

PALM SUNDAY



Glory, praise and
honor! Shout
Hosanna!
Become
like the Hebrew children
as the Redeemer passes
by!

APRIL 14th, 2019

On this day, the Church remembers the entrance of Christ, the Lord, into Jerusalem, to consummate his paschal mystery. An entry made with simplicity, as a humble king, peaceful and meek, mounted on a donkey, a sign of humility and meekness. On Palm Sunday we begin the journey towards the Passion of Christ, the path that leads us to the encounter with Jesus, so that He will always accompany us and may establish his peace in the world.

"Jesus enters Jerusalem. The liturgy invites us to share in the joy and celebration of the people who cry out in praise of their Lord; a joy that will fade and leaves a bitter and sorrowful taste by the end of the account of the Passion. This celebration seems to combine stories of joy and suffering, mistakes and successes, which are part of our daily lives as disciples. It somehow expresses the contradictory feelings that we too, the men and women of today, experience: the capacity for great love... but also for great hatred; the capacity for courageous self-sacrifice, but also the ability to "wash our hands" at the right moment; the capacity for loyalty, but also for great abandonment and betrayal.

We also see clearly throughout the Gospel account that the joy Jesus awakens is, for some, a source of anger and irritation.

Jesus enters the city surrounded by his people and by a cacophony of singing and shouting. We can imagine that amid the outcry we hear, all at the same time, the voice of the forgiven son, the healed leper, or the bleating of the lost sheep. Then too, the song of the publican and the unclean man; the cry of those living on the edges of the city. And the cry of those men and women who had followed Jesus because they felt his compassion for their pain and misery... That outcry is the song and the spontaneous joy of all those left behind and overlooked, who, having been touched by Jesus, can now shout: "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord". How could they not praise the one who had restored their dignity and hope? Theirs is the joy of so many forgiven sinners who are able to trust and hope once again..."

(Pope Francis, March 25th, 2018)

Luke 19: 28-40

"To abandon myself without reserve into the hands of our Lord ... The greatest work I can do for my God is this: to give myself completely to His holy will without putting even the slightest hindrance in His way."

(St. Raphaela Mary, S.E. May, 1893)



With the desire for all to have the grace of a contemplative gaze.

A big hug,

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