

# Holy Holy

In the story of the ten lepers Jesus comments that only one has come back "to thank God". In this prayer at the end of the Preface, we now do just that.

There is another slight change here, however, in the first line, when we say: "**Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts**". This does not refer to the communion hosts! Rather, it means that God is Lord of a whole 'host' of people on earth as well as the 'hosts' of angels in heaven. At this part of the Mass we join together in love, worship and praise of God and we remember that we are united to the living and the dead around the altar.

The words of the second part of the prayer are taken from the story of Jesus entering Jerusalem before his Passion when the people greeted him on Palm Sunday.



**You may wish to read the story with your children from the Gospel of Mark**

*"Many people had lined the road to greet Jesus. They spread their cloaks on the road before him and waved palm branches in the air, as they shouted with joy, 'Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!'"*

We have palm crosses on Palm Sunday to remind us of this.

Perhaps your family could then pray all the words together as part of bedtime prayers.