



29 March 2026 Palm Sunday - Year A



INTRODUCTION:

The theme of this week and of today's liturgy is clear. What Jesus experiences for us is a manifestation of God's overwhelming love for each one of us. Further, by our identifying ourselves with the 'mystery' of Jesus' suffering, death and resurrection, we ourselves experience a great liberation, a 'Passover' from various forms of sin and enslavement to a life of joy and freedom.

READINGS:

First Reading: Is 50:4-7
Responsorial Psalm: Ps 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: Loving Lord, you rode into Jerusalem to shouts of praise which, a few days later, became calls for your crucifixion. Knowing your love for all of us, we bring you our prayers and our search for your mercy and forgiveness.

Response: Lord, graciously hear us

- We pray for Pope Leo and all the bishops of the Church. May they be inspired by the example of the Suffering Servant to continue in their mission to call Christians to a sense of service to others. We pray to the Lord.
- We pray for peace, that Christ, who calls us from darkness into life, may bring peace to troubled hearts and to all nations. We pray to the Lord.
- We pray for all those who, like Jesus, carry a heavy cross because of poverty, homelessness, illness and bereavement. We pray also for those, who like Simon of Cyrene, help them in their moment of need. We pray to the Lord.
- We pray for all those preparing to be baptised or received into full communion with the Church, that they may come to the celebration of Easter renewed in mind and heart. We pray to the Lord.
- For our personal intentions and for those who have asked for our prayers, we pray in silence (*longer silent pause*). We pray to the Lord.

Celebrant: Lord, may we not be among the crowd that praises You one day and forgets You the next. We lay down every palm branch of pride, rebellion, and fear. Rule in us. Reign through us. Be glorified forever. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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