

The Lord be with you!

This Sunday is the last Sunday in Lent, Palm Sunday, and the color is purple. Next Sunday we will celebrate the Mystery of Easter.

Palm Sunday starts the most important week of the Church Year. As we travel through the week, so many things happen to Jesus and Jesus does such a wonderful and amazing thing. On Holy Thursday, Jesus celebrates his last Passover meal, and he makes it something different for us: it becomes our Holy Communion.

The story of Palm Sunday is so important that it is found in all four Gospels: it is in Matthew chapter 21:1-11, Mark chapter 11:1-11, Luke chapter 19:29-44 and John chapter 12:12-19.

When we think about the Cross this week, remember that Jesus died, and it was sad. But on Easter Sunday God made Jesus alive again. This is the mystery of Easter.

PALM SUNDAY

This is the season of Lent, the time we get ready to celebrate the mystery of Easter, the time we are all on the way to Jerusalem. But who will show us the way? Jesus shows us the way.

Once every year the people of God go up to Jerusalem, to celebrate the feast of the Passover, to remember how God led them through the water to freedom.

This year as Jesus traveled to Jerusalem... people hoped he would be their *king*. When they heard Jesus was near Jerusalem, they ran to him and shouted, "Blessed is the *King* who comes in the name of the Lord!" They put their cloaks and palm branches on the road to prepare a way for Jesus and shouted:

"Hosanna in the highest!" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!"

Prepare the way for Jesus the King.

Hosanna in the highest!

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

Hosanna in the highest!