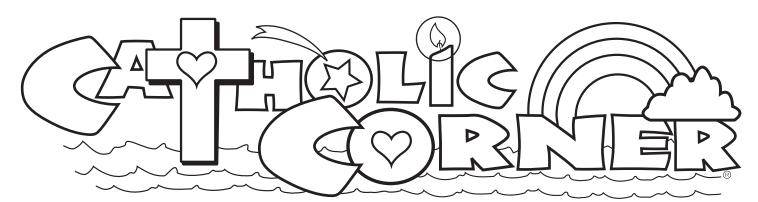


Matthew 26:26

While they were eating, Jesus took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and giving it to his disciples said, "Take and eat; this is my body."





## HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST

This Sunday, we will focus on an unusual addition to today's liturgy. On Palm Sunday the first reading we hear is one of two Gospels. The first (Matthew 21:1–11) tells the story of Jesus entering Jerusalem. In it we hear the people praising Jesus, crying out, "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; hosanna in the highest." We repeat those words at every Mass. Listen for them the next time you are at Mass.

The second Gospel, a very long reading (Matthew 26:14 — 27:66), tells the story of the Passion, that is, the suffering and death of Jesus. The same people who acclaimed Jesus in the first Gospel turned against him. Now instead of praising him they shouted, "Let him be crucified." Pilate listened to the people and ordered that Jesus be crucified. We remember that verdict in the first Station of the Cross: Jesus Is Condemned to Death.

One day during this Holy Week make a visit to church and find the first station. Take this paper with you and in the frame draw what you see in that station. Take some time to visit all the stations, thinking about how much Jesus loved us. Read the instructions below to see what people shouted as Jesus rode through the city of Jerusalem. It meant they adored him!

They even laid their coats down so Jesus would ride over them.

