

*Add your own prayers for those who are sick or in need.  
Ask God to protect them.  
Finish each prayer with: Lord, hear us.  
All: Lord, hear our prayer.*

*Leader: Let us pray in the words Jesus himself gave us:*

*All: Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread,  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
do not let us fall into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil. Amen.*

*Leader: May God bless us and keep us safe.  
All In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the  
Holy Spirit. Amen.*

*Place your palm branch beside your bed during the days  
of Holy Week.*

*The full Palm Sunday liturgy can be found online*

<https://www.catholicvoice.org.au/>

The grass we planted at the beginning of Lent is growing well, as are all the trees that were burnt in the fires.



HOLY WEEK AT HOME

PALM  
SUNDAY



Take a green branch from your garden. Gather the family together and, with each person holding a branch, pray together.

### **FAMILY PRAYER**

*All:* In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

*Leader:* During Lent, we have been preparing our hearts to celebrate Easter. Today we join Christ as he enters Jerusalem. In the coming days, we will relive the mystery of his death and resurrection. By joining ourselves to Christ, God's grace will lift us up and rescue us.

***Fr Peter will be reading this Gospel and giving his homily online. This is the link:***  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PG1zOTUuAMY&t=260s>

*Reader:* A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

When they were near Jerusalem, the disciples brought a donkey to Jesus and laid their clothes on its back. Jesus sat on the donkey. A great crowd spread their clothes on the road, while others were cutting branches from the trees and spreading them in his path. The crowds who went in front of him and those who were following were crying out: *Hosanna to the son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.* And when he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil as people asked, 'Who is this?' and the crowds answered, 'This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.'

The Gospel of the Lord.  
*All:* Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

*Spend a few minutes in silence to think about the Gospel. Then talk together about what Jesus will do in Jerusalem in the coming days. What will happen on Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday?*

*Leader:* Let us pray.

*All:* Lord, increase the faith of your people and listen to our prayers.

Today we honour Christ our triumphant king by carrying these branches.

May we honour you every day

by living always in him,

for he is Lord for ever and ever. Amen.

### **Prayers of Intercession:**

- ◆ We pray for all those suffering from Covid-19, their families and communities: may the Lord look tenderly on them in their need. Lord hear us
- ◆ We pray for the grace to stand steadfast with you in your passion and to draw closer to you in our hearts. Lord hear us
- ◆ We pray for all those in our community facing mental health and abuse situations. We pray that they will get the help they need and with understanding and love come into the light of life. Keep them in your protection, Lord hear us
- ◆ We pray for Celia Roach, Glen Dixon, Margaret Sinclair, Kathleen Brown, and all who are suffering in mind, body or spirit. Lord, hear us
- ◆ We pray for those who have died in recent days: John Hart and our own deceased relatives and friends. Lord, hear us