

TRINITY NEWS

Palm Sunday Eternal Moments Camouflaged as History

We observe an erect torso on a beast of burden, feet encased in sandals almost touching the ground. We hear the dull metallic clack of hoofs on stones. Bystanders are trying to form a patchwork carpet of palm branches and leaves and cloaks on the track. The rider passes. Hosannas! Procession unfolding, revealing hidden agendas, futile hopes and hostilities buried deep. Rippling fears surge, unstoppable movement changing the spiritual landscape, lifting up obscured hopes. “Nothing can be hidden ultimately. It is always reflected in the mirror in which nothing can be concealed” (Paul Tillich). Every procession has a beginning and a destination. It is like stepping out in a dance: committed! Processions make public statements, declaring that what is passing is unrepeatable. “Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!”

All our processions on Palm Sunday are repetitions of themselves, not the procession into Jerusalem. Christ is not riding in the procession. We look in vain for his figure amidst the Hosannas. Now he stands and watches with us in the crowd. The procession passes. It is no longer his procession, it is ours. **We cannot repeat the past, we can only seek to recapture its lasting content.**

The first procession ended at the Temple. Christ went in, looked around and left. He was waiting for the moment that the procession had created. It would be his moment. That moment will be a procession to Calvary. It will become an eternal moment as he himself bears a heavy wooden burden that will be part of his Cross. This moment is eternal because the Cross never goes away. It connects heaven and earth, a connection like the breath of the Spirit breathing life into original beginnings. The eternal moment always follows directed motion and it brings stillness, like a rainbow in the sky hushing falling rain.

We run down the road after him like a child chasing a ball, but he walks behind us and before us and then he is beside us, looking at us like he did at the crowds on the first day of the Palms. That gaze makes pretensions flee, and softness steals on the heart. Come, let us join in the procession and enter its onrush of renewed hope. “Never ask whether you can do something. Say instead that are doing it. Then fasten your seatbelt” (Julia Cameron).

On pilgrimage
Bishop Arthur Jones

HOLY WEEK 2012

Apr 2-4.

Holy Monday-Holy Wednesday

7:00pm Eucharist

Apr 5. Maundy Thursday

7:00pm Eucharist with Washing
of the Feet

Apr 6. Good Friday

11:00am Stations of the Cross

12noon Liturgy of Good Friday

Apr 8. Easter Sunday

7:30am & 9:30am Eucharist

REMINDER:

Memorial Service for
Peter Heath,
tomorrow, Monday (2nd April)
11:00am.