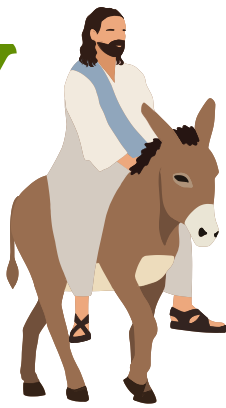




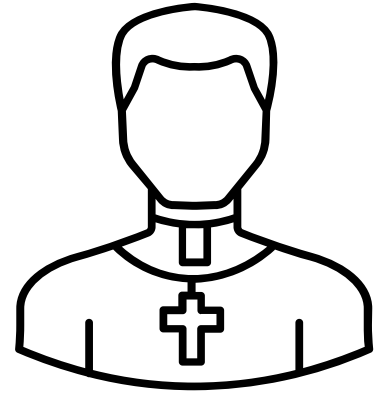
PALM SUNDAY



WHAT IS PALM SUNDAY?

Palm Sunday is the day the people welcomed Jesus into Jerusalem with great joy. They treated him like a king!

We will be given a palm and walk into church holding these up high just like the people in Jerusalem. After Mass, take your palm home and put it somewhere special to remind you of this day.



WHAT COLOUR IS THE PRIEST WEARING TODAY?

THE BLESSING OF PALMS

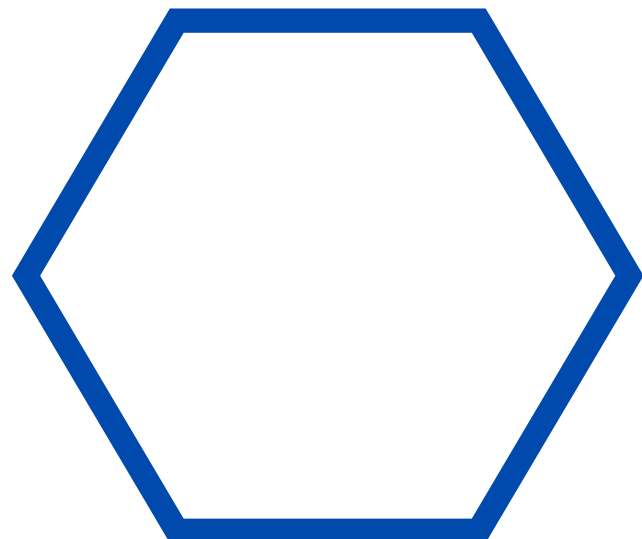


THE WORD OF GOD

Throwing their garments on the donkey, they set Jesus upon it. As he rode along, they spread their garments on the road. As he was now drawing near, at the descent of the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works they had seen, saying, 'Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!'



Draw a picture of what you think Palm Sunday was like.



THE PASSION

On Palm Sunday we have two Gospel readings. The second is called the Passion and details the events of Jesus suffering.

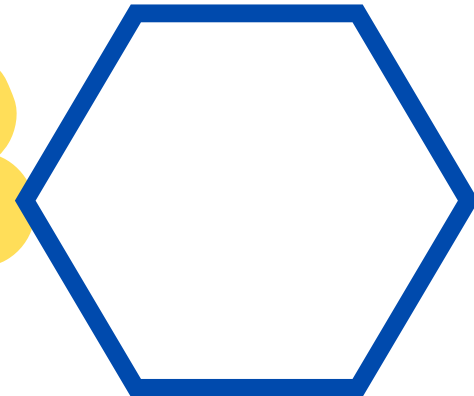


T - TEMPER IN THE TEMPLE



Jesus found the temple in Jerusalem full of people selling things like cows, sheep and pigeons! This made Jesus very angry and he threw the tables over and the money scattered all over the floor. Jesus told the people he would restore the temple in three days. The temple he was talking about was himself.

Draw a picture of a time that you have been angry.



H - HIGH PRIEST PLOTS...



The news reached the chief priests and the scribes about Jesus throwing the tables and scaring the people away from the Temple. The chief priests started plotting and planning what they should do to Jesus.

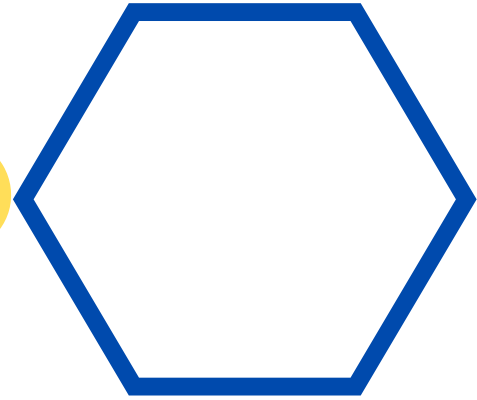
What was the name of the High Priest?

