When children and parents have faith discussions regularly, faith multiplies.



 Faith at Home

**Theme of the Sunday:**Palm Sunday – The Triumphant Entry of Jesus Christ in Jerusalem

**Verse of the Sunday:** The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, “Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!” When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, “Who is this?” The crowds were saying, “This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.”” Matthew 21:6-11

**Message/Moral of the day:** Just a few days after His triumphant entry in Jerusalem, Jesus was arrested, tried, and led to a hill called Golgotha to be crucified. The cheers that he had heard on Sunday now turned to jeers. Many of the people who just a few days before shouted "Glory to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord" were not steadfast in their beliefs and had now turned against him. They were now shouting "Crucify Him! Crucify Him! He is not our king. We have no king but the Emperor." They were even offered the choice of whether to free a criminal named Barabbas or to free Jesus. They chose to free Barabbas and crucify Jesus. Many of His once-faithful followers had forsaken him.

You and I have to make a choice. We can choose to be steadfast in our beliefs, follow Jesus and make him the King and Lord of our life, or we can choose to forsake him like the people who cried, "Crucify Him! He is not our king!" Will we be found steadfast in our faith?

**Faith at Home:**

* Talk with your child/ren about the many different religions and life philosophies surrounding us
* Discuss why it is important for us to remain Christians
* Discuss ways to stay steadfast in our beliefs
* Pray together

**Prayer & Worship:** Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, today we choose to make you King and Lord of our life. Help us to be strong, and to follow you, even when all others have forsaken you. Glory to the Son of David. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! Amen.

**Liturgical Calendar**:**Remembrance of the Ten Maidens** (Matthew 25:1-13) This parable from the Gospel, tells the story about the five foolish and the five wise virgins. The message exhorts us to be vigilant and prepared for the Coming of Our Lord Jesus Christ. On Holy Tuesday, during the Evening Service, ten young women approach the Holy Altar of the Church. Five of the girls have burning candles or oil lamps in their hands, symbolizing the wise maidens, and the other five have extinguished candles or unlit lamps in their hands, symbolizing the foolish maidens.

**Jesus Raises Lazarus to Life** (John 11:38-44) “Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. 39 Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, “Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days.” Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?” So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, “Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.” When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.”