

PALM SUNDAY 2020

Some ideas and reflections for Sunday 5 April



Our supply of palm crosses will be distributed when we are able to return to Church.

Until then, here are some instructions for making a small palm cross from paper (hint: Father Peter did not make his own!):



<http://www.just4kidsmagazine.com/rainbowcastle/palmcross.html>



Some opportunities for reflection (with some ideas for smaller people below):

Listen to J.S. Bach's Cantata BWV 182 for Palm Sunday: 'Himmelskönig, sei willkommen' (King of Heaven, welcome):

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U7qWmzxoJmU>

G.K. Chesterton's poem 'The Donkey':

When fishes flew and forests walked
And figs grew upon thorn,
Some moment when the moon was blood
Then surely I was born.

With monstrous head and sickening cry
And ears like errant wings,
The devil's walking parody
On all four-footed things.

The tattered outlaw of the earth,
Of ancient crooked will;
Starve, scourge, deride me: I am dumb,
I keep my secret still.

Fools! For I also had my hour;
One far fierce hour and sweet:
There was a shout about my ears,
And palms before my feet.

HOSANNA to the KING of KINGS!



Make a palm leaf garland

You will need:

A4 green paper

A length of strong thread, string or wool

Scissors

Pencil

Hole punch

1. Fold the first sheet of paper in half with a vertical fold.
2. Keeping the folded edge to your left, draw the outline of a half palm leaf (see below)
3. Through the double layer of paper, carefully cut round your leaf, being careful to keep both thicknesses of paper tightly together.
4. Unfold your palm leaf, then repeat the process, making more leaves, until your garland is as long as you wish.
5. Punch a hole (or two) in the stalk end of each leaf and thread them on to the string.
6. Decorate your room for Palm Sunday!

Your drawing should look a little like this:

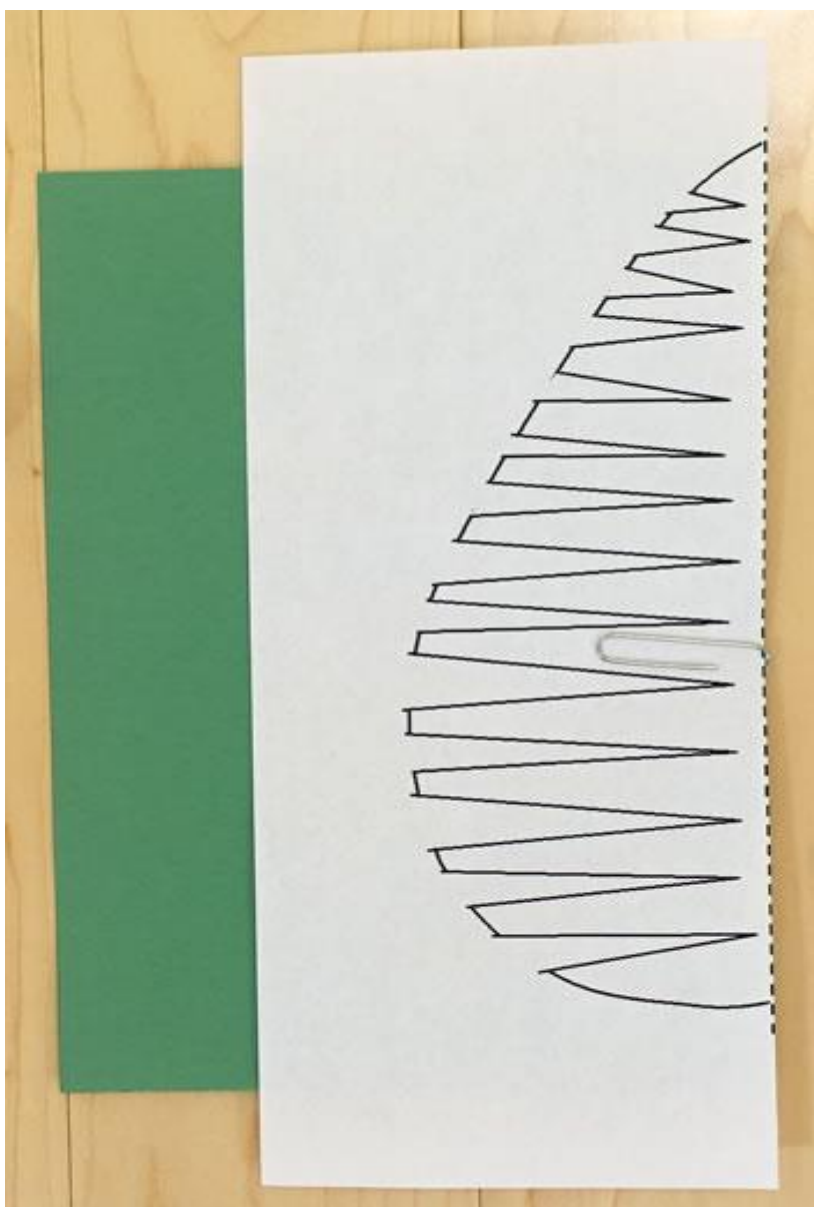


Image source: <http://www.dltk-bible.com/crafts/mpalm.htm>

You can find some ideas for making Palm Sunday music with Mary Noyes on the St. Luke's website: <https://www.stlukeskew.org/sing-your-praises>

Why not also try to make up a Palm Sunday song to a well-known tune?

This is my attempt, which goes to the tune I know as 'In and out the dusty windows', but you may also know as 'In and out the dusky bluebells':

Jesus rode with crowds before him,
People raised their arms who saw him,
Tore down leaves from palm trees for him,
Shouted 'Hosanna!'
Clippity cloppity went the donkey,
Clippity cloppity went the donkey,
Clippity cloppity went the donkey.
All shout Hosanna!

I'm pretty sure you can do better than this!
Happy Palm Sunday!



Palm leaf clipart: <http://clipart-library.com/palm-leaves-clipart.html>