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PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD



INTRODUCTION: Today begins "Holy Week" - unlike any other week in our lives. It will be a week of grace, sorrow, repentance, and love. It begins with the praises of Palm Sunday and changes to screams of the crucifixion. Will the King of glory find an entry into our hearts and homes?

READINGS:

First Reading: Isaiah 50: 4-7
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 22: 8-9, 17-18a, 19-20, 23-24
Second Reading: Phil 2: 6-11
Gospel: Mt 26: 14-27:66

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

CELEBRANT:

Father, we follow the solemn entry of our Son Jesus into Jerusalem and onto Mount Calvary, we humbly ask for the grace to be faithful to Him, in our own sorrows and joys, as we pray...

RESPONSE: Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

For Pope Francis, Bishops, clergy and religious: that the lives of our sacred ministers may be examples of fidelity, as they accompany your people in their trials and tribulations, we pray to the Lord.

For all Christians called to hope in the power of Jesus: that we may enter into a true experience of the paschal mystery and prepare to witness to Christ's resurrection, we pray to the Lord.

For people who are unjustly charged: that as they languish in prisons, waiting to prove their innocence, the grace of Christ's suffering may strengthen them in their painful condition, we pray to the Lord.

For all our parishioners and members of the Church: that the celebration of Holy Week, may spur us on, to an inner spiritual renewal of our lives, at the end of our Lenten observance, we pray to the Lord.

For all our personal needs and intentions: *[pause]* we pray to the Lord.

CELEBRANT: God our loving Father, as we walk with Jesus through each step of his sufferings, death, and resurrection, bless us and the whole world with the gift of a new life free from sin. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.