

April 10, 2022: Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion**At the Procession with Palms****Luke 19:28-40**

Jesus proceeded on His journey up to Jerusalem. As He drew near to Bethphage and Bethany at the place called the Mount of Olives, He sent two of His disciples. He said, "Go into the village opposite you, and as you enter it you will find a colt tethered on which no one has ever sat. Untie it and bring it here. And if anyone should ask you, 'Why are you untying it?' you will answer, 'The Master has need of it.'" So those who had been sent went off and found everything just as He had told them. And as they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, "Why are you untying this colt?" They answered, "The Master has need of it." So they brought it to Jesus, threw their cloaks over the colt, and helped Jesus to mount. As He rode along, the people were spreading their cloaks on the road; and now as He was approaching the slope of the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of His disciples began to praise God aloud with joy for all the mighty deeds they had seen.

They proclaimed:

"Blessed is the king who comes
in the Name of the Lord.

Peace in Heaven
and glory in the highest."

Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Him, "Teacher, rebuke Your disciples."

He said in reply, "I tell you, if they keep silent, the stones will cry out!"

First Reading**Isaiah 50:4-7**

The Lord GOD has given me
a well-trained tongue,
that I might know how to speak to the weary
a word that will rouse them.

Morning after morning
he opens my ear that I may hear;
and I have not rebelled,
have not turned back.

I gave my back to those who beat me,
my cheeks to those who plucked my
beard;
my face I did not shield
from buffets and spitting.

The Lord GOD is my help,
therefore I am not disgraced;
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Responsorial Psalm**Psalm 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24****R (2a) My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?**

All who see me scoff at me;
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heads:

"He relied on the LORD; let Him deliver him,
let Him rescue him, if He loves him."

R. My God, my God, why have You abandoned Me?

Indeed, many dogs surround me,
a pack of evildoers closes in upon me;
They have pierced my hands and my feet;
I can count all my bones.

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They divide my garments among them,
and for my vesture they cast lots.

But You, O LORD, be not far from me;
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R. My God, my God, why have You abandoned Me?

I will proclaim Your Name to my brethren;
in the midst of the assembly I will praise you:
"You who fear the LORD, praise Him;
all you descendants of Jacob, give glory to Him;
revere Him, all you descendants of Israel!"

R. My God, my God, why have You abandoned Me?**Second Reading****Philippians 2:6-11**

Christ Jesus, though He was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
something to be grasped.

Rather, He emptied Himself,
taking the form of a slave,
coming in human likeness;
and found human in appearance,
He humbled Himself,
becoming obedient to the point of death,
even death on a Cross.

Because of this, God greatly exalted Him
and bestowed on Him the Name
which is above every name,
that at the Name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
of those in Heaven and on earth and under the
earth,
and every tongue confess that
Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

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Gospel Reading

Luke 22:14—23:56

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✙ The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

N. When the hour came, Jesus took His place at table with the Apostles. He said to them,

✙ "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer, for, I tell you, I shall not eat it again until there is fulfillment in the Kingdom of God."

N. Then He took a cup, gave thanks, and said,

✙ "Take this and share it among yourselves; for I tell you that from this time on I shall not drink of the fruit of the vine until the Kingdom of God comes."

N. Then He took the bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them, saying,

✙ "This is My body, which will be given for you; do this in memory of Me."

N. And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying,

✙ "This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which will be shed for you.

"And yet behold, the hand of the one who is to betray Me is with Me on the table; for the Son of Man indeed goes as it has been determined; but woe to that man by whom He is betrayed."

N. And they began to debate among themselves who among them would do such a deed.

Then an argument broke out among them about which of them should be regarded as the greatest. He said to them,

✙ "The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them and those in authority over them are addressed as 'Benefactors'; but among you it shall not be so. Rather, let the greatest among you be as the youngest, and the leader as the servant. For who is greater: the one seated at table or the one who serves? Is it not the one seated at table? I am among you as the One Who serves. It is you who have stood by Me in My trials; and I confer a Kingdom on you, just as My Father has conferred one on Me, that you may eat and drink at My table in My Kingdom; and you will sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

"Simon, Simon, behold Satan has demanded to sift all of you like wheat, but I have prayed that your own faith may not fail; and once you have turned back, you must strengthen your brothers."

