



# PALM SUNDAY KIDS PROCESSION

## Sunday, March 24, 2024

### A Little History:

Palm Sunday is a day we celebrate when Jesus rode into Jerusalem. Palm Sunday begins what is traditionally called *Holy Week*. The people of Jerusalem celebrated Jesus as they watched his one-man parade. They worshiped Jesus just like they would worship a king, laying down their robes and waving palm branches as he rode a donkey into the city. A few days later, Jesus would give the most significant sacrifice of all...his life on the cross. On Palm Sunday, we celebrate Jesus as king. You can find the scripture reference [here](#).

### Palm Sunday at Christ Central

#### Details for Parents: [\(Watch a clip from a past Palm Sunday Procession\)](#)

At the beginning of each service (8:30 am, 10:00 am, and 11:30 am), we will celebrate Palm Sunday by inviting our children to walk into the back of the Sanctuary, waving palm branches and shouting "Hosanna!" Please do not drop off your children in Central Kids classrooms until after the prayer of blessing in the service.

Around the beginning of the service, the pastor will make an announcement inviting children to go to the lobby in the back of the Sanctuary. Parents, no need to come with your child. **Children in 3rd grade and younger** will be invited to join Central Kids Volunteers in the back.

Each child will be handed a palm branch. Then, when prompted, children will walk down both aisles of the Sanctuary and shout "Hosanna!" and then lay their palm branches on the steps of the stage.

Then children will return to their parents to await the prayer of blessing and dismissal to classes.

#### Details for Volunteers:

Before classes and the service starts, we will need volunteers to head to the lobby of the Sanctuary to be ready to welcome kids. Children will be invited to come to the back lobby of the Sanctuary.

At that point of the service, we will need two volunteers to step to the front of the Sanctuary by the steps (one on each side of the altar). The volunteers in the back will hand out palm branches to the children. Then, when prompted, volunteers will encourage children to walk down both aisles, single file, about 6 feet apart.

After children have walked to the front, volunteers return to classrooms to wait for the children to arrive.

**Details for Youth Volunteers:**

Youth helping lead the children during the Palm procession should meet in the lobby in the back of the Sanctuary during the greeting portion of the service.

Youth leaders will be given a cue and then lead the children down the aisles shouting “Hosanna” while waving palm branches. After the youth reach the front of the sanctuary they should stay up front and show kids where to lay their palm branches on the stage.