

**We are like the Hebrew people on their journey,,,**

**We all are in aÂ DESERT-ED place. We can grumble aS they did, or look up and see the Seraph Serpent, the symbol of ultimate healing.**

## **The Donkey**

**The little burro is center stage at the Christmas Crib, and today on Palm Sunday.**

**Jesus didn'tÂ enter Jerusalem on a prancing stallion, but rather on the back of a humble donkey.**

**Paul Messinger has a story about such an animal.**

**It was raining cats and dogs, when the rancher looked out his window at a strange sight. His one donkey, instead of going into the barn, stood outside forlornly in the rain.**

**He took his fieldÂ glass, and saw something beneath the animal, but could not make out what.Â it was.**

**So he put on his slicker and went out to investigate and when he reached the**

**burro, beneath it was a new born lamb which the donkey was shielding from the storm!**

**True Story!**

**Another: When I was pastor at St. James, we secured an Abyssinian Jack Ass to walk in the Palm Sunday procession by my side.**

**The Deacon was heard to remark: "It was great to see the Pastor dragging his Ass across the parking lot!"**

**These are difficult days, We need to smile even during Holy Week.**

**P.S. The Abyssinian Jackass has a black cross running down his back.**

**And so we pray:**

**O God pour down your blessings upon those who shield us from this pandemic, first responders, health care workers, grocery clerks and all who serve.**

**Amen**

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