

## **The Donkey...The Palms**

**Today Jesus enters Jerusalem in triumph and Glory, but also in peace.**

### **The Donkey:**

**The symbolism of the donkey may refer to the Eastern tradition that it is an animal of peace in contrast to the prancing horse always ridden by conquerors.**

### **The Palms**

**In ancient times the palm branches symbolized**

**goodness and victory. They were often depicted on coins and important buildings. Solomon had palm branches carved into the walls and doors of the temple.**

**In the book of Revelation, the Saved will have palm branches in hand.**

**The Abyssinian Jackass is the bearer of a distinctive cross on its back. We once had one at St. James Parish on Palm Sunday. The Deacon was heard to remark: "It was quite a spectacle: the Pastor dragging his Ass across the Parking Lot!"**

**Thus a lighter note for a Sunday that once brought smiles to the people witnessing Christ's entry into Jerusalem.**

**Darker days will follow.**

**Holy Week offers each of us the opportunity to meditate on the meaning of the Cross in our lives, and so we pray:**

**We adore thee O Christ**

**and we bless thee,**

**because by thy Holy Cross, thou has saved the world.**

**Amen**

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