

# Holy Week @ Home Palm Sunday



Place a cloth on the table. Place a stone on the cloth. Each day we will add an extra stone.

## Prayer for the Day

God of beginnings and endings  
This week we recall the events  
of the last week of Jesus' life.  
With imagination and senses,  
we enter the story again  
we invite it to lay claim upon us -  
to open our hearts  
to the possibility of suffering love,  
to expose our minds  
to the infinity of unconditional grace,  
to free our hands  
to take up the way of costly service,  
This week as we read once again  
the Easter story,  
we ask the Spirit to make  
that which is already true  
more real in our lives  
May we follow to the end.  
Amen.

## Scripture

Matthew 21:1-11

## Reflection

We hope for a leader  
who will make our world right-  
no simple solutions,  
no spin statements  
no branch stacking,  
no secret donors,  
but a voice  
that offers wisdom, not slogans  
a vision  
that offers hope, not handouts  
a character  
which embodies integrity,  
not inconsistency -  
a purpose  
that serves humanity,  
not hubris.

Jesus breaks the hope  
of those who want easy answers.  
He denies the dreams  
of those who build empires  
He abandons the vision .  
of those who would win by force.  
No victory procession,  
rather, one who advances slowly  
to his own requiem.

Hosanna!

Blessed is the one

who comes in the name of the Lord!

Hosanna!



## Activities

Make a cross from some grass or leaves. Make up your own design.

Watch the story of Palm Sunday  
[tinyurl.com/ppepalms](http://tinyurl.com/ppepalms)  
or Rev Ian Ferguson's wonderful reflection at [tinyurl.com/fergpalms](http://tinyurl.com/fergpalms)

Palm Sunday is a day of Prayer for Peace. Go on a walk in your neighbourhood with your palm cross and pray for peace in the households there.

What music brings you peace?  
Find some and play it.  
Turn it up and let the neighbours enjoy it too!

Listen to Olafur Arnalds' song  
*Undan Hulu*  
[www.youtube.com/watch?v=mNpGZwAn2-U](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mNpGZwAn2-U)

Light a candle for peace and place it near a window to the street.

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## Prayer for Others

Let us pray today for leaders.  
Hold the palm cross in one hand  
and the stone in the other hand.

Let us pray today for leaders  
for at times they carry a load  
as heavy as stone  
and feel unable to bear it alone -  
for those leading us today  
in government and social order,  
for those leading with health and  
medical services and solutions,  
all those making difficult decisions  
on behalf of the common good.  
May your grace and peace  
be known to them  
Lord, hear our prayer

Let us pray today for leaders  
for at times they are caught  
between adulation  
and condemnation,  
a waving of palms  
and shaking of fists,  
"Hosanna!" and "Crucify!" -  
for those too caught up  
in popularity contests,  
for those fearing  
ridicule or rejection,  
for those paralysed  
by indecision  
about the way ahead.  
May your grace and peace  
be known to them  
Lord, hear our prayer

And for our own burdens  
and indecisions -  
may your grace and peace  
be known to us.  
Lord, hear our prayer. Amen