E - ENTRAMPMENT...



One of the disciples called Judas went to the chief priests to make a deal. The chief priests paid Judas thirty silver coins to betray Jesus.

Draw a picture of Judas meeting with the chief priests.



P - PASSOVER...



The disciples and Jesus had gathered for a special meal. When he took the bread Jesus said, 'This is my body broken for you'. Then he took the wine and said, 'Take this and drink it, for this is my blood.'

In the candle write something you are thankful for.

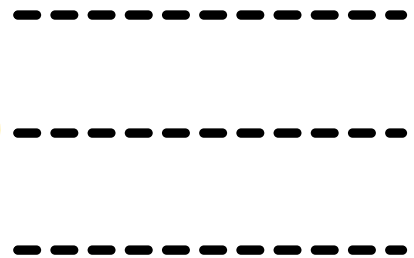


A - AGONY IN THE GARDEN...



After the Passover meal they went to the Garden of Gethsemane. Whilst Jesus was praying the disciples fell asleep. Jesus said to them, 'Could you not stay awake for such a short time?' Then Judas appeared with the soldiers and chief priests and showed them which one was Jesus with a kiss.

When can you pray with Jesus today?

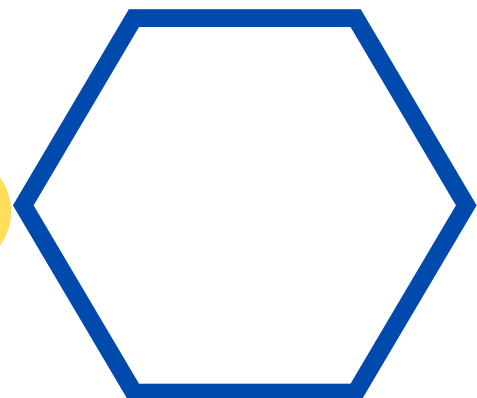


S - SENTENCED...



Jesus was taken before Caiaphas the High Priest and the elders. Caiaphas got angry and asked Jesus if he was the Son of God. Jesus replied, 'it is you who have said I am.' With this, the High Priest arrested Jesus for blasphemy.

Draw a picture of the High Priest asking Jesus questions and arresting him.



S - SUFFERING...

On Good Friday Jesus suffered a lot because of the Roman Soldiers. They made him wear a crown of thorns and he had to carry the heavy cross through the streets of Jerusalem. On Palm Sunday he had come through Jerusalem in glory.



Write down some of the things that happened on Good Friday.

I - INSCRIPTION..

When Jesus was placed on the cross they placed a sign that said, 'Jesus, King of the Jews'. The crowd mocked Jesus and shouted at him, 'If you are the Son of God, why doesn't God rescue you now!'



Write something or a name of someone that you would like to pray for today.

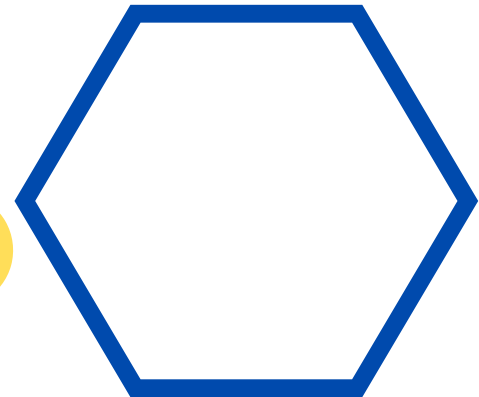


O - OINTMENT...

At sunrise on the Sunday morning some of the women took the ointments to the tomb where Jesus had been laid. They found the stone had been rolled away and that the tomb was empty.



Draw a picture of the women at the empty tomb.



N - NEW LIFE...

Two angels appeared and said, 'Why do you look for the living among the dead? Remember how he told you that he would rise again on the third day. He is not here because he is risen!'



Prayer for the week

Dear Jesus,
We pray that we will always have hearts open so we may sing your praise. Help us to welcome you into our lives, and to see you in all our brothers and sisters throughout the world. Amen.