

Palm Sunday

April 13, 2025

TODAY'S MESSAGE

"Before the Stones Cry Out!"

Scripture: St. Luke 19:29-40
(New Revised Standard Version)

29 When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, **30** saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. **31** If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.' " **32** So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. **33** As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" **34** They said, "The Lord needs it." **35** Then they brought it to Jesus, and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. **36** As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. **37** Now as he was approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, **38** saying,

**"Blessed is the king
who comes in the name of the Lord!**

**Peace in heaven,
and glory in the highest heaven!"**

39 Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." **40** He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

Sermon Notes

Palm Sunday is something of a paradox. This inaugural event of Holy Week is bittersweet. We break through the shadows of Lent with loud hosannas only to see a cross standing on a hill far away. Yet, on this day Jesus calls for extravagant celebration! What sort of celebration does he have in mind?

A Celebration of _____.

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