N. He said to Him,

V. "Lord, I am prepared to go to prison and to die with You."

N. But He replied,

V. "I tell you, Peter, before the cock crows this day, you will deny three times that you know Me."

N. He said to them,

✙ "When I sent you forth without a money bag or a sack or sandals, were you in need of anything?"

C. "No, nothing,"

N. they replied. He said to them,

✙ "But now one who has a money bag should take it, and likewise a sack, and one who does not have a sword should sell his cloak and buy one. For I tell you that this Scripture must be fulfilled in Me, namely, *He was counted among the wicked*; and indeed what is written about Me is coming to fulfillment."

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N. Then they said,**C.** **"Lord, look, there are two swords here."****N.** But He replied,

✦ "It is enough!"

N. Then going out, He went, as was His custom, to the Mount of Olives, and the disciples followed Him.

When He arrived at the place He said to them,

✦ "Pray that you may not undergo the test."

N. After withdrawing about a stone's throw from them and kneeling, He prayed, saying,

✦ "Father, if you are willing, take this cup away from Me; still, not My will but Yours be done."

N. And to strengthen Him an angel from Heaven appeared to Him. He was in such agony and He prayed so fervently that His sweat became like drops of blood falling on the ground.

When He rose from prayer and returned to His disciples, He found them sleeping from grief.

He said to them,

✦ "Why are you sleeping? Get up and pray that you may not undergo the test."

N. While He was still speaking, a crowd approached and in front was one of the Twelve, a man named Judas. He went up to Jesus to kiss Him. Jesus said to him,

✦ "Judas, are you betraying the Son of Man with a kiss?"

N. His disciples realized what was about to happen, and they asked,**C.** **"Lord, shall we strike with a sword?"****N.** And one of them struck the high priest's servant and cut off his right ear. But Jesus said in reply,

✦ "Stop, no more of this!"

N. Then He touched the servant's ear and healed him. And Jesus said to the chief priests and temple guards and elders who had come for Him,

✦ "Have you come out as against a robber, with swords and clubs? Day after day I was with you in the temple area, and you did not seize Me; but this is your hour, the time for the power of darkness."

N. After arresting Him they led Him away and took Him into the house of the high priest; Peter was following at a distance. They lit a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat around it, and Peter sat down with them. When a maid saw him seated in the light, she looked intently at him and said,**V.** "This man too was with Him."**N.** But he denied it saying,**V.** "Woman, I do not know Him."**N.** A short while later someone else saw him and said,**V.** "You too are one of them";**N.** but Peter answered,**V.** "My friend, I am not."**N.** About an hour later, still another insisted,**V.** "Assuredly, this man too was with Him, for he also is a Galilean."**N.** But Peter said,**V.** "My friend, I do not know what you are talking about."**N.** Just as he was saying this, the cock crowed, and the Lord turned and looked at Peter; and Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how He had said to him, "Before the cock crows today, you will deny Me three times."

He went out and began to weep bitterly.

The men who held Jesus in custody were ridiculing and beating Him. They blindfolded Him and questioned Him, saying,

C. **"Prophecy! Who is it that struck You?"**Gospel readings source: www.usccb.org/bible/readings/

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N. And they reviled Him in saying many other things against Him.

When day came the council of elders of the people met, both chief priests and scribes, and they brought Him before their Sanhedrin. They said,

C. "If You are the Christ, tell us,"

N. but He replied to them,

✦ "If I tell you, you will not believe, and if I question, you will not respond. But from this time on the Son of Man will be seated at the right hand of the power of God."

N. They all asked,

C. "Are You then the Son of God?"

N. He replied to them,

✦ "You say that I am."

N. Then they said,

C. "What further need have we for testimony? We have heard it from His Own mouth."

N. Then the whole assembly of them arose and brought Him before Pilate. They brought charges against Him, saying,

C. "We found this Man misleading our people; He opposes the payment of taxes to Caesar and maintains that He is the Christ, a king."

