*Serving St Benedict's, St Mary's & St Oswald's
Warrington*



Celebrating Palm Sunday at Home

Sunday 10 April 2022

Preparation

If possible, take some green branches from your garden to represent the branches people waved on that first Palm Sunday. If you cannot gather some branches, perhaps take some pieces of cloth to represent the cloaks laid before Jesus on his entry to Jerusalem.

Sign of the Cross

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

R. Amen.

Introduction

Today, we commemorate Jesus' triumphant entrance into Jerusalem before the days of his passion, death and resurrection. Great crowds gathered to welcome the famous preacher and miracle worker from Galilee. How fickle people can be! In just a few days, many of that same crowd would shout 'Crucify him!' as they demanded that Jesus be brutally put to death.

Song

If you know a 'Hosanna' to sing, perhaps from a 'Holy, Holy' sung at Mass, why not sing it before the Gospel reading.

Gospel

(Luke 19: 28-40)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

R. Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When he drew near to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount that is called Olivet, he sent two disciples, saying, 'Go into the village opposite, where on entering you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever yet sat; untie it and bring it here. If any one asks you, "Why are you untying it?" you shall say this, "The Lord has need of it."' "

So those who were sent went away and found it as he had told them. And as they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, 'Why are you untying the colt?' And they said, 'The Lord has need of it.' And they

brought it to Jesus, and throwing their garments on the colt they set Jesus upon it. And as he rode along, they spread their garments on the road.

As he was drawing near, at the descent of the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen, saying, 'Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!' And some of the Pharisees in the multitude said to him, 'Teacher, rebuke your disciples.' He answered, 'I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Reflection

Pause for a moment of silent reflection. Perhaps think about what Jesus will do in Jerusalem in the coming days – what will happen on Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday.

Bidding Prayers

There are some Bidding Prayers on the parish website for today, or you may like to make your own prayers as an individual or group.

The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray in the words Jesus himself gave us:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

Concluding Prayer

Father, increase the faith of your people and listen to our prayers.

Today we honour Christ our triumphant king by carrying these branches.

May we honour you every day by trying to live as his disciples, for he is Lord for ever and ever.

R. Amen.

Blessing

May God bless us and keep us safe.

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

R. Amen.

Why not display your branches in your window or on your front door as a sign of prayer and support?

Hosanna!

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