

**Netherhall St James Collective
Worship
Tuesday 3rd of March 2026**

This term we are exploring the value of Love and friendship and how these values are part of the Easter story. In today's collective worship we will be learning about the importance of Palm Sunday for Christians.

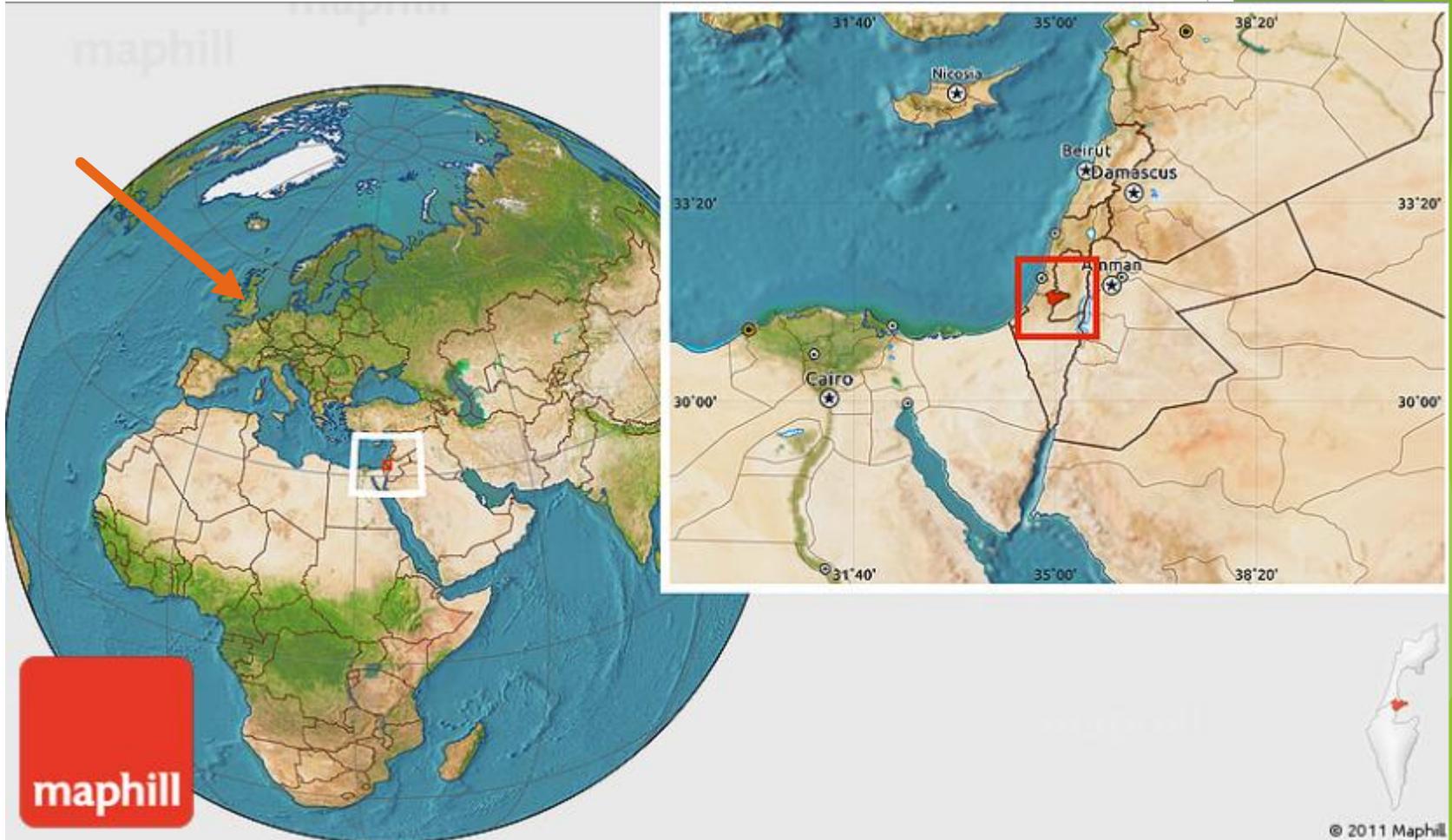
Before we begin let us gather together and light our special candle.

Leader: "Let us live our vision of."

Response: "Learning together in god's
Love."



Jesus lived a long time ago
in a country called Israel.



An illustration depicting the Palm Sunday event. Jesus, with long brown hair and a beard, wearing a white robe and a blue sash, sits atop a grey donkey. He is surrounded by a crowd of people. In the foreground, a woman with long brown hair, wearing a yellow and orange striped garment, looks towards Jesus. To the right, a woman with white hair, wearing a blue tunic, is kneeling and weaving palm fronds into a mat. Other people in various robes are visible in the background, some holding palm fronds. The scene is set in a town with tan buildings and a blue sky with white clouds. The background is decorated with green geometric shapes.

Palm Sunday

Matthew 21:1-17

The True King

Jesus and his followers went to Jerusalem for the Passover Feast. Jesus told two of his followers to bring him a donkey and told them where to find it. He also said, “Tell the people of Jerusalem your King is coming, he is gentle and riding on a donkey.”

The followers did as Jesus asked, they found and bought the animal to Jesus. They lay their cloaks on its back and Jesus sat on them and rode on the donkey.



“Tell the people of Jerusalem your King is coming, he is gentle and riding on a donkey.”

As Jesus rode the donkey towards Jerusalem, people cut branches from the palm trees and placed them and their cloaks on the ground in front of him.

They shouted, “Hosanna! Hosanna! Blessed is the King of Israel!”





When Jesus entered Jerusalem a large and excited crowd welcomed him and waved palm leaves. They shouted “Hosanna!” because they were so pleased to see him and believed his message. Jesus went to the Temple where he healed the blind and lame people.

The leaders in Jerusalem did not like Jesus. They saw how many people were following him and they were angry and jealous.



- † Jesus understood that this was part of God's plan and it would be his last trip into Jerusalem.
- † People laid down palms in front of him as a sign that they believed his message and that he was King.



Palm Sunday - 'Dan the Donkey' - BBC Teach



This is a lovely video to help us picture what it might have been like, told from the view of the donkey that carried Jesus.



Responding and quiet reflection

Why is Palm Sunday important to people who follow the Christian faith?

- † Palm Sunday marks the start of holy week for Christians. This is the week leading up to Easter, Jesus' last week on Earth.
- † Christians feel happy because they are praising Jesus but also sad because they know it was only one week later that Jesus died.
- † Traditionally, in churches on Palm Sunday, people are given a cross made from a single palm leaf.



Sending: As we leave our collective worship “We go into the world to walk in God’s light, to rejoice in his love. Amen.”



