**Why are you untying this colt?**

**PALM SUNDAY MARCH 28 (Mk 11, 1-10)**

The Lord announces to David of a king from the eternal kingdom coming from his offspring. This king will be filled with the Holy Spirit. Under His rule it is as though the earth changes its appearance, transforming the nature itself. In fact: *“Then the wolf shall be a guest of the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; The calf and the young lion shall browse together, with a little child to guide them. The cow and the bear shall be neighbors, together their young shall rest; the lion shall eat hay like the ox. The baby shall play by the cobra's den, and the child lay his hand on the adder's lair. " (Cf. Is 11, 1-10).*On the other hand, however, He is announced as the Suffering Servant who takes upon himself all the iniquities of the earth to atone for them and also as the just persecuted, trampled on, derided, spat upon, annihilated, pierced. The prophet Zechariah says that the Messiah will enter Jerusalem seated on a colt that is the son of a donkey. It was in those days the humbler ride: *"Rejoice heartily, O daughter Zion, shout for joy, O daughter Jerusalem! See, your king shall come to you; a just savior is he, Meek, and riding on an ass, on a colt, the foal of an ass.* *He shall banish the chariot from Ephraim, and the horse from Jerusalem; The warrior's bow shall be banished, and he shall proclaim peace to the nations. His dominion shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. As for you, for the blood of your covenant with me, I will bring forth your prisoners from the dungeon. In the return to the fortress of the waiting prisoners, This very day, I will return you double for your exile." (Zec 9, 9-12).* Greatness and humility, glory and humiliation, omnipotence and annihilation, eternity and death are the truth of the Messiah. How death and eternity can dwell in the same person only the Lord with his omnipotence will be able to realize it. It also applies to the highest greatness and highest humility, omnipotence and annihilation, elevation in the highest heaven and lowering to the tomb. The wisdom and omnipotence of the Lord knows no bounds. If we then go further and think that this man is also true God or that the true God became true man, then the mystery becomes even more dense and only in the light of the Holy Spirit can it be known in its fulfillment both in history and eternity. St. Paul reveals that a crucified Messiah is a true scandal for the Jews, but also true foolishness for the Greeks. To the human mind, a crucified God is not God, neither can He be the king of the eternal kingdom. If you add to all this its invisibility, the mystery is even more mystery. In faith the Spirit comes to the aid of our weakness and everything becomes clear. The Holy Spirit is the light that illuminates the mystery.

*When they drew near to Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany at the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the village opposite you, and immediately on entering it, you will find a colt tethered on which no one has ever sat. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone should say to you, 'Why are you doing this?' reply, 'The Master has need of it and will send it back here at once.' " So they went off and found a colt tethered at a gate outside on the street, and they untied it. Some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" They answered them just as Jesus had told them to, and they permitted them to do it. So they brought the colt to Jesus and put their cloaks over it. And he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut from the fields. Those preceding him as well as those following kept crying out: "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is to come! Hosanna in the highest !"*

In the life of Jesus some prophecies are fulfilled without his direct intervention. This prophecy and others are fulfilled by him. This attests us that Jesus knows who he is and what is the mission that the Father has entrusted to him and it is up to him to bring it to full fulfillment. Jesus also knows the times and moments in which a prophecy must be fulfilled. For Jesus this is the last time he will enter the holy city. In it the mystery of his death will be fulfilled. What the Law, the Psalms, the Prophets wrote about Him will happen. The people must know who He is. Riding on a colt that is the son of a donkey, he reveals that He is the Messiah, the Christ of God. The king awaited by the people and the nations is He, Jesus of Nazareth.

Mother of the Redemption, Angels, Saints, make us confess Christ in his truth.