

## This Week's Worship: Palm Sunday

### Opening

Wherever we come together,  
**God is with us.**  
**God is here.**

We come together to say sorry  
We come together to say Thank you  
We come together to ask for God's help  
We come together to hear God's story  
We come together to celebrate God's love.

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### Saying Sorry

*Hold onto a stone and think about things that you have done this week you would like to say sorry for.*

God loves us and forgives us when we are sorry for wrong things we have done.  
For times this week when we have made others sad.  
**We are sorry.**

For times this week when we have not helped others  
**We are sorry.**

For times this week when we have not looked after your creation,  
**We are sorry**

For times this week when we have been selfish  
**We are sorry**

*Put the stone in a bowl of water*

As we leave these things behind, may God forgive us and give us a new, clean start today.  
**Amen**

### Saying thank you

*To join in you will need: some slips of paper, some pens and an empty jam jar (you can join in without this for the first few weeks but can then join in when you have had the time to put some things in the jar!) Ask each person to draw or write down on one of the slips something they would like to say thank you for and put it in the jar. As we pray, pull a slip out of the jar and say thank you for what is written on it. Continue to fill the jar during the week.*

God, you are amazing and you have given us good things. We thank you for all your gifts to us.  
Thank you for...  
**Amen**

Thank you for...  
**Amen**

Thank you for...

Amen

*Continue until everyone has had a chance to say something.*

**Story and response**

Listen to this week's story or read a story from the Bible. This week's story is from Mark 11.

I wonder which part of this story you liked the most?

I wonder what surprised you about this story?

I wonder what this story makes you feel?

I wonder where you are in this story?

Do you wonder anything about this story?

**Prayers**

You will need: Green paper, strips of coloured paper, scissors, pens

In our story today, the people cheer Jesus on and welcome him into the city because they think that he is going to be the great king who will save them from the bad situation that they are living in with the Romans in charge. They have hope that with Jesus, they will have freedom and a new way of life. What do you hope for today? What signs of new life can you see springing up? How would you like life to be better? Write your hope on strips of paper and then follow the instructions on the sheet below. When you have made your 'hope palm,' pray the prayer below.

**Jesus, thank you that you were a sign of hope to people who had a difficult life. Help us to tell you all of the things that we are finding hard about life and give us hope that you can change things and make things better. Help us to see the good and hopeful things springing up around us. Help us never to give up hope in the new life you bring. Amen**

**Close**

Wherever we come together,

**God is with us.**

**God is here.**

May God bless us.

May we know that we are loved

May we know that we are cared for.

May we know God's hope.

**God is with us**

**God is here**

**Amen.**

*Extinguish the candle.*