

Where there is Defensiveness, let me sow Harmony

PALM SUNDAY

FAST FROM DEFENSIVENESS-FEAST ON HARMONY

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Lift up your gates, O Jerusalem and let in the King of Glory!

Jerusalem, once the city with a heart of gold, on this day celebrates and raises its gates to a King – a king like this?

Not like David and his son Solomon? No, but an itinerant preacher riding simply on a donkey with so many crowding around Him with palms and loudly rejoicing in song!

They know and love this King always in harmony with His Father. They know the stories: of eyes that beheld Him as His touch and spittle enabled the blind man to see – of the soft and strong touch of His hand as He raised the young girl from her bed – of Him being delighted to dine with Matthew and Zacchaeus who cheated their own people – of the woman who was so changed by her conversation with Him that she left her water jar at the well and hurried to tell everyone in Samaria about Him – and more wonderful stories on and on.

Jesus never said: "I am too tired and thirsty in the heat of this day"

"Why disturb my sleep? Have faith even if I am not awake."

"Why do you not treat others fairly?"

There was no defensiveness even when they condemned this INNOCENCE!

They heard and saw who He was. Indeed this is the moment to give this King praise!

I think of my Holy Founder Saint Louis Marie de Montfort who knew and loved Christ and was conscious of His Presence through his life as he gave himself to the poor of France.

When his many followers helped him built his Calvary, and he was told to take it down, there was no defensiveness. No need! He knew that Jesus to whom he gave himself completely would always be with him, and there was harmony.

Palm Sunday is the day to rejoice. Let us be close to Our King in the days to follow!

Hosanna in the highest!!