

Palm Sunday Prayer Service

Set Up

- Choose a place in your home to set up a prayer table. It could be the table where you eat (perhaps as a centerpiece), an end table in your living room, or another area of your home where you will gather (Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday, & Easter Vigil).
- Gather the following supplies for this first night: candle, Bible, palms (if you attended Mass in person this weekend), cloth for the table.
- Assign each of the items for the prayer table to different family members.
- Have [reflective music](#) ready to play.

Opening Prayer

Leader: Let us begin our prayer in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Merciful God, as we begin this Holy Week, turn our hearts to Jerusalem, and to the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Inspire within us the gift of faith so we can praise Jesus with our lips and follow him with our actions. Amen.

Blessing of the Prayer Space

Leader: This prayer space will be with us throughout this Holy Week. Each time we gather here we will walk with Jesus on his journey to the cross and our salvation.

We begin by placing a cloth on our prayer table. (*Someone lays the cloth on the table.*) Just as the people laid palm branches and cloaks on the road for Jesus as he entered Jerusalem. This cloth is our way of preparing a special place for Jesus in our home and in our hearts this Holy Week.

We place a candle on our table (*someone places the candle on the table and lights it*) to remind us that Jesus is the light of the world. May the light of Christ burn brightly in our hearts and in our home.

We place a Bible on our table. (*Someone lays the Bible on the table.*) The words we use can build people up or tear people down. God wants the words we use to be life giving. May the Word of God fill our hearts and inspire us to live as Disciples of Christ.

We place our palms on this table. (*Someone lays the palms on the table.*) This morning we held these palms to honor Christ on his journey into Jerusalem, may we continue on this journey with Christ even when it is difficult or unpopular to do so.

Litany

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love lasts forever.

All: Hosanna to God, Hosanna in the highest!

Leader: With the Lord on our side, there is nothing to fear.

All: Hosanna to God, Hosanna in the highest!

Leader: We will never be defeated when we stand with the Lord, our God!

All: Hosanna to God, Hosanna in the highest!

Leader: The Lord is our strength and our salvation.

All: Hosanna to God, Hosanna in the highest! Amen!



Let us close our prayer by praying the words Jesus taught us. Our Father, who art in heaven...