

Day 2: Palm Sunday – Jesus Enters the City of Jerusalem

Proclamation: Jesus Christ is the King of Heaven and Earth! I choose to welcome him into my heart today with great joy and celebration!

Scripture: John 12:12-13

The next day a great crowd who had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!"

The word Hosanna means "Lord, save us, please!"

Art: (see next page) "The Entry of Christ into Jerusalem" oil on canvas. Location: Galleria dell'Accademia, Florence, Italy. By Italian painter, Santi di Tito, who lived from 1536 to 1603.

Lectio and Visio Divina: *Lectio Divina* is praying with God's Word in the Holy Bible. *Visio Divina* is praying with a piece of sacred art. You will be amazed at what God will show you! This is the way to do it: go to a quiet place and take a few minutes to enter into prayer. Ask the Holy Spirit to lead you. Slowly read the Scripture or look at the painting. Pay attention to all the details. Put yourself into the story or picture. Answer the suggested questions for each day's Scripture or piece of art. Listen and look carefully because God will speak to you!

Begin today's prayer by reading the Scripture listed above: John 12:12-13. Read it slowly. Pay attention to what you see and hear in the story. Now, spend some time looking carefully at the painting on the next page. Look at every detail. What are the people doing and saying? What is Jesus doing? Where are you in the painting? What are you doing and saying? What is Jesus saying to you?

Prayer: Jesus, I can hear the crowd of people shouting Hosanna! I can see the palm branches waving. I reach out and touch you as you pass by on the donkey. You look at me with love and a big smile on your face. You reach out your hand and bless me. Jesus, I love you. I welcome you into my life as my King and Savior. Amen.

Praise and Worship Songs: [HOSANNA \(Praise Is Rising\)](#) Paul Baloche [HOSANNA](#) Hillsong

[GIVE ME OIL IN MY LAMP](#) Wee Sing for Kids

[ALL GLORY, LAUD & HONOR](#) Reawaken Hymns

[SON OF HEAVEN](#) Brandon Lake



Christ's Entrance into Jerusalem
SANTI DI TITO
c. 1575

Activity: Have your own Palm Sunday Procession and Celebration!

Here are some ideas: Make a colorful banner that says "Hosanna". Cut strips of green paper to make palm branches. Make some simple drums or other instruments. Gather your family and lead them in a procession around your house or yard. Sing the songs listed above or other favorite worship songs. When you attend Palm Sunday Mass, pay attention to everything you see and hear. Participate in the Mass with your whole heart.

Craft Ideas

Make your own instruments for a Palm Sunday procession:

<https://feltmagnet.com/crafts/Music-Instruments-for-Kids-to-Make>

<https://redtri.com/homemade-instruments/slide/1>

Check out these craft ideas and other Palm Sunday activities:

<https://www.catholicicing.com/palm-sunday-crafts-and-ideas-for-kids/>

