

Palm Sunday 2016

“Living Providence spirituality ensures that no one is ever excluded from our circles of care and hospitality.” *Michele Bisbey, CDP*

As we enter into this Holy Week of the liturgical year, we view Jesus through the eyes of Luke. We are invited to walk with Jesus along the route of his love for all people of all times. This marks an ending and a beginning of his public ministry, of his mission on earth.

As we walk along at Jesus’ side, we notice how truthful, open, and hospitable he is with those who are present during these most intimate moments of his life. He thoughtfully receives and gives help, care and comfort. He includes everyone: Judas, Peter, the apostles, Pilate, Herod, the soldiers, Simon of Cyrene, a large crowd of people, “including many women who mourned and lamented him,” and two criminals executed with him.

On the cross, his arms spread wide open right and left, a gesture of hospitality, he prays for forgiveness for all who have injured him and others. He welcomes one of the criminals beside him into Paradise. He gives his all. Surely this is Providence among us.

May we be Providence to all who enter into our lives, especially in our times of personal or communal suffering.

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