

La Salette reflection for Palm Sunday (March 24, 2024) Written by the National La Salette Laity Board

Excited students were busy maneuvering their safety scissors, adding fringe to their green construction-paper boughs, ready to reenact Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem. The scene offers a reflection on Jesus' arrival on a donkey and being welcomed with palm branches - two distinctive acts with biblical context, as told in the prophecy of Zechariah 9:9 and the triumphant entry in Matthew 1:8.

Next, we announce the Passion of Our Lord. We are reminded of this final period before His death, yet we hold our palms as a symbol of victory, triumph, peace, and eternal life. With palms in hand and the guidance of today's readings, we look forward. The readings offer a glimpse at peace in the shadow of coming chaos.

How does Jesus provide peace to you when life offers chaos? Our Lady of La Salette encourages balance in her message of reconciliation, as she speaks of restoring prayer and modifying actions.

Paper palms...fresh fronds. Childhood reenactments...bible verses. Daily circumstances...larger concerns. Palm Sunday in anticipation of Good Friday.

God is with us in all these events. With palm branches in hand, we can focus our hearts and minds on God, shifting our attention to peace, joy, and hope amid the chaos and despair.