

GENERATIONS IN FAITH TOGETHER



READERS THEATRE PALM SUNDAY

Characters: **Narrator** **two Disciples** (non-speaking parts) **Jesus** **Prophet**

Prop: A toy horse (or two) as the donkey and colt

Invite volunteers, not involved in the Bible reading, to line the aisle (streets) and wave flags or palm branches as Jesus comes.

Narrator

or Leaders: Our Gospel reading today, Palm Sunday, is written in the Gospel of Matthew, chapter 21, beginning at verse 1.

Narrator: As Jesus and his disciples approached Jerusalem, they came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives. Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them,

Jesus: Go to the village ahead and you will find a donkey tied there, with her colt by her. Untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, say that the Lord needs them, and he will send them right away.

Narrator: This took place to fulfil what was spoken through the prophet:

Prophet: Say to Daughter Zion, 'See, your king comes to you, gentle and riding on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.'

As narrator speaks the following, Jesus and his disciples walk down the aisle to the front of the church, with the crowd waving their flags.

Narrator: The disciples went and did as Jesus had instructed them. They brought the donkey and the colt and placed their cloaks on them for Jesus to sit on. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted:

All (while waving flags): "Hosanna to the Son of David!" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

Narrator: When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked,

The whole city: "Who is this?"

Narrator: The crowds answered,

All: "This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee."

Narrator: This is the word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.