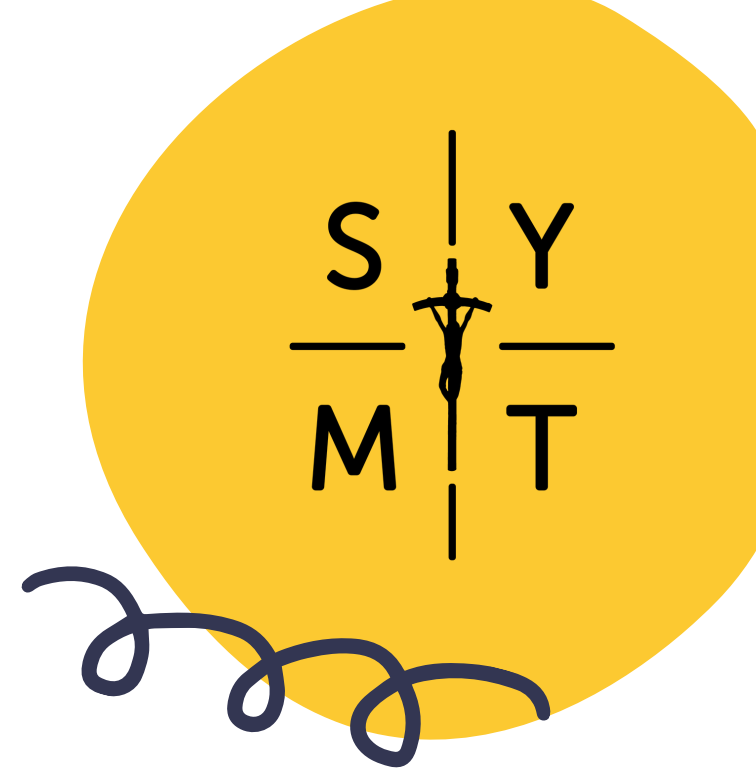


# Shine

10TH APRIL 2022  
PALM SUNDAY

SCRIPTURE  
LUKE 19:28-40



After Jesus said this, he went on in front of them toward Jerusalem. As he came near Bethphage and Bethany at the Mount of Olives, he sent two disciples ahead with these instructions: "Go to the village there ahead of you; as you go in, you will find a colt tied up that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If someone asks you why you are untying it, tell him that the Master needs it."

They went on their way and found everything just as Jesus had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, "Why are you untying it?"

"The Master needs it," they answered, and they took the colt to Jesus. Then they threw their cloaks over the animal and helped Jesus get on. As he rode on, people spread their cloaks on the road.

When he came near Jerusalem, at the place where the road went down the Mount of Olives, the large crowd of his disciples began to thank God and praise him in loud voices for all the great things that they had seen: "God bless the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory to God!"

Then some of the Pharisees in the crowd spoke to Jesus. "Teacher," they said, "command your disciples to be quiet!" Jesus answered, "I tell you that if they keep quiet, the stones themselves will start shouting."

## Reflection

Today we enter into Holy Week, a very sacred part of the Church's year. Holy Week starts on a triumphant note, the crowds welcome Jesus with cheers and joy. Yet how quickly does that change? We know that by the end of this week, the same crowd will be shouting for Jesus to be crucified.

This is a perfect time to take stock of our own faith, where do you see yourself in the Holy Week narrative? There might be times in your faith journey when you too feel full of joy and love for Jesus and yet there might be other times when we feel distant from God.

Let's spend this Holy Week reflecting on everything that Jesus has done for us, the sacrifice He made and what we can do to become more steadfast in faith.

# ACTIVITY

## Holy Week Basket

Gather together some items to help your family enter into Holy Week. You may want to find an object to represent each of the events that we hear about. Don't forget to include a Bible so you can read the scripture for each day.

Here are some examples:

- ~ Palm Sunday: Your palm branch from church or cut one out of paper
- ~ Spy Wednesday: Some silver coins to represent Judas betraying Jesus
- ~ Mandy Thursday: Bread and a cup to represent the Last Supper
- ~ Good Friday: A cross
- ~ Holy Saturday: A stone to represent the tomb
- ~ Easter Sunday: Some treats to celebrate that Jesus is risen!



## CHALLENGE

Each day of Holy Week has a particular service to help us enter into our reflections of Jesus' life, death and resurrection.

Which can you attend with your family?

## Prayer

Loving God, as we step into Holy Week, we remember your triumphant entry into Jerusalem. We sing your praises, shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David."

You alone are the true King, the leader greater than all others. Even so, in your great mercy you chose to become like us, taking on human form and living among us.

As we celebrate and shout "Hosanna" today, may we remember what will soon follow. Keep us faithful in word and deed, and help us to love you always. We ask this through Christ, our Lord.

Amen