



THE SAVING WORD

PASSION (PALM) SUNDAY / B

24 MARCH 2024

FIRST READING Isa 50: 4-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

I did not cover my face against insult and I know I will not be ashamed.

The Lord has given me a disciple's tongue. So that I may know how to reply to the wearied, he provides me with speech. Each morning he wakes me to hear, to listen like a disciple. The Lord has opened my ear. For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle. The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed.

■ **The word of the Lord.**

RESP PSALM

Ps 21: 8-9, 17-20, 23-24. R. v. 2

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

1. All who see me deride me. / They curl their lips, they toss their heads. / 'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him: / let him release him if this is his friend.' **R.**

2. Many dogs have surrounded me, / a band of the wicked beset me. / They tear holes in my hands and my feet, / I can count every one of my bones. **R.**

3. They divide my clothing among them. / They cast lots for my robe. / O Lord, do not leave me alone, / my strength, make haste to help me! **R.**

4. I will tell of your name to my brethren / and praise you where they are assembled. / 'You who fear the Lord give him praise; / all sons of Jacob, give him glory. / Revere him, Israel's sons.' **R.**

SECOND READING Phil 2: 6-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

He humbled himself to become like us and God raised him on high.

His state was divine, yet Christ Jesus did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are; and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

■ **The word of the Lord.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Phil 2: 8-9

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! / Christ became obedient for us even to death, / dying on the cross. / Therefore God raised him

on high / and gave him a name above all other names. / Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

GOSPEL Mk 15: 1-39

(**N.** Narrator **J.** Jesus
O. Other single speaker
C. Crowd, or more than one other speaker)

- N.** The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.
- N.** First thing in the morning, the chief priests together with the elders and scribes, in short the whole Sanhedrin, had their plan ready. They had Jesus bound and took him away and handed him over to Pilate. Pilate questioned him,
- O.** Are you the king of the Jews?
- N.** He answered,
- J.** It is you who say it.
- N.** And the chief priests brought many accusations against him. Pilate questioned him again,
- O.** Have you no reply at all? See how many accusations they are bringing against you!
- N.** But to Pilate's amazement, Jesus made no further reply. At festival time Pilate used to release a prisoner for them, anyone they asked for. Now a man called Barabbas was then in prison with the rioters who had



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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Six days before the Passover, when the Lord came into the city of Jerusalem, the children ran to meet him; in their hands they carried palm branches and with a loud voice cried out: Hosanna in the highest! Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant mercy! O gates, lift high your heads; grow higher, ancient doors. Let him enter, the king of glory! Who is this king of glory? He, the Lord of hosts, he is the king of glory. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant mercy!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Father, if this chalice cannot pass without my drinking it, your will be done.

SACRAMENTAL DATES 2024: Parents and candidates who have attended to all preparatory requirements for the sacrament of **1st Reconciliation** (ie Commitment Ceremony and Workshop Attendance) may book a time for their child's celebration of the Sacrament on either of the following days and periods: Tuesday 26-3-26 from 3pm-4.15pm or Wednesday 27-3-24 from 3pm-6pm. Appointments are at 15-minute intervals. Bookings can be made by phoning the Parish Office during office hours on 9314 7733. Parents and family members are welcome to accompany their child for the Sacrament. Sacrament of **1st Holy Communion** is to be celebrated on Sunday 9th June at 9am.

Confirmation will be celebrated on Saturday 24-3-24 at 6pm. Please note Sponsor for Confirmation must be Catholic, 16 years of age and over and received Sacrament of Confirmation themselves. Parents and Grandparents cannot be Sponsors. However, Grandparents may act as a Proxy for the Sponsor.

REFLECTION for PASSION (PALM) SUNDAY: The mystery of self-emptying (in Greek, Kenosis) is explored in each of our readings today. St John present at the cross mentions the strange incident of the piercing of Christ's heart. The climax of the Passion "One of the soldiers pierced his side with a lance; and immediately there came out blood and water." (Jn 19:34) John called to mind the prophet Ezekiel's vision of a stream of water flowing from the sanctuary of the Jerusalem Temple. The stream becomes a river going right down to the Dead Sea which now teems with life. Many of the great saints speak of Christ's bride the Church being born from his wounded side. St Bonaventure adds "Flowing from the secret abyss of Our Lord's heart as from a fountain, this stream gave the sacraments of the Church the power to confer the life of grace, while for those already living in Christ, it became a spring of living water welling up to life everlasting. Press your lips to this 'fountain'". When we kiss the crucifix in our own time perhaps, we should be kissing the wound in

Jesus' side rather than his feet for from that wound we were born. St Catherine of Siena, so deeply in love with the wounded Christ that she bore the wounds of the passion asked our Lord why he allowed his heart to be pierced after he died. She said he answered that his heart was once and for all, that suffering lasts only for a while. "I wanted you to see the secret of my heart, showing it to you opened so that you could see that I loved you more than I could manifest to you by finite suffering." (Dialogue 75) Jesus still wishes to draw all to himself. It is so easy to be discouraged in today's Church when we see a number of whole generations turn down the invitation. But the invitation remains "Come to the water". Come to the water which flows from Christ's heart and drink deeply, and having drunk go tell others.

PRIEST TEMPORARY OFFICE: Fr Michael's office is temporarily in the Meeting Room while tradespeople are working through the Presbytery.

