

**April 13<sup>th</sup> 2025 Palm Sunday – Year C – Luke 19:28-40**

<sup>19-28</sup>After he had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.  
<sup>29</sup>When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples,<sup>30</sup>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. <sup>31</sup>If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ just say this, ‘The Lord needs it.’” <sup>32</sup>So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. <sup>33</sup>As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, “Why are you untying the colt?” <sup>34</sup>They said, “The Lord needs it.” <sup>35</sup>Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. <sup>36</sup>As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. <sup>37</sup>As he was now 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, <sup>38</sup>saying, “Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!” <sup>39</sup>Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, order your disciples to stop.”<sup>40</sup>He answered, “I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.”

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>Read and re-read</b> – out loud and slowly the Gospel.</li> <li>➤ <b>Meditate</b> - on reading as being spoken to you, an experience in your life.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>Pray</b> - Thanksgiving – Repentance – Petition.</li> <li>➤ <b>Action</b> – Attitude (Call to change / to act /to do).</li> </ul>
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In this week’s gospel see the disciples entering Jerusalem alongside Jesus. They help Jesus on to the colt. They are moved to excitement shouting for joy and praising God for all the miracles they have seen. Some Pharisees in the crowd told him to check his disciples but he answered them “I tell you if these keep silent the stones will cry out.”

When were the times in our lives when we like Jesus have entered into a confrontation when trying to speak the truth? Who were the people who helped us to have the inner freedom of Jesus to go ahead with courage as we travel our road to truth and justice for all?

**Prayer:**

**Lord thank you** for the wonderful moments of grace in our lives when we placed all our trust in you and everything fell into place.

**Forgive us Lord** for the times when we were not true to our convictions because we did not want to cause conflict or for fear of rejection

**Help us Lord** to be humble and forgiving as we prepare for Easter. Let us celebrate our journey with Pope Francis and together bring hope and life to all people by centering our lives in Jesus.