

APRIL 10, 2022  
PALM/PASSION  
SUNDAY



*Christ's suffering shows God's love and glory.*

### DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday	Luke 19:28-40	Blessed is the king who comes
Monday	Isaiah 50:4-9a	God's servant must suffer
Tuesday	Philippians 2:5-11	Christ shows us true humility
Wednesday	Luke 22:1-6	Judas agrees to betray Jesus
Thursday	Luke 22:7-38	The Last Supper
Friday	Luke 22:47–23:49	The crucifixion of Jesus
Saturday	Psalms 31:9-16	A prayer for protection
Sunday	John 20:1-18	The resurrection of Jesus

### SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

*He [Christ] humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name. Philippians 2:8-9 (NRSV)*

### PRAYERS AND BLESSING

#### **A Prayer for the Week:**

O Holy Jesus, for your love, faith, and courage to do the will of God, we thank you on bended knee and with a humble yet joyous heart. Amen.

#### **Mealtime Prayer:**

Dear God, with this food let us remember you give us strength to live each day in peace and hope through Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### **A Blessing to Give:**

May God grant you faith to live in peace and love in Christ Jesus.



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### HYMN OF THE WEEK

*Ride On, Ride On in  
Majesty!*



### WEEKLY MILESTONES

Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

### CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- When have you been unfairly judged or mistreated by others?
- How does Christ's mistreatment help you when you experience unfair treatment?

### DEVOTIONS

*Read:* Philippians 2:5-11.

In Luke 19:28-40, Jesus enters Jerusalem riding on a lowly donkey. Crowds wave palms to honor and acknowledge him as a king. Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem is short-lived as he is then led to a humiliating death within a week. Jesus is obedient to the point of death (Philippians 2:8) at the hands of human authority. Human judgment and power led to the killing of the Son of God, but human powers could not conquer Jesus' act of divine love. God's work of salvation from the cross most fully reveals the depth of God's power over evil and promise of undying love. In the end, Jesus' suffering and death is God's victory over all other powers. Jesus conquers suffering and death that *"every knee should bend in heaven and on earth and under the earth and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord"* (vv. 10-11). *Discuss:* How has Christ's victory over evil and death been a comfort for you when you have experienced mistreatment?

*Pray:* **God of humility and glory, give us faith to trust that in Christ all earthly powers must bow down to you and that your love puts an end to all things that destroy life and love. Amen.**

### SERVICE

Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings and theme for this week, how can you give glory to God and show love through an act of kindness?

### RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Today is Palm Sunday. We wave palms and shout, "Hosanna!" Hosanna means "save us." Jesus humbly and obediently rode into Jerusalem to save us. This day signals the beginning of Holy Week and is also known as Passion Sunday. Passion describes Jesus' suffering and death. It is not easy to read and think about what Jesus went through to save us. Give thanks in your home this week by waving a real palm or one made from construction paper and say: **Hosanna, blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.** Then, if able, kneel and pray. Take a moment to think about Jesus' suffering and death and what it means to you. Finish with the Lord's Prayer.



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