

SUNDAY, April 10, 2022

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Readings: Procession with the Palms:

1) Luke 19:28-40

Mass Readings

1) Isaiah 50:4-7

2) Philippians 2:6-11

3) Luke 22:14—23:56
or 23:1-49

FOCUS: We have been reconciled to the Father through the Son.

We can rejoice in today's theme of God's forgiveness and mercy. He led the Israelites to the Promised Land; he has *reconciled us to himself through Christ*; and he is always ready to forgive, awaiting us with open arms to come and rest in his love.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

In the first reading, the Israelites celebrate Passover in Gilgal, feasting on *the produce of the land*. Saint Paul writes, *whoever is in Christ is a new creation*, for God has *reconciled us to himself through Christ*. In the Gospel, Jesus addresses a parable to the Pharisees and scribes. The parable is of a father and his two sons, the younger of whom squanders his inheritance but returns home to be welcomed by his father.

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

PRIEST: With joy in our hearts for God's gift of reconciliation, let us bring our prayers to our merciful Lord.

- 1) For the Church,
may the Lord continue to help her be a sign to the whole world of his mercy and goodness,
let us pray to the Lord.
- 2) For all nations,
may God's peace and a spirit of understanding prevail in their communications with one another,
let us pray to the Lord.
- 3) For those who feel abandoned by God,
may the Lord of love and mercy make his presence known in their lives, let us pray to the Lord.
- 4) For those in this faith community who teach the faith,
may the Lord bless their service and commitment, let us pray to the Lord.
- 5) For those who have died, may they rest in the peace of God's love, let us pray to the Lord.
- 6) (Special petition/s)

PRIEST: Loving God, you greet the contrite sinner with tender compassion. We ask you to hear our humble prayers, through our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.