

**Sunday, March 24, 2024**

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

- 1) Mark 11:1-10 or John 12:12-16
  
- 1) Isaiah 50:4-7
- 2) Philippians 2:6-11
- 3) Mark 14:1–15:47 or 15:1-39

FOCUS: *Christ became obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.*

During his journey to Golgotha, Jesus goes from hailed hero to crucified criminal. He surrenders out of obedience to his Father and love for us. As followers of Jesus, we, too, can face loss and sacrifice. Jesus knows what it means to sacrifice out of love. We journey together through loss, never alone, but always united with Jesus.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

In the Gospel for the procession, Jesus enters Jerusalem amid an enthusiastic crowd. In the first reading, Isaiah speaks for the Lord, despite opposition. In the second reading, Paul writes to the Philippians that Jesus emptied himself, *becoming obedient to the point of death*. Mark's Gospel tells the story of Jesus' passion and death.

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

PRIEST: Together, we share our needs with the Lord, who humbled himself to be one with us.

- 1) That the Holy Spirit may sanctify the Church in her observances of this solemn week, let us pray to the Lord.
  
- 2) That God's exaltation of the name of Jesus may bring people of all nations to their knees, let us pray to the Lord.
  
- 3) That God may not abandon the distressed, the dying, or those sentenced to death, let us pray to the Lord.
  
- 4) That Jesus may journey together with us through experiences of loss and sacrifice, let us pray to the Lord.
  
- 5) That all who have died may enter the heavenly Jerusalem, joining the angels and saints in giving glory to God, let us pray to the Lord.
  
- 6) (Special petition/s)

PRIEST: Lord God, hear these prayers and petitions that we bring before you with humble hearts and answer them in accordance with your holy will. In Christ's name we pray.