

Before we read, we pray together:

God our Father, source of all light, you have sent your Son into the world, to reveal yourself to all your children. Send your Spirit upon us now, that we may meet Jesus in the Word that comes from you. May we come to know him, may we come to love him more deeply and so be drawn closer to the happiness of your Kingdom. Amen.

Mark 11:1-10

When they drew near to Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples, and said to them, "Go into the village opposite you, and immediately as you enter it you will find a colt tied, on which no one has yet sat; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' say, 'The Lord has need of it and will send it back here immediately.'" And they went away, and found a colt tied near a door outside on the street; and they untied it. And some of those who were standing there said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" And they told them what Jesus had said; and they let them go. And they brought the colt to Jesus, and threw their garments on it; and he sat upon it. And many spread their garments on the road, and others spread leafy branches which they had cut from the fields. And those who went before and those who followed cried out,

"Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David! Hosanna in the highest!"

HEARING ~ *Speak Lord, your servants are listening!*

You have the words of eternal life!

Read the text 2-3 times. Reflect and share on some of the following:

1. What words or phrases in this passage do you like? What strikes a chord with you?
2. What does Jesus ask of his disciples in this passage?
3. What puzzles you in this text?



HAPPENING ~ *Speak Lord, your servants are listening!*

Make your word alive for us today!

We read the passage again and reflect on some of the following:

1. "When they drew near to Jerusalem..." Jesus draws near; where do we see the closeness of the Lord in our world, in our lives today?
2. "If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?...' How do you respond when people ask you about your motivation? Are you free to give the real reason for what you do?"
3. "And those who went before and those who followed cried out..." Who is crying out for the coming of the Kingdom in our world today? What do we cry out for in our own lives today?
4. "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" Who are those who come in the Lord's name? Who are the blessed ones?

