

Hello Friends,

Sunday is a day of waving palm branches, getting excited about Jesus, and raising our voice together in singing and shouting "Hosannas." This Sunday we celebrate Jesus' entrance into



Jerusalem and the beginning of Holy Week. While normally Palm Sunday is filled with excitement and shouts, those feelings may seem thwarted because of everything happening with the virus. I want you to acknowledge those feelings, disappointments, and sadnesses. Acknowledge them and give them to God. There are many people sick and some are dying. This is a current reality while we practice 'social distancing.' Just as real as all of our current state of affairs is, even more so real is our God. The same God who choose to ride into Jerusalem on a donkey is also riding through this storm of COVID-19. So, you can shout Hosanna even during this storm because I don't want a stone crying our praises to God in my place! I look forward to worshiping God with you this Sunday at 10 am via Facebook Live or the conference call. Stay safe.

Peace and God's blessings.

*In Christ*

*Pastor Derrick*

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