



PALM SUNDAY – MARCH 29, 2026

Matthew 21:1-11

Isaiah 50:4-7 Philippians 2:6-11 Matthew 26:14 – 27:66

I do not do a homily on Palm Sunday as the Lord's actions speak louder than any words I can offer.

But to introduce Holy Week for us, I would like to read a reflection by Alice Camille (*A Time of Grace and Peace*, 23rd Publications, 2026, p. 46)

Truth Requires a Listening Heart

The readings during Holy Week are unusually long. We hear the same story over and over from different perspectives and are even called upon to participate in the dialogue. So many people talking, yet so little heard or understood. The disciples ask questions, as do the high priest, King Herod, Pontius Pilate. The crowds do their shouting. It seems everyone has something to say, but no one's really listening.

This Lent we've tried to pay earnest attention to a few conversations going on within and around us. Our culture brims with words in media, on billboards, the endless chatter that is so distracting and confusing it tempts us to tune out completely. It's overwhelming to stand before the onslaught of information that seems to come with an unspoken question: Are you buying what we're selling? Do you believe our version of what's true and good?

Meanwhile, Jesus stands before the powers of this world and declares plainly that he alone is truth. In every hour, we make a choice about which voice has our attention.