

Children's Sermon and Homily from Palm Sunday, 2022

Today I brought in a stuffed animal to help with the children's sermon.

What animal is this? A Donkey.

What was the donkey's job in the story of Palm Sunday?

That's right. To carry Jesus down the Mount of Olives into Jerusalem.

There is a passage in Zechariah 9:9 that talks about a king coming in peace on a Donkey as people waved palms.

Kings normally would come on a horse with an army. But not Jesus. He was a Donkey King.

Have you ever wondered what the donkey was thinking during this parade?

With all the people cheering and shouting Hosanna, waving palm branches, the Donkey might have thought this day was about him. He may have thought that he is all that and a bag of chips...strutting his stuff saying to himself, "look how they love me".

But really they were cheering for Jesus on his back.

The donkey had to learn a hard lesson that day and we do to. The glory isn't ours as Christians. We are just the donkeys who get to carry Jesus.

Isn't this our job... to carry Jesus to others? Sometimes we will be praised for it and other times no one will notice.

It is our job to transport Jesus to others through our words and actions... through love.

Jesus told the disciples to tell the owner of the donkey if they question why they are borrowing their donkey to say, "The Lord Needs it."

The Lord needs you. Even with all our frailties and failings, the Lord needs you. Those donkeys can be stubborn. We are too. But God

can still use us. What a gift it is that Jesus chooses us in our baptism and faith to carry him to others. Amen