

# Assembly for Easter







# **It is Spring**

**What signs of Spring do you see around where you live and around our school?**



**There are signs of new life on our farms, gardens and in our fields**



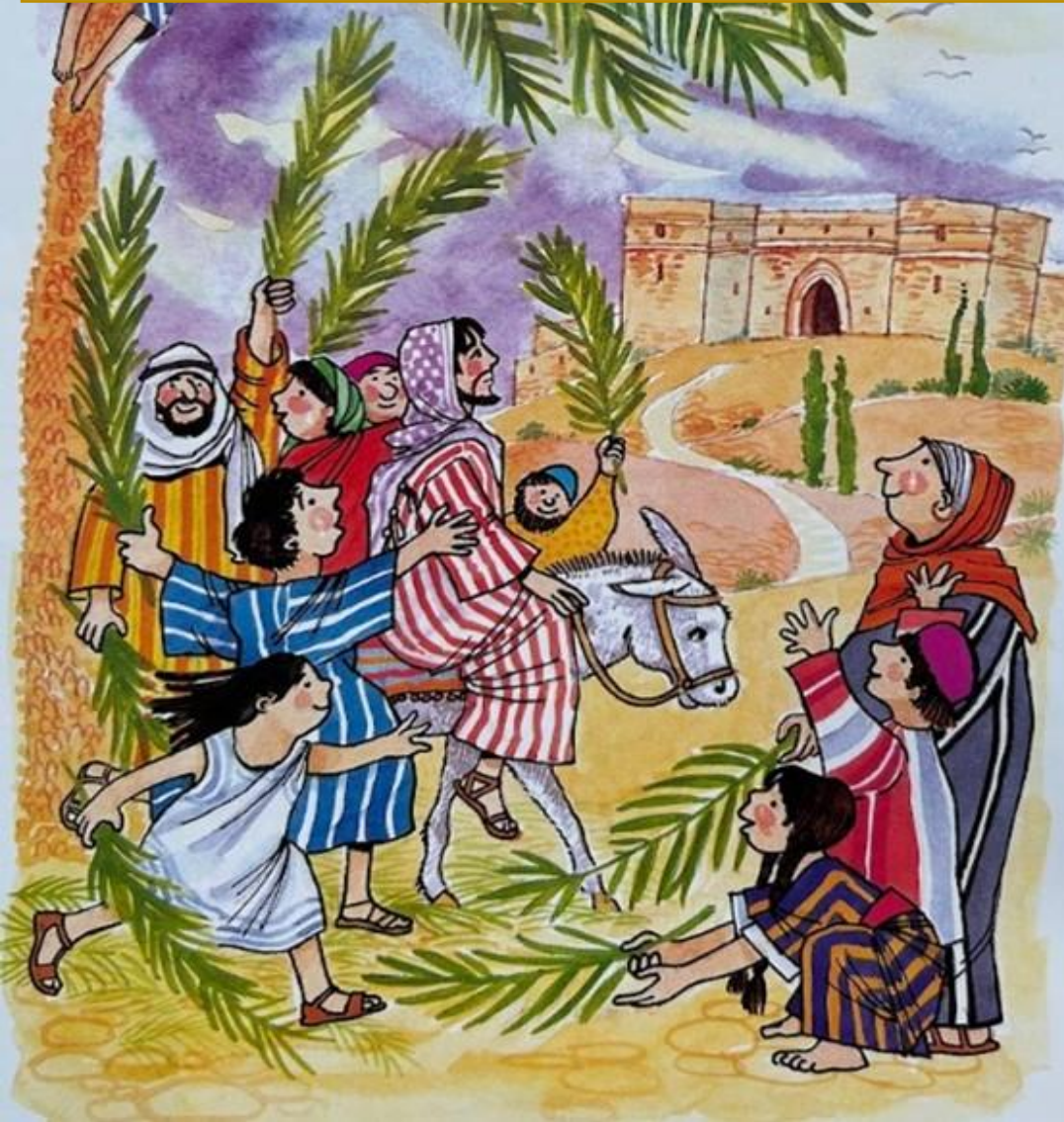


**Soon it will be Easter and in homes and in churches throughout the world a very special story will be told and celebrated.**



- **What do you already know about Easter?**
- **What story in the Bible is told at Easter time?**
- **Why do you think Easter is so important for Christians?**

These stories are about Jesus and take place in a very important week which is known as **HOLY WEEK**



On Palm Sunday Jesus rode a donkey into the city of Jerusalem. The crowds shouted **Hosanna** and waved palm branches and welcomed Jesus as a King



# Sing

Listen to or sing the song 'Give me joy in my heart' – the chorus uses the word 'Hosanna' or listen to or sing the song 'We have a king who rides a donkey'.





**On Maundy Thursday Jesus ate supper  
with his disciples.  
He told them what lay ahead.  
This was their good-bye meal**

**Jesus took bread, gave thanks, broke  
the bread and gave it to them. 'This is  
my body', he said, 'Take it and eat it and  
remember me'.**

**Jesus took a cup of wine and gave  
thanks. 'This is my blood', he said. 'Take  
it and drink it and remember me'.**





On the day known as Good Friday, Jesus died, along with two other people, on crosses on a hill outside Jerusalem.



Jesus was buried in a tomb and a stone rolled across the entrance.

His family and friends were devastated.



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**It was very early. Three women walked slowly to the tomb.**

**Jesus was buried there and they missed him so much.**

**When they arrived they saw the stone had been moved away from the entrance.**

**The women entered the tomb and saw a young man wearing a white robe sitting on the right side and the women were afraid.**



**‘Don’t be afraid said the man. You are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, the one who was killed on a cross. He has risen from death. He is not here. Now go and tell his followers and Peter. Jesus is going into Galilee. He will be there before you. You will see him there as he told you before.**

**(Mark 16)**



**We eat Easter Eggs at Easter  
as a symbol of new life. Just as  
a chick is born from what  
looks dead, so new life came  
from a tomb at Easter**





# A Prayer

**God of new life, on Good Friday we remember how Jesus' friends felt sad and helpless when they saw him die on the cross and be buried in a tomb.**

**At Easter we celebrate that Jesus' death was not the end and that his friends' sadness turned to great joy when Jesus rose from the dead and returned to them with the promise of new life for all people.**

**We look forward to sharing in their joy this Easter time.  
Amen.**

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Sending Out

Go in peace to love and serve  
the Lord

**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