N. Pilate asked Him,

V. "Are You the king of the Jews?"

N. He said to him in reply,

✦ "You say so."

N. Pilate then addressed the chief priests and the crowds,

V. "I find this Man not guilty."

N. But they were adamant and said,

C. "He is inciting the people with His teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee where He began even to here."

N. On hearing this Pilate asked if the Man was a Galilean; and upon learning that He was under Herod's jurisdiction, he sent Him to Herod who was in Jerusalem at that time. Herod was very glad to see Jesus; he had been wanting to see Him for a long time, for he had heard about Him and had been hoping to see Him perform some sign. He questioned Him at length, but He gave him no answer. The chief priests and scribes, meanwhile, stood by accusing Him harshly. Herod and his soldiers treated Him contemptuously and mocked Him, and after clothing Him in resplendent garb, he sent Him back to Pilate. Herod and Pilate became friends that very day, even though they had been enemies formerly.

Pilate then summoned the chief priests, the rulers, and the people and said to them,

V. "You brought this Man to me and accused Him of inciting the people to revolt. I have conducted my investigation in your presence and have not found this Man guilty of the charges you have brought against Him, nor did Herod, for he sent Him back to us. So no capital crime has been committed by Him. Therefore I shall have Him flogged and then release Him."

N. But all together they shouted out,

C. "Away with this Man! Release Barabbas to us."

N. — Now Barabbas had been imprisoned for a rebellion that had taken place in the city and for murder.—Again Pilate addressed them, still wishing to release Jesus, but they continued their shouting,

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As they led Him away they took hold of a certain Simon, a Cyrenian, who was coming in from the country; and after laying the cross on him, they made him carry it behind Jesus. A large crowd of people followed Jesus, including many women who mourned and lamented Him. Jesus turned to them and said,
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N. Now two others, both criminals, were led away with Him to be executed.

When they came to the place called the Skull, they crucified Him and the criminals there, one on His right, the other on His left. Then Jesus said,

✦ “Father, forgive them, they know not what they do.”

N. They divided His garments by casting lots. The people stood by and watched; the rulers, meanwhile, sneered at Him and said,

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N. Above Him there was an inscription that read, “This is the King of the Jews.”

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Now there was a virtuous and righteous man named Joseph who, though he was a member of the council, had not consented to their plan of action. He came from the Jewish town of Arimathea and was awaiting the Kingdom of God. He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. After he had taken the body down, he wrapped it in a linen cloth and laid Him in a rock-hewn tomb in which no one had yet been buried. It was the day of preparation, and the sabbath was about to begin. The women who had come from Galilee with Him followed behind, and when they had seen the tomb and the way in which His body was laid in it, they returned and prepared spices and perfumed oils. Then they rested on the sabbath according to the commandment.

OR:

Luke 23:1-49

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This happened so that what had been spoken through the prophet might be fulfilled:

Say to daughter Zion,

"Behold, your king comes to you, meek and riding on an ass, and 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 strewed them on the road. The crowds preceding Him and those following kept crying out and saying: "Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is the 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."

At the Mass - First Reading**Isaiah 50:4-7**

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N. One of the Twelve, who was called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests and said,

V. "What are you willing to give me if I hand Him over to you?"

N. They paid him thirty pieces of silver, and from that time on he looked for an opportunity to hand Him over.

On the first day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread, the disciples approached Jesus and said,

V. "Where do you want us to prepare for You to eat the Passover?"

N. He said,

✙ "Go into the city to a certain man and tell him, 'The Teacher says, "My appointed time draws near; in your house I shall celebrate the Passover with My disciples.'""

N. The disciples then did as Jesus had ordered, and prepared the Passover.

When it was evening, He reclined at table with the Twelve. And while they were eating, He said,

✙ "Amen, I say to you, one of you will betray Me."

N. Deeply distressed at this, they began to say to Him one after another,

V. "Surely it is not I, Lord?"

N. He said in reply,

✙ "He who has dipped his hand into the dish with Me is the one who will betray Me. The Son of Man indeed goes, as it is written of Him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed. It would be better for that man if he had never been born."

