

## **Bulletin Information: Palm Sunday – Year B**

### ***Call to Worship***

*Based on Psalm 118:1-2; 19-29*

One: We thank you, God, for your goodness!  
Your love is everlasting!

**Many: Let all the people say it together:  
“Your love is everlasting!”**

One: Open the gates of justice for us;  
Let us come in and thank you, God.

**Many: This is the gate of God  
and all who strive for righteousness can enter!**

One: Thank you for hearing us, God,  
and for saving us.

**Many: It was the stone which the builders rejected  
which has become the cornerstone.**

One: This transformation is God's doing,  
and it is wonderful to see.

**Many: This is the day that God has made,  
let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

One: Please, God, please save us!  
Please, God, grant us comfort and well-being now!

**Many: Blessings on the one who comes in the name of our God  
We bless you from the house of God.**

One: God is enlightening us.  
Join the festal procession!  
With palm fronds in hand, celebrate God's goodness.

**Many: You are our God, and we thank you;  
You are our God, and we worship you.  
Thank you for your goodness!  
Your love is everlasting!**

### ***First Reading: Mark 11:1-11***

As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage and Bethany at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent off two of the disciples with this instruction: “Go to the village straight ahead of you, and as soon as you enter it you will find tethered there a colt on which no one has ridden. Untie it and bring it back. If anyone says to you, ‘Why are you doing that?’ say, ‘The Rabbi needs it, but will send it back very soon.’”

So they went off, and finding a colt tethered out on the street near a gate, they untied it. Some of the bystanders said to them, "What do you mean by untying that colt?" They answered as Jesus had told them to, and the people let them take it.

They brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks across its back, and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, while others spread leafy branches which they had cut from the fields. And everyone around Jesus in front or in back of him, cried out,

"Hosanna!

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of our God!

Blessed is the coming reign of our ancestor David!

Hosanna in the highest!"

Jesus entered Jerusalem and went into the Temple precincts. He inspected everything there, but since it was already late in the afternoon, he went out to Bethany accompanied by the Twelve.

***Second Reading:***  
***burned house***

*From Margaret Atwood in "The Moment" from morning in the*

The moment when, after many years  
of hard work and a long voyage  
you stand in the centre of your room,  
house, half-acre, square mile, island, country,  
knowing at last how you got there,  
and say, *I own this,*

is the same moment when the trees unloose  
their soft arms from around you,  
the birds take back their language,  
the cliffs fissure and collapse,  
the air moves back from you like a wave  
and you can't breathe.

No, they whisper. *You own nothing.*  
*You were a visitor, time after time*  
*climbing the hill, planting the flag, proclaiming.*  
*We never belonged to you.*  
*You never found us.*  
*It was always the other way round.*

***Reflection:***

***"(En)-Lightening Up by Donating Your Donkey" Rev. Dr. Kharma Amos***