

## **FR.TK.REFLECTIONS PALM SUNDAY YEAR-B.2024.**

### **THE ENTRANCE AND THE PEACEFUL DEMONSTRATION.**

In many countries in the world who professes Democracy,they have a Bill of rights in their constitution on the freedom of assembly whereby the citizens **can meet in groups,talk or even protest** over something affecting the country and express their dissatisfaction.

This has been witnessed in last year in Kenya where the opposition and big number of the citizen have been protesting against the ruling government due to escalating cost of life,no food,high cost of fuel and no jobs available.People have been taking to the streets without control and even destroying properties,hoping the issues will be addressed.

Today **Palm Sunday**,we begin a very great week in the history of our salvation.we see the **entry of our Lord Jesus Christ into the city of Jerusalem**.we had five weeks in preparation of this great Holy Week **which** start today till Easter vigil.We have been preparing being directed by the great pillars of this season **prayer,fasting and almsgiving**.Great time for self search and see our relationship with God,ourselves and others.How did you prepare yourself for those weeks!

In our short gospel of the entry to Jerusalem,we see Jesus sending two of his **unnamed disciples** to go ahead and prepare for this triumph entry.They did as per instruction,people already had gathered and as Jesus sat at the cot which already the people had put their clothes and spread others and palm branches as he entered the city.(Mk.11:1-10).This is equivalent to **red carpet for a dignitary**.They waved their branches as they sang,**Hossanna(save**

**now) blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.** He caused a lot of commotion and panic especially among the religious and political leaders. This was considered an illegal demonstration and the leader must be arrested and condemned and this is precisely what happened. The crowd had turned the Lord's entrance a jubilant occasion as opposed to his **humble and peaceful entry.** They saw this entry as the era of their salvation with Jesus as their King. He was very well aware of their intention and he knew soon they will turn against him and **as they will soon yell crucify him, crucify him** hence facing **Painful passion and death.** Knowing what awaits him in Jerusalem, he **courageously and with confidence entered to do his fathers will to save the world.**

How have you prepared for the coming of our Lord in your heart, might you be those **two unnamed disciples,** might you be the **Jewish religious leaders, Roman rulers or the crowd** where are **you** How do you prepare yourself for him **for Mass and Eucharist.**