

# Palm Sunday

Palm Sunday is a day of celebration and hope for the future. We celebrate Jesus' triumphant ride into Jerusalem, a ride that will change the course of history forever. This was the beginning of the end for Jesus. As we begin the final chapter of Jesus' story physically here on earth, there are still many lessons he has left to teach us.

**READ:** Matthew 21:12-17

**REFLECT:** Jesus enters the temple, but he does not like what he sees. The temple is supposed to be a place of reverence and prayer; but, instead, the marketplace has become a place where people are cheated and greed is rampant. Outraged by these injustices, Jesus overturns tables and drives these people out, cleansing the temple. What injustices might outrage Jesus today? Where might we cleanse injustice and wrongdoing in our daily lives and in society?

**PRAY:** Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. God, we shout, "Hosanna in the highest!" today on Palm Sunday, rejoicing in your Son's coming as Messiah. Help us, too, to "come in the name of the Lord" as we continue his work on earth. God, guide us as we, too, fight against injustices, resisting evil and oppression wherever we find it. Amen.