Homily 29 March 2015
Palm Sunday of the Lord’s Passion
At the Procession with Palms - Gospel Mk 11:1-10

Jesus sent the disciples into the village ...
telling them what to do and what to say ...
and described events as they would unfold.
That’s not the normal way of things.
It seems more is at work here – more than simple human activities.

In ancient times, beginning with the fall of Adam and Eve in the

garden, God’s wisdom and power has worked in subtle ways,
through nature, through historical events, and through people -- men
and women both great and small.
It was all directed by his love, to see that his people would someday
find their way back to paradise, sharing once again in the fullness of
the divine life.
Yet so often, people resisted God’s initiative. They tried to take
different paths, paths that led away from paradise. Paths that God
knew would lead to death, not to life.
And so God would intervene and guide them once again by another
path toward his goal, following his providence.

But today we come to the fullness of God’s plan for our salvation.
This is the path God set for his people. It is the climax and though
men resist, this final journey is inevitable. God's will be done.
We begin this journey with a joyful procession: a procession of
palms, shouts of Hosanna!
We will end this journey with a sorrowful procession: the way of the
cross and the crucifixion.
It is a journey that the Son of God must make for us, and it is God's
plan to return to paradise all who long to be counted among his
people.
Let us accompany our Lord on this final journey.