Palm Sunday

Tradition: Christianity
March 28, 2021

Palm Sunday is celebrated on the Sunday before Easter. It remembers the day when Jesus entered Jerusalem and was greeted with much celebration.

In many services, the congregation waves palm branches in remembrance of Jesus’s entry.

Many churches perform a solemn reading of the Passion Narrative from the New Testament.

What’s on the menu?
Some Christians (particularly Eastern) fast during this season. Many Christians enjoy large family meals.

What is the mood of this holiday?
(we realize that holidays are multilayered and complex; we are simply checking off a few moods to give people a tiny sense of the overall tone of the day)

- Celebratory
- Mournful
- Fun
- Reflective
- Serious

Greet your neighbor!
There is no standard greeting for this holiday.

Student accommodations might include:
This holiday typically will not require accommodations, but ask your students to make sure.

Work-Restricted?
Work restrictions are not typical for this holiday.

Campus Climate Considerations, some celebrating the holiday are...

- fasting
- traveling
- managing family expectations/obligations
- busy with holiday preparations/rituals

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