

**PALM SUNDAY  
YEAR C**

**GOSPEL: LK. 19:30, 35-38**

*They spread their cloaks...*

*“Go into the village opposite you, and as you enter it you will find a tethered colt that no one has ever yet ridden. Untie it and bring it here.” They took the colt to Jesus and, throwing their cloaks on its back, lifted him onto it. As he rode along, the people spread their cloaks on the road. Approaching the Mount of Olives, the whole group of his disciples began to praise God aloud for all the mighty deeds they had seen. They cried out: “Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heaven!”*

*Today the Lord*

enters the city that will crucify him: a fickle city that first cheers and then condemns him. Today he enters riding a donkey, like King David when taking possession of Jerusalem. The Son of David is the King who enters the city to take possession of a kingdom whose throne is the cross. Today, extremes meet: in the reading of the Passion, the hosannas of the crowd soon give way to cries of “Crucify him!” Today the King is extolled and then mocked. Today we begin the holy days in which we are confronted with the paradoxes and contradictions of the human heart, where the Lord wants to reign as King but also where, after welcoming him, we follow in the footsteps of Peter and deny him.

*For today,  
Lord,  
just for today,  
I beg you  
to let my heart  
truly honor you  
as King.*