

Prayer for Palm Sunday

God of the cross, tottering down the streets of Jerusalem on a donkey,
You are not the savior we expect.
Your power doesn't look like the power we want our God to have.
Your wisdom makes no sense to us.

We are happy to join the crowd, waving branches,
but not so sure we want to follow you through this Holy Week:
into the temple courts
into the upper room
into the Garden of Gethsemane
to the high priest's house,
to the assembly of elders,
to Pilate,
to Herod,
to the place of The Skull,
to the foot of the cross.

We need you to go with us on this journey.
Grant us clear vision,
Courageous hearts,
Persistent steps.

Even though we know what this week will bring, we sing:
Hosanna, hosanna.
Save us, we beseech you! Amen.

~ written by Joanna Harader and posted on **Spacious Faith**.

Palm Sunday Parade

(inspired by the events in Matthew 21:1-11, Mark 11:1-11;
Luke 19:29-44; John 12:12-19)

silence
it is a strange thing at the end of a parade
silence

the echo of mayhem
the quietening murmurs of the small rebel crowd
now stealing into the shadows of alleyways
with whispered questions
of 'what just happened?'
gather in a hush of silence

with the hope the stones no longer remain quiet
now that the hosannas have been stolen

something happened here
but no one can name it
and belief doesn't dare name at what might have begun
a messiah arrived
but the kingdom did not
palm branches
and cloaks
were strewn in mock adulation
but heaven remains silent

faith tells us we must we wait longer
a different voice is coming
and another moment
to name love

and crush this ache
and break this ironic silence
with the sound of death
and the shutting of a tomb

~ written by Roddy Hamilton, and posted on **Mucky Paws**.

Prayer at the Start of Holy Week

Holy God,
you have fed us all
out of your own generous and gracious hands.
From them, we have received welcome,
nourishment, hope, and consolation.

May these things grow in us,
alongside the gift of faith,
so that we may plant their seeds
in the world around us.

Through the Holy Spirit,
guide us in the week [days] ahead
to re-member our place
in your great and on-going story
of resurrection, redemption, and restoration
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

~ written by lutheranjulia, and posted on RevGalBlogPals.