

## Passion Sunday

*Jesus said: I am the way, the truth  
and the life.*

*John 14:6*

***But the donkey, tied to a tree  
as usual, waited.  
Then he let himself be led away.  
Then he let the stranger mount.***

***Never had he seen such crowds!  
And I wonder if he at all imagined  
what was to happen.***

***Still, he was what he had always been:  
small, dark, obedient.***

***I hope, finally, he felt brave.  
I hope, finally, he loved the man  
who rode so lightly upon him,  
as he lifted one dusty hoof  
and stepped, as he had to, forward.***

(Extract from Oliver. *The Poet thinks about the Donkey*. 2006).

Jesus' entry into Jerusalem is often described as 'triumphant'. But amidst the cheers and palm waving were ordinary people - caught up in the spectacle - children, traders, older folk and workers. Some of them may have seen Jesus or heard him speak but for most he was a distraction - a moment of colour and excitement amongst the ordinariness of life.

Where can  
you find moments  
of blessing and  
wonder?

***Like the humble donkey, we too are invited to  
meet Jesus in the everyday - to appreciate the  
small sacraments which cross our paths  
- moments of blessing and wonder.***