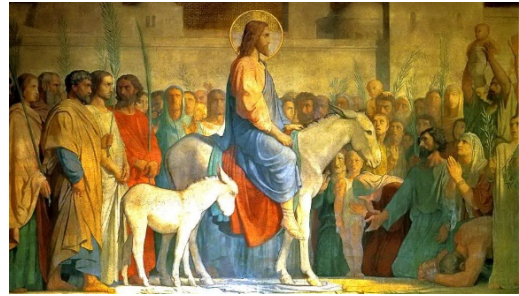


# Hosanna!

**Theme:** Obedience and Humility

**Chant:** To learn how to speak,  
To obey and to see God in all things  
Be silent, Be silent, Be silent



**Scripture:** Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be grasped. Rather, he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness; and found human in appearance, he humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. (Phil 2:6-9)

**Reflection:** Palm Sunday sounds festive but the heart of the celebration invites us to contemplate and understand the obedience and humility of Jesus. Saint Paul eloquently describes the humility and self-emptying of Christ in the above Scripture text. He set aside His own life as an act of total obedience to the will of the Father through the power of the Holy Spirit “This is God’s way, the way of humility. It is the way of Jesus; there is no other. And there can be no humility without humiliation. Following this path to the full, the Son of God took on the “form of a slave” In the end, humility also means service. It means making room for God by stripping oneself, “emptying oneself”, as Scripture says. This – the pouring out of oneself - is the greatest humiliation of all. (*Homily of Pope Francis 29/03/2015*)



For Jesus, obedience was to do the will of the Father and He was obedient unto death. “Our religious obedience commits us to listen attentively to God’s call as individuals and as members of the congregation. A particular understanding of obedience for us is our readiness to be sent. It challenges us to be open and responsive to the many ways God calls us throughout our lives...” Consti #27

**Prayer:** Almighty ever-loving God who as an example of humility for the human race to follow caused our Saviour to take on flesh and submit to the cross, graciously grant that we may heed his lesson of patient suffering and so merit a share in his Resurrection.

**Chant:** Silent, surrendered, calm and still,  
Open to the word of God, heart humbled to his will  
Offered is the Servant of God

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