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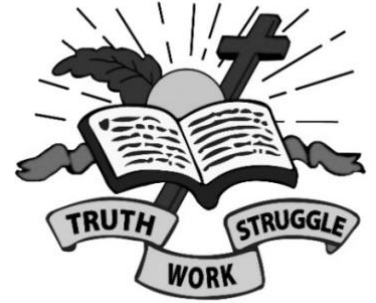
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April 2, 2023

Palm Sunday

FAITH SHARING

Today's liturgy combines contrasting moments, one of glory, the other of suffering: the royal welcome of Jesus in Jerusalem, and the rigged trial, culminating in the crucifixion, death, and burial of the Christ.

Today's first reading, the third of Isaiah's four Servant Songs, like the other three, foreshadows Jesus' own life and mission.

The Second Reading, taken from Paul's letter to the Philippians, is an ancient Christian hymn representing a very early Christian understanding of who Jesus is, and of how his mission saves us from sin and death.

The first part of today's Gospel describes the royal reception Jesus received from his admirers, who paraded with him for a distance of the two miles between the Mount of Olives and the city of Jerusalem.

In the second part of today's Gospel, we listen to/participate in a reading of the Passion of Christ according to Matthew. We are challenged to examine our own lives in the light of some of the characters in the Passion story – like Peter who denied Jesus, Judas who betrayed Jesus, Herod who ridiculed Jesus, Pilate who acted against his conscience as he condemned Jesus to death on the cross, and the leaders of the people who preserved their position by getting rid of Jesus.

Responsorial Psalm

R. My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

ENTRANCE HYMN (Psalm 23:9-10, Traditional)

V. Open wide the door and gates. Lift high the ancient portals. The King of glory enters; Who is the King of glory? He is God, the mighty Lord.

R. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed are You Who has come to us so rich in love and mercy. Hosanna in the highest.

V. Lord, for us Your wounds were suffered.

R. O Christ Jesus, have mercy on us.

Gospel

Mt 21:1-11

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

When Jesus and the disciples drew near Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village opposite you, and immediately you will find an ass tethered, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them here to me. And if anyone should say anything to you, reply, 'The Master has need of them.' Then he will send them at once." This happened so that what had been spoken through the prophet might be fulfilled: "Say to the daughter of Zion, 'Behold, your king comes to you, meek and riding on an ass, on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.'"

The disciples went and did as Jesus had ordered them. They brought the ass and the colt and laid their cloaks over them, and he sat upon them. The very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds preceding him and those following kept crying out and saying: "Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; hosanna in the highest." And when he entered Jerusalem the whole city was shaken and asked, "Who is this?" And the crowds replied, "This is Jesus the prophet, from Nazareth in Galilee."

The Gospel of the Lord.

PALM SUNDAY



Today's Hymns

Processional Hymn
195 Morning Hymn

Hymn to the Holy Spirit
144 Come, Thou Creator

Offertory Hymn
178 Jesus Bless Your Faithful People

Communion Hymn
Jesus Christ, Bread of Life

Recessional Hymn
Nearer My God to Thee

WORSHIP SERVICES

Sunday, April 2
Palm Sunday

12:00 Noon – Holy Mass

Friday, April 7
Good Friday

**3:00 PM – Liturgy of our Lord's
Passion, Veneration of the Cross,
Holy Communion, the symbolic
Entombment**

Sunday, April 9
Easter Sunday

Resurrection of our Lord

12:00 Noon – Resurrection Mass

Sunday, April 16
2 Sunday of Easter

12:00 Noon – Holy Mass

SECOND COLLECTIONS IN 2023

4/2 - For the Mission Fund

5/7 - For the Mission Fund

6/4 - For the Mission Fund

6/18 - Father's Day – For the Clergy
Pension Fund

7/2 - For the Mission Fund

8/6 - For the Mission Fund

8/27 - Youth Sunday – For the Youth
Fund

9/3 - For the Mission Fund

9/10 - Solemnity – Brotherly Love –
For the Bp. Hodur Retreat Center

10/1 - For the Mission Fund


10/15 - Heritage Sunday – Outreach to
Poland Collection

11/5 - For the Mission Fund

12/3 - For the Mission Fund

12/31 - Solemnity- Humble Shepherds
– Seminary Fund

1/7 - For the Mission Fund

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PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:

Let us pray for all of the sick and homebound members of our Parish, especially: Howard Friedman, Michael and Patricia Havrilla, Gerry Brunson, Frank and Shellie Fisher, Gregg Smith, Clint Koch, Duane Schulte, Bill and Bernice Biroscak, Stephanie Besterici, David Potts, Andrew Chernesky, Joan Piechota, John Smith, Ernie Hoffman, Peggy Harris, Ina Reese, Tom Goff, Donald Gavenda, Michelle Freer, Kay Stampone, Jan Cherneski, Ewelina Mendelewski-Filyushchenko, Richard Golazewski, Jane Aldorshoff, Elizabeth McAlanis, Dolores McGlone, Marianna Pelka

Please keep us informed that we might minister to those who are ill at home, in the hospital or nursing home.

ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Most loving Jesus, I adore You in the Most Blessed Sacrament, in Which You are truly present. I love You above all things and I long for You in my soul. Since I cannot receive You sacramentally, I ask You to come spiritually into my heart and heal my soul. I embrace You and unite myself with You; may I never be separated from You. Inflame my heart with the fire of Your love, my Lord and Savior.

WHY THE HOLY WEEK IS SUCH IMPORTANT?

This is the place in the Liturgical year when the Church stops us so that we can remember and relive the events which brought about our redemption and salvation. What we commemorate and relive during this week is not just Jesus' dying and rising, but our own dying to sin and selfishness and rising in Jesus, which will result in our healing, reconciliation, and redemption.

Attentive participation in the Holy Week liturgy will deepen our relationship with God, increase our Faith, and strengthen our lives as disciples of Jesus.

FLOWER DONATIONS

If you would like to make a donation of flowers to adorn the Altars during Easter season. This is a beautiful way to remember a departed loved one or to honor a living loved one. Please contact Peggy for details.



MASS INTENTION REQUEST FORM

Mass for _____

Date requested _____

Requested by _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____ Mass stipend \$ _____

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