

**Palm Sunday of the Passion of The Lord      Year C**

**Sunday, April 14, 2019**

Readings: 1) Luke 19:28-40

2) Isaiah 50:4-7    3) Philippians 2:6-11    4) Luke 22:14–23:56 or 23:1-49

**Sunday Liturgy**

The Focus for today's Mass is: We are invited to accompany Jesus as he faces betrayal, abandonment, suffering and death.

Today we commemorate the passion of Jesus. Through the Gospel reading, we are invited into the story, to be present with Jesus as he experiences his arrest, suffering and death. We reflect upon the various figures in the Gospel, those who actively contributed to his persecution, those who stood at a distance, and those who would not partake of the evil that was done. As Christians, we are called to remember the events of Palm Sunday whenever we encounter suffering, whether our own or others.

In the procession with palms, Luke recounts the entry of Jesus into Jerusalem, where people proclaimed, *Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord*. In the first reading, Isaiah prophesies about the Lord's servant. In the second reading from Philippians, Paul quotes a hymn that tells of the "emptying" and subsequent exaltation of Christ. In the Gospel, Luke recounts the events of Christ's passion: from the meal with his Apostles, to his agony on the Mount of Olives, and then his arrest, crucifixion, death and burial.

**GENERAL INTERCESSIONS**

**PRIEST:**

As we recall the suffering of Jesus,  
let us turn to the Father and offer our petitions for all in need in our world.

For all in positions of ministerial leadership,  
may the Lord richly bless them in their dedication to the Church  
and to the preaching of the Gospel.

We Pray to the Lord.

For Christians around the world,  
may they know the love and peace of Jesus.

We Pray to the Lord.

For all the young, on this World Day of Youth.

We pray to the Lord. People sing: Hear our prayer, hear our prayer.

For the poor, the sick and the suffering,  
may Christ who knew pain and suffering in his own life fill them with healing and hope.

We Pray to the Lord.

For all who have died,  
may they come to share in the fullness of Christ's glorious resurrection.

We Pray to the Lord.

For all of us gathered here,  
may we strive to live like Christ in every word and deed.

We Pray to the Lord.

For our own personal intentions..... (Long pause)

We Pray to the Lord.

**PRIEST:**

Father, we entrust our prayers to you in the holy name of your son, Jesus Christ

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