A Joyful Hosanna





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Prayer:

King of kings, you are welcome here! As children welcomed you by singing and laying palm branches on the road long ago, may our song today praise you - our Lord, the One who saves! Amen.

Devotional Activity:

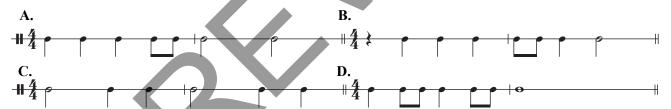
On Palm Sunday, one important word is spoken and sung: *Hosanna!* This word means: *save us!* It's a word filled with hope, with joy, with praise, and with expectation. When people heard that Jesus was coming into Jerusalem, his followers gathered in big crowds to see him. They used what they had - palm branches from nearby trees and their own coats - to honor Jesus as he made the journey into town. What are some ways you can honor Jesus today through your thoughts, words, and actions?

Vocabulary:

mf	mezzo forte	medium loud
f	forte	loud
ff	fortissimo	very loud
rit.	ritardando	to gradually slow down
	crescendo	to gradually get louder
	diminuendo	to gradually get softer

Preparation Exercises:

Speak or clap the four rhythm patterns below, either echoing the director or sight-reading together. Select a person to demonstrate one of the rhythms, and see if others can match it to the correct letter below.



Can you find all four rhythms in your singer's score?

Circle the **skips** in this melody example. Connect **steps** with a straight line. Add a **sharp sign** (#) to the left of each F on the staff. Now sing the melody together.



Rehearsal Tips:

- Identify the repeat signs in your score. (If singers have their own copy, circle/highlight the repeat signs.) Talk about the road map: Refrain 1 Verse 1 Refrain 1 Verse 2 Refrain 2 BOTH Refrains Tag
- Create a lovely, open *ah* vowel when you sing the word *hosanna*. Be sure to prepare tall mouth space during your inhale. How many times do we sing the word *hosanna* in this song?

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