

March 28, 2021 Palm Sunday

When In Doubt, Dance

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Preaching

First Reading ~ *Psalm 118:1-4*

I thank you, YHWH, for your goodness!
Your love is everlasting!
Let Israel say it:
"Your love is everlasting!"
Let the House of Aaron say it:
"Your love is everlasting!"
Let those who revere YHWH say it:
"Your love is everlasting!"

Second Reading ~ *John 12:12-16*

The next day, the great crowd that had come for the Passover feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, so they got palm branches and went out to meet him.

They shouted joyfully,

"Hosanna! Blessed is the One who comes in the name of our God--
the ruler of Israel!"

Jesus rode in sitting upon a donkey, in accord with scripture:

"Fear not, O people of Zion!
Your ruler comes to you
sitting on a donkey's colt."

At the time, the disciples didn't understand all this, but after Jesus was glorified they recalled that the people had done to him precisely what was written about him.

Third Reading ~ *from Thomas Merton in "New Seeds of Contemplation"*

What is serious to people is often very trivial in the sight of God. What in God might appear to us as "play" is perhaps what God takes most seriously.
At any rate God plays and diverts God's self in the garden of creation, and if we could let go of our own obsession with what we think is the meaning of it all, we might be able to hear God's call and follow God in God's mysterious, cosmic dance.