

VIRTUAL PALM SUNDAY SERVICE



Dear Worship Leaders,

Remember to speak directly into the camera.

Check to see what is “viewable” from your camera.

Have good front lighting!

Over exaggerate, which may feel cheesy in the moment, but energy level drops in recording and sending out.

Remember that your worshipping community has its own traditions for Palm Sunday, how can these be translated to a virtual setting?

Take time to create a space in your home that helps viewers know it is Palm Sunday, print pictures and have them place next to you, create a background using items from around your home, and have a candle ready to light at the beginning of worship.

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Palm Sunday Worship

Pre-worship; send out several days before worship;

- Link to making palm branch at home: <http://www.dltk-bible.com/crafts/mpalm.htm>
- Invite congregants to bring a “branch” from their own yard, neighborhood, local park

Gather

Light a candle and invite congregation members to light a candle.

- Consider having parishioners record waving leaves, branches, homemade palm branches, pre-recorded services have parishioners send in video

Litany/Reading

(invite viewers to wave palms when the word “Hosanna” is spoken)

L: Jesus rides into Jerusalem.

P: Hosanna! (wave branches)

L: Branches are waved, people shout!

P: Hosanna! (wave branches)

L: Hopes and dreams are running along with the parade!

P: Hosanna! (wave branches)

L: Shout and sing for joy! The Lord comes!

P: Hosanna in the highest! (wave branches)

L: Come, now is the time of dancing and joy!

P: Hosanna in the highest! (wave branches)

L: Now is the time of victory, for the Lord comes into our lives!

P: Hosanna in the highest. (wave branches)

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. AMEN.

Music

- edit youtube link into the video if pre-recording
- share the link with congregants ahead of time for them to click on at home

- All Glory, Laud and Honor

- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_plc0cpQA2k

- Raise Up The Crown/All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gQnsY_ZI8EE

Proclaim

Matthew 21:1-11

- Invite parishioners to read along from their own Bibles
- Pre-record a congregation member reading and edit in if pre-recording

Message: keep your message simple, try a Lectio Divina practice

Response

Prayer

Caught between joy and despair,
we yearn for the fulfillment of God's desire
beyond the brokenness and neediness of this life.
We offer thanksgiving for God's presence with us
and petitions for the transformation
of the church and the world.

Prayers of the People, give a moment for congregants to name prayers aloud at home, to post prayers request on your church's facebook, or in the chat box of ZOOM, or to write their prayers and placed them concluding with:

Life-giver, Pain-bearer, Love-maker,
day by day you sustain the weary with your word
and gently encourage us to place our trust in you.
Awaken us to the suffering of those around us;
save us from hiding in denials or taunts that deepen the hurt;
give us grace to share one another's burdens in humble service. Amen.

Offering; tithes and offerings

- Create a strong "why" we give even though we are not meeting in person, what ministries continue and how is ministry being done in new ways?

- Place your own offering in a basket and share specific ways people can give.

Sending

Create a strong closing so that viewers know the worship is coming to an end.

- Invite congregants to create an at home Holy Week worship center; a candle, scripture, a poem, an image for each day, and designated time to be at the worship space.
- Online Resource for at home during Holy Week: https://www.barefoottheology.com/2020/03/19/at-home-worship/?fbclid=IwAR34sxpHJgziNhdKzu-v_54qY_O8JrQzF2MZQhpjuCZXRdqS1IWtmSre0x4

Benediction

And now we lay down the palm branches (lay down your own branch)

And with them we lay down our belief
that there is another way for you to be God.

As the last echo of the final alleluia fades,
so does our hope that this journey can end
in any other way.

The week stretches ahead
glory-less
and pain-full

Whether we walk with all faith or none
we look towards the cross,
knowing it is both the most human
and most divine
of all journeys

travel the road with courage,
with love,
and with the uneasy peace that is the gift of faith
into this holiest of weeks.

Amen.

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Extinguish the candle as worship comes to a close.