

Holy Monday

Today it begins. The events of Holy Week are now upon us. Join us in our daily Holy Week devotions each day leading up to Easter Sunday. The story of Jesus entering the city of Jerusalem was one of hope and joy—hope in the coming of the King; joy in celebrating, finally, the arrival of the Messiah.

READ: Matthew 21:1-9

REFLECT: This was a great moment for Jesus, his disciples, and his many followers. When we read about the reception he received as he came into the city, it's almost impossible to fathom what will happen at the end of the week. The disciples told Jesus not to go to Jerusalem, that there were people there who wanted him dead. He went anyway. He went to inspire; he went to spread hope; he went to incite joy. He went because he loved his people. What about Jesus gives you joy? Love? Hope? In what ways does Jesus inspire you to spread hope, incite joy, and show love?

PRAY: God, we lift these branches to you, "Hosanna in the Highest!" to the Prince of Peace who went to Jerusalem, not to fight people, but to love them, and to give away his life for them, and us. Help us, God, to follow Jesus in his way of love and peace. Amen.