

**1st reading**      **Mt 21:1-11**

**Jesus' Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem**

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, 'Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, "The Lord needs them." And he will send them immediately.' This took place to fulfil what had been spoken through the prophet, saying,

'Tell the daughter of Zion,  
Look, your king is coming to you,  
humble, and mounted on a donkey,  
and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.'

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

'Hosanna to the Son of David!  
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!  
Hosanna in the highest heaven!'

When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, 'Who is this?' The crowds were saying, 'This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.'

**2nd Reading**      **Ps 118:1 - 2; 19 - 29**

**A Song of Victory**

<sup>1</sup> O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;  
his steadfast love endures for ever!

<sup>2</sup> Let Israel say,  
'His steadfast love endures for ever.'

<sup>19</sup> Open to me the gates of righteousness,  
that I may enter through them  
and give thanks to the Lord.

- 20 This is the gate of the Lord;  
the righteous shall enter through it.
- 21 I thank you that you have answered me  
and have become my salvation.
- 22 The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the chief cornerstone.
- 23 This is the Lord's doing;  
it is marvellous in our eyes.
- 24 This is the day that the Lord has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad in it.
- 25 Save us, we beseech you, O Lord!  
O Lord, we beseech you, give us success!
- 26 Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.  
We bless you from the house of the Lord.
- 27 The Lord is God,  
and he has given us light.  
Bind the festal procession with branches,  
up to the horns of the altar.
- 28 You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;  
you are my God, I will extol you.
- 29 O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,  
for his steadfast love endures for ever.