

Hello,

Mass on Palm Sunday actually includes two Gospel readings. The first (which I included below with reflection questions) is read at the beginning of Mass, before the entrance procession, so that the entrance procession can be tied to Jesus' entrance procession into Jerusalem. The Gospel read at the normal time is the Passion Narrative, usually read in four parts (that is printed entirely in the bulletin). How quickly earthly triumph turns into defeat. But eternal triumph over death lasts forever, and Easter is that lasting triumph.

A note for the Gospel below: "Hosanna" translates roughly as "Save us, Lord."

Love,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Fr. Hans".

Fr. Hans

March 28th – Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Mark 11:1–10

When Jesus and his disciples drew near to Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany at the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the village opposite you, and immediately on entering it, you will find a colt tethered on which no one has ever sat. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone should say to you, 'Why are you doing this?' reply, 'The Master has need of it and will send it back here at once.'"

So they went off and found a colt tethered at a gate outside on the street, and they untied it. Some of the bystanders said to them, “What are you doing, untying the colt?”

They answered them just as Jesus had told them to, and they permitted them to do it. So they brought the colt to Jesus and put their cloaks over it. And he sat on it.

Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut from the fields. Those preceding him as well as those following kept crying out:

“Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is to come! Hosanna in the highest!”.

Questions for Reflection:

- Do I always understand Jesus’ instructions?
- Do I question what Jesus is doing?
- Do I actively honor the road Jesus travels in my life?
- Do I cry out to Jesus: “Hosanna”, “save us Lord”?