N. Then Judas, his betrayer, said in reply,

V. "Surely it is not I, Rabbi?"

N. He answered,

✙ "You have said so."

N. While they were eating, Jesus took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and giving it to His disciples said,

✙ "Take and eat; this is My Body."

N. Then He took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying,

✙ "Drink from it, all of you, for this is My Blood of the covenant, which will be shed on behalf of many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you, from now on I shall not drink this fruit of the vine until the day when I drink it with you new in the Kingdom of My Father."

N. Then, after singing a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. Then Jesus said to them,

✙ "This night all of you will have your faith in Me shaken, for it is written: *I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be dispersed*; but after I have been raised up, I shall go before you to Galilee."

N. Peter said to Him in reply,

V. "Though all may have their faith in You shaken, mine will never be."

N. Jesus said to him,

✙ "Amen, I say to you, this very night before the cock crows, you will deny Me three times."

N. Peter said to Him,

V. "Even though I should have to die with You, I will not deny You."

N. And all the disciples spoke likewise.

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Then Jesus came with them to a place called Gethsemane, and He said to His disciples,

✦ “Sit here while I go over there and pray.”

N. He took along Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to feel sorrow and distress.

Then He said to them,

✦ “My soul is sorrowful even to death. Remain here and keep watch with Me.”

N. He advanced a little and fell prostrate in prayer, saying,

✦ “My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; yet, not as I will, but as You will.”

N. When He returned to His disciples He found them asleep. He said to Peter,

✦ “So you could not keep watch with Me for one hour? Watch and pray that you may not undergo the test. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak.”

N. Withdrawing a second time, He prayed again,

✦ “My Father, if it is not possible that this cup pass without My drinking it, Your will be done!”

N. Then He returned once more and found them asleep, for they could not keep their eyes open. He left them and withdrew again and prayed a third time, saying the same thing again. Then He returned to His disciples and said to them,

✦ “Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? Behold, the hour is at hand when the Son of Man is to be handed over to sinners. Get up, let us go. Look, My betrayer is at hand.”

N. While He was still speaking, Judas, one of the Twelve, arrived, accompanied by a large crowd, with swords and clubs, who had come from the chief priests and the elders of the people. His betrayer had arranged a sign with them, saying,

V. “The Man I shall kiss is the One; arrest Him.”

N. Immediately he went over to Jesus and said,

V. “Hail, Rabbi!”

N. and he kissed Him. Jesus answered him,

✦ “Friend, do what you have come for.”

N. Then stepping forward they laid hands on Jesus and arrested Him. And behold, one of those who accompanied Jesus put his hand to his sword, drew it, and struck the high priest’s servant, cutting off his ear. Then Jesus said to him,

✦ “Put your sword back into its sheath, for all who take the sword will perish by the sword.

Do you think that I cannot call upon My Father and He will not provide Me at this moment with more than twelve legions of angels? But then how would the Scriptures be fulfilled which say that it must come to pass in this way?”

N. At that hour Jesus said to the crowds,

✦ “Have you come out as against a robber, with swords and clubs to seize Me? Day after day I sat teaching in the temple area, yet you did not arrest Me. But all this has come to pass that the writings of the prophets may be fulfilled.”

N. Then all the disciples left Him and fled.

Those who had arrested Jesus led Him away to Caiaphas the high priest, where the scribes and the elders were assembled. Peter was following Him at a distance as far as the high priest’s courtyard, and going inside he sat down with the servants to see the outcome. The chief priests and the entire Sanhedrin kept trying to obtain false testimony against Jesus in order to put Him to death, but they found none, though many false witnesses came forward. Finally two came forward who stated,

