

# Palm Sunday

April 5, 2020

Today, we begin the most important week of the church year.

We call this week \_\_\_\_\_ Week.

It's still Lent but the altar cloths are not purple. What color are they?

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(This color symbolizes *sacrifice* - or doing something difficult for someone else.)

During the Palm Sunday service, a priest will bless palm leaves and shout "Hosanna!" to remember Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. *Triumphal* means that Jesus is welcomed into the city as a hero, a king.



We'll hear the story from the Book of Matthew. In the reading, Jesus rides into Jerusalem on the back of this animal:



a \_\_\_\_\_ . That's a funny way for a king to enter the city, isn't it?

The preacher today is the Rev. Elizabeth Marie Melchionna. She shares this message:

*I wonder what it was like for the colt who carried Jesus on her back? Did she know his gentleness? His power? His deep love for all of God's people? I wonder what it was like for her to carry the one who was the savior of the world. This Palm Sunday feels different to us. We cannot come to church with our family and friends. We cannot go to our schools or libraries or playgrounds. We are invited to a new way of seeing, a different perspective, just like that colt who carried Jesus.*

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