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Palm Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April



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And what about today? Are we inspired in any way by those crowds? Are we able to greet Jesus with joy at the beginning of each new day? What might hinder us sometimes? How wholeheartedly are we able to give ourselves to Jesus? Are there some areas of our lives where He is waiting to be welcomed in? As we prepare to follow Jesus from Palm Sunday to His crucifixion and resurrection shall we talk these things over with Him? He is always ready to listen to us. Maureen

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