URGENT WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK (WWCC): If you are on roster or volunteer for the church you are required to have WWCC. Some cards have lapsed. Please renew your cards. It is MANDATORY and Parishes are going to be Audited by the Authority. Please note, if we don't comply, there is a very stiff penalty unto \$50,000!



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RECONCILIATION - Saturday's during FEBRUARY: 5.15-5.45pm or by appointment.
EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Wednesday 5.30 – 6.30pm & Friday 9.30 – 10.30am.

PLEASE PRAY FOR SICK PARISHIONERS: Christine Rhow, Veronica, Maria, Consiglia Ciavatta, Irwin Beachell, Isabella Da Cunha, Martin, Norma Elliott, Rudi Tassell, Steven, Davina, Elisabetta Paddon, Dermot McKernon, Edward Fortune, Beatrice Fernandez, Lisa Bubb, Romilda Marinelli, Aaron LoCicero, Jacqueline Paul, Lou Collova, Anne & Justine Tonti, Greenville Paul, Christine Schwarten Henry, Fr Joseph Angelo, Fr Anibal Da Cunha, Peter Scanlan, June McGinnity.

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church. They may then enter the church through the western glass doors. However, the vehicle must be relocated immediately after the passenger has been settled allowing others to follow. Let us continue to be thoughtful of each other.

CHRISM MASS: Most Reverend Timothy Costelloe SBD, Archbishop of Perth invites you to attend the Annual Archdiocesan Chrism Mass at St Mary's Cathedral, Victoria Square, Perth on Tuesday 26-3-24 at 7pm. On this occasion the Holy Oils of the Sick and catechumens are blessed. The Priests of the Archdiocese will renew their Ordination Commitment.

6th SUNDAY LENT (Palm Sunday) 23-24 MARCH 2024: As Project Compassion 2024 comes to an end, we want to thank you for your incredibly generous support throughout Lent... This year, we shared with you the story of three inspiring women from across the globe, who overcame challenges to complete their education, access water and find secure employment. With the support of compassionate people like you, they are now forging a path to a better future for their families and their communities... There is still time to donate! Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow, **for all future generations... Please donate to Project Compassion.** You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by

visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion or by calling 1800 024 413.

HOLY TRINITY CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP: Monday night's 7-9pm. All welcome.

MASS INTENTIONS

Palm Sunday – 24 March

6pm Mass: For the People
7.30am Mass: For the People
9am Mass: For the People

Tuesday 26 March

NO 9am Mass
7pm Chrism Mass - Cathedral

Wednesday 27 March

9am Mass: Nina (2nd Ann) & Angelo Bertone (RIP) & Family (Living)

Holy Thursday 28 March

NO 9am Mass
7pm The Lord's Supper followed by Adoration until 9pm

Good Friday 29 March

10am Stations of the Cross followed by Reconciliation until 12.30pm
3pm Passion of the Lord followed by Reconciliation

Holy Saturday 30 March

9-10am Reconciliation

Easter Sunday – 31 March

7pm Easter Vigil Mass: For the People
7.30am Mass: For the People
9am Mass: For the People



committed murder during the uprising. When the crowd went up and began to ask Pilate the customary favour, Pilate answered them,

O. Do you want me to release for you the king of the Jews?

N. For he realised it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed Jesus over. The chief priests, however, had incited the crowd to demand that he should release Barabbas for them instead. Then Pilate spoke again,

O. But in that case, what am I to do with the man you call king of the Jews?

N. They shouted back,

C. Crucify him!

N. Pilate asked them,

O. Why? What harm has he done?

N. But they shouted all the louder,

C. Crucify him!

N. So Pilate, anxious to placate the crowd, released Barabbas for them and, having ordered Jesus to be scourged, handed him over to be crucified.

The soldiers led him away to the inner part of the palace, that is, the Praetorium, and called the whole cohort together. They dressed him up in purple, twisted some thorns into a crown and put it on him. And they began saluting him,

C. Hail, king of the Jews!

N. They struck his head with a reed and spat on him; and they went down on their knees to do him homage. And when they had finished making fun of him, they

took off the purple and dressed him in his own clothes.

They led him out to crucify him. They enlisted a passerby, Simon of Cyrene, father of Alexander and Rufus, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross. They brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha, which means the place of the skull.

They offered him wine mixed with myrrh, but he refused it. Then they crucified him, and shared out his clothing, casting lots to decide what each should get. It was the third hour when they crucified him.

The inscription giving the charge against him read: 'The King of the Jews.' And they crucified two robbers with him, one on his right and one on his left.

The passers-by jeered at him; they shook their heads and said,

C. Aha! So you would destroy the Temple and rebuild it in three days! Then save yourself: come down from the cross!

N. The chief priests and the scribes mocked him among themselves in the same way. They said,

C. He saved others, he cannot save himself. Let the Christ, the king of

Israel, come down from the cross now, for us to see it and believe.

N. Even those who were crucified with him taunted him.

When the sixth hour came there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour. And at the ninth hour Jesus cried out in a loud voice,

J. Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?

N. This means 'My God, my God, why have you deserted me?' When some of those who stood by heard this they said,

C. Listen, he is calling on Elijah.

N. Someone ran and soaked a sponge in vinegar and, putting it on a reed, gave it to him to drink saying,

O. Wait and see if Elijah will come to take him down.

N. But Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last.

All kneel and pause a moment

And the veil of the Temple was torn in two from top to bottom. The centurion, who was standing in front of him, had seen how he had died, and he said,

O. In truth this man was a son of God.

The longer form of this passion narrative may be read:

Mk 14:1-15:47

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