C. “**This Man said, ‘I can destroy the temple of God and within three days rebuild it.’”**

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N. The high priest rose and addressed Him,
V. "Have you no answer? What are these men testifying against You?"
N. But Jesus was silent. Then the high priest said to Him,
V. "I order You to tell us under oath before the living God whether You are the Christ, the Son of God."
N. Jesus said to him in reply,
✙ "You have said so. But I tell you: From now on you will see 'the Son of Man seated at the right hand of the Power' and 'coming on the clouds of Heaven.'"
N. Then the high priest tore his robes and said,
V. "He has blasphemed! What further need have we of witnesses? You have now heard the blasphemy; what is your opinion?"
N. They said in reply,
C. "**He deserves to die!**"
N. Then they spat in His face and struck Him, while some slapped Him, saying,
C. "**Prophecy for us, Christ: who is it that struck You?**"
N. Now Peter was sitting outside in the court- yard. One of the maids came over to him and said,
V. "You too were with Jesus the Galilean."
N. But he denied it in front of everyone, saying,
V. "I do not know what you are talking about!"
N. As he went out to the gate, another girl saw him and said to those who were there,
V. "This man was with Jesus the Nazorean."
N. Again he denied it with an oath,
V. "I do not know the Man!"
N. A little later the bystanders came over and said to Peter,
C. "**Surely you too are one of them; even your speech gives you away.**"
N. At that he began to curse and to swear,

V. "I do not know the Man."
N. And immediately a cock crowed. Then Peter remembered the word that Jesus had spoken: "Before the cock crows you will deny Me three times." He went out and began to weep bitterly.

When it was morning, all the chief priests and the elders of the people took counsel against Jesus to put Him to death. They bound Him, led Him away, and handed Him over to Pilate, the governor.

Then Judas, His betrayer, seeing that Jesus had been condemned, deeply regretted what he had done. He returned the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders, saying,

V. "I have sinned in betraying innocent blood."

N. They said,

C. "**What is that to us? Look to it yourself.**"

N. Flinging the money into the temple, he departed and went off and hanged himself.

The chief priests gathered up the money, but said,

C. "**It is not lawful to deposit this in the temple treasury, for it is the price of blood.**"

N. After consultation, they used it to buy the potter's field as a burial place for foreigners.

That is why that field even today is called the Field of Blood. Then was fulfilled what had been said through Jeremiah the prophet, *And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the value of a man with a price on his head, a price set by some of the Israelites, and they paid it out for the potter's field just as the Lord had commanded me.*

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Now Jesus stood before the governor, and he questioned Him,

V. "Are You the king of the Jews?"

N. Jesus said,

✙ "You say so."

N. And when He was accused by the chief priests and elders, He made no answer. Then Pilate said to Him,

V. "Do You not hear how many things they are testifying against You?"

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Now on the occasion of the feast the governor was accustomed to release to the crowd one prisoner whom they wished. And at that time they had a notorious prisoner called Barabbas.

So when they had assembled, Pilate said to them,

V. "Which one do you want me to release to you, Barabbas, or Jesus called Christ?"

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N. Some of the bystanders who heard it said,

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Here all kneel and pause for a short time.

N. And behold, the veil of the sanctuary was torn in two from top to bottom. The earth quaked, rocks were split, tombs were opened, and the bodies of many saints who had fallen asleep were raised. And coming forth from their tombs after His resurrection, they entered the holy city and appeared to many. The centurion and the men with him who were keeping watch over Jesus feared greatly when they saw the earthquake and all that was happening, and they said,

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N. There were many women there, looking on from a distance, who had followed Jesus from Galilee, ministering to Him. Among them were Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and the mother of the sons of Zebedee.

When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea named Joseph, who was himself a disciple of Jesus. He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus; then Pilate ordered it to be handed over. Taking the body, Joseph wrapped it in clean linen and laid it in his new tomb that he had hewn in the rock. Then he rolled a huge stone across the entrance to the tomb and departed. But Mary Magdalene and the other Mary remained sitting there, facing the tomb.

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The next day, the one following the day of preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered before Pilate and said,

C. “Sir, we remember that this impostor while still alive said, ‘After three days I will be raised up.’ Give orders, then, that the grave be secured until the third day, lest His disciples come and steal Him and say to the people, ‘He has been raised from the dead.’ This last imposture would be worse than the first.”

N. Pilate said to them,

V. “The guard is yours; go, secure it as best you can.”

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OR:

Matthew 27:11-54

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