



April 05 2020 Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

At The Procession With Palms - Gospel 35 YEAR A MT 21:1-11

When Jesus and the disciples drew near Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village opposite you, and immediately you will find an ass tethered, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them here to me. And if anyone should say anything to you, reply, 'The master has need of them.' Then he will send them at once." This happened so that what had been spoken through the prophet might be fulfilled: *Say to daughter Zion, "Behold, your king comes to you, meek and riding on an ass, and on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden."* The disciples went and did as Jesus had ordered them. They brought the ass and the colt and laid their cloaks over them, and he sat upon them. The very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and strewed them on the road. The crowds preceding him and those following kept crying out and saying: "Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is the he who comes in the name of the Lord; hosanna in the highest." And when he entered Jerusalem the whole city was shaken and asked, "Who is this?" And the crowds replied, "This is Jesus the prophet, from Nazareth in Galilee."

Spiritual Reflection: No pain, no palm; no thorns, no throne; no gall, no glory; no cross, no crown. – William Penn

Spiritual Questions

1. What part of the Passion narrative touches me the most?
2. What part of Holy Week engages me the most?
3. Do I see Holy Week as transformative?
4. Will the celebration of this week energize me? Why or Why not?
5. Why did Jesus ride into Jerusalem in a "meek" manner?