

## **Reflection for Palm Sunday**

We have spent a Lenten Season preparing for this moment and this week and now it has arrived. This Sunday is Palm Sunday, Passion Sunday, and with this celebration we enter into the most holy and sacred week of the year. A week that we have spent a Lenten Season preparing for has arrived. I am sure most of us would have pictured celebrating Palm Sunday in a very different way than we are this year or last year.

This Palm Sunday may we be able to follow the example of our ancestors in faith. On this Sunday we embrace the Triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem where the crowds cried out *Hosanna in the highest. Blessed are you who have come to us so rich in love and mercy.* We also embrace the Last Supper, the institution of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Our Gospel reading ends with Jesus calling out from the cross on Golgotha *Eli, Eli, lema sabachhthani, which means My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?* Jesus gave His life for our salvation and the forgiveness of sins. In His journey in this world He experienced extreme highs and extreme lows. What Jesus went through in this world was not for Himself, but for you and me.

The events of Palm Sunday that we celebrate are filled with extreme highs and extreme lows. This Sunday prepares us for the rest of the events of Holy Week climaxing with the celebration of the Paschal Triduum, Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday. Today and this week is filled with extremes, but at the end of the celebration, the end of the day and the end of the week we are reminded and can recall the profound and complete love that God has for us. In closing I wish you and your family a peaceful and prayerful Holy Week. May this Palm Sunday, even in this challenging time, remind us that God is with His people.

## **Prayer for the Virtual Fish Fry**

Dear Lord, we as a people have been on a Lenten journey, and today we find ourselves in the final days of the journey. On this Good Friday, the day that our savior gave His life for our salvation may we with heads bowed low and hearts full of gratitude reflect on the profound love that our dear Lord Jesus has for each one of us. He gave his life for our salvation, dying of the wood of the cross for the sins of the whole world. Loving Lord bless the food we eat this holy day and bless each one of us. Amen.