

LESSONS FOR LAMBS

WEEK OF PALM SUNDAY (PALMARUM)

The phrase "Palmarum" is from the Latin language. In English it means "Sunday of palms." The color for the Week of Palm Sunday is purple.



Palmarum
donkey
Hosanna
save
arrested
forgiveness

palms
colt
Sanctus
heaven
blasphemy
Jerusalem

Caiaphas
cloaks
priest
cross
Pilate
disciples

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What to listen for during the service?

Listen to the Palm Procession Gospel reading today. Listen for the words of verse 9 in the service today (refer to next page). When do we sing those words?

Palm Procession Gospel Reading: Matthew 21:1-9

(The Gospel Reading is from the part of the Bible that is about Jesus and his ministry.)

1 Now when they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, 2 saying to them, "Go into the village in front of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to me. 3 If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, 'The Lord needs them,' and he will send them at once." 4 This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying,

5 "Say to the daughter of Zion,
'Behold, your king is coming to you,
humble, and mounted on a donkey,
and on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.'"

6 The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them. 7 They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and he sat on them. 8 Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. 9 And the crowds that went before him and that followed him were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!"

Questions to talk about with your parents:

- 1) What did Jesus send the two disciples to get in the village?
- 2) What did the crowd do when Jesus rode into town? What did they say?
- 3) The word "Hosanna" means "save now." Why would the people be saying this to Jesus?
- 4) Why do we sing these words in the Sanctus when Jesus comes to us in Holy Communion?
- 5) What other words are sung in the Sanctus? Where are those words found and to what does this connect us? (See Isaiah 6)
- 6) The people act like Jesus is coming as their King, but where on earth will He be enthroned?

People of the Bible: Caiaphas

In the Gospel reading today we hear about Caiaphas. But who was Caiaphas? Caiaphas was the Jewish high priest in Jerusalem during the time of Jesus' ministry. Jesus was arrested in the Garden of Gethsemane and brought to Caiaphas for a trial. When Jesus said that He was the Christ, the Son of God, Caiaphas found Jesus guilty of blasphemy, which means disrespect toward God. Caiaphas thought this because he did not believe Jesus was the Son of God. Caiaphas then sent Jesus to Pontius Pilate for a further trial and eventually the crucifixion of Jesus, which we will hear about on Good Friday. Even though it is hard for us to hear that Jesus was wrongly accused and then crucified, we know that this was all in God's plan for our salvation. Caiaphas even prophesied about God's plan without knowing it when he advised the Jews that "it would be expedient that one man should die for the people" (John 18:14). God used this evil for good, to bring us forgiveness of sins and eternal life in Christ.

Catechism Corner

The Lord's Prayer: The Second Petition

Thy kingdom come.

What does this mean? Answer:

The kingdom of God comes indeed without our prayer, of itself; but we pray in this petition that it may come unto us also.

How is this done? Answer:

When our heavenly Father gives us His Holy Spirit, that by His grace we believe His holy Word and lead a godly life, here in time and hereafter in eternity.

Hymn of the Day – "A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth"

A Lamb goes uncomplaining forth,
The guilt of all men bearing;
'Tis laden with the sin of earth,
None else the burden sharing;
It goes its way, grows weak and faint,
To slaughter led without complaint,
Its spotless life to offer;
Bears shame, and stripes, and wounds, and death,
Anguish and mockery, and saith,
"Willing all this I suffer."