

FR.TK.REFLECTIONS PALM SUNDAY YEAR-C.2025

THE ENTRANCE AND THE PEACEFUL DEMONSTRATION.

In many countries of 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. They are supposed to do it in peaceful manner without destroying property or causing chaos but this doesn't happen in many parts.

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

Too whenever a big person president,government official political leader,Bishop visits places in rural area,everything comes to a standstill, with a lot preparations,planting Banana trunks,carpets and flowers and dancing songs in support of such celebrity and welcoming such a personality.

Today **Palm Sunday,we** are witnessing such Experience of entry into Jerusalem by greatest personality of our salvation,in person of our Lord Jesus Christ.He didn't enter as a **superstar with lights flashing,Taxes cowboy on a horse back,ora chopper like Kenyan politician or pull up in big limousine car,he entered in a very simple,humble manner of humility riding on a donkey.**

Inspite of his humility,his followers and the people of Jerusalem caused a lot of commotion.They threw their clothes on the streets and waving palms and singing to welcome this great man messiah whom they expected to be their political leader to lead them from bondage of the Romans.Jesus acknowledged their gesture and rebuked the Pharisees who wanted them to be silent.**I tell you if they remain silent,the stones will cry out.**

The church has given us this period to prepare for our salvation and given us direction of **prayer,fasting and ALMSGIVING** how have **you personally prepared?** How do you prepare for Mass and sacrament to welcome Christ in your heart on daily basis,are you like the **crowd welcoming him and kicking him away from your heart by sin?**Do we behave like the crowd by singing hosanna on Sundays and other days crucify him.Do we betray him like Judas deny him like Peter or take off like the rest of apostles in the hour of defending our faith?This is all we should ask ourselves as we begin this **Holy Week.**inspite of all these challenges Jesus entered into his suffering with **courage,determination,confidence and love for humanity.what are you going to offer for Christ for this great sacrifice.**

We all have a Jesrusalem ahead of us in one way or another,**illness ,challenges,problems,life style,uncertainty,conflicts in families in places of work** all these cause anxieties in our lives we are not alone Jesus is **with us and he will be there for us always.let's accompany him this Holy Week.**

