

more, he lived among us in “*the condition of a servant*” (v. 7); not of a king or a prince, but of a servant. Therefore he humbled himself, and the abyss of his humiliation seems to be bottomless.

God’s way of acting may seem so far removed from our own, that he was annihilated for our sake, while it seems difficult for us to even forget ourselves a little. By humbling himself, Jesus invites us to walk on his path: the path of service, of giving, of forgetfulness of ourselves.

Lord Jesus, help us, in these days, turn our faces to you and gaze upon the Crucifix which is your royal seat. Helps us learn about your humble love which saves and gives us life. Grant us the grace to be willing to “*detach ourselves from the craving for prestige, position, wealth*” as we pray in the tenth Station of the Cross in order to understand at least something of the mystery of your obliteration for our sake; and then, in silence, to contemplate the mystery of this Week.

HOLY WEEK AND HOLY TRIDUUM PROGRAM 2017

Holy Monday 10th : 08 am. Mass followed by Novena & Confessions
 Holy Tuesday 11th : 08 am. Mass followed Eucharist Adoration & Confessions
 Holy Wednesday 12th : 09.30 am. Mass followed by Rosary & Confessions

Holy Thursday 13th April 2017

7.30 pm. Celebration of the Lord’s Supper
 to 11.00 pm. Adoration in the Marian Room

Good Friday 14th April 2017 (Day of Abstinence and Fast)

8.00 am. Rehearsal of the Ceremony.
 10.00 am. Stations of the Cross
 3.00 pm. Celebration of the Passion of the Lord

Easter Vigil 15th April 2017

8.00 am. Decorating the Church
 9.00 am. Rehearsal of the Easter Ceremony
 6.00 pm. Easter Solemnity

Easter Sunday 16th April 2017

7.00 am. Solemn Easter Mass
 9.00 am. Solemn Easter Mass
 5.30 pm. Solemn Easter Mass



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COMMEMORATION OF THE LORD’S ENTRANCE INTO JERUSALEM

Ant. Mt 21: 9

Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, the King of Israel. Hosanna in the highest.

Greeting of the celebrant

Dear brothers and sisters, since the beginning of Lent until now we have prepared our hearts by penance and charitable works. Today we gather together to herald with the whole Church the beginning of the celebration of our Lord’s Paschal Mystery, that is to say, of his Passion and Resurrection. For it was to accomplish this mystery that he entered his own city of Jerusalem.

Therefore, with all faith and devotion, let us commemorate the Lord’s entry into the city for our salvation, following in his footsteps, so that being made by his grace partakers of the Cross, we may have a share also in his Resurrection and in his life.

Let us pray. Almighty ever-living God, sanctify † these branches with your blessing, that we who follow Christ the King in exultation, may reach the eternal Jerusalem through him. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

He sprinkles the branches with holy water without saying anything.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 21:1-11

When they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, “Go into the village opposite you, and immediately you will find an ass tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, ‘The Lord has need of them,’ and he will send them immediately.”

This took place to fulfil what was spoken by the prophet, saying, “Tell the daughter of Zion, Behold, your king is coming to you, humble and mounted on an ass, and on a colt, the foal of an ass.”

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the ass and the colt, and put their garments on them, and he sat thereon. Most of the crowd spread their garments on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. And the crowds that went before him and that followed him shouted, “Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!” And when he entered Jerusalem, all the city was stirred, saying, “Who is this?” And the crowds said, “This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth of Galilee.”

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Reconciliation at 4.00pm
 1st Saturday of the month.

Baptism Preparation at
 7pm 1st Thurs of the month.



Procession

Dear brothers and sisters, like the crowds who acclaimed Jesus in Jerusalem, let us go forth in peace.

The Procession to the church led by a cross carrier. Then follow all the faithful and the Celebrant, carrying branches and shouting

Antiphon

The children of the Hebrews, carrying olive branches, went to meet the Lord, crying out and saying: Hosanna in the highest.

Psalm 23

The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it; for he has founded it on the seas, and established it on the rivers. *(The antiphon is repeated)*

Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord? And who shall stand in his holy place? Those who have clean hands and pure hearts, who do not lift up their souls to what is false, and do not swear deceitfully. *(The antiphon is repeated)*

They will receive blessing from the Lord, and vindication from the God of their salvation. Such is the company of those who seek him, - who seek the face of the God of Jacob. *(The antiphon is repeated)*

Lift up your heads, O gates! and be lifted up, O ancient doors! that the King of glory may come in. Who is the King of glory? The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle. *(The antiphon is repeated)*

Lift up your heads, O gates! and be lifted up, O ancient doors! that the King of glory may come in. Who is this King of glory? The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory. *(The antiphon is repeated)*

Entrance Hymn *(Hosanna to the Son of David)*

Fr John says the Collect of the Mass, then come the Readings in the usual way.

FIRST READING Isaiah 50:4-7 *I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord helps me, therefore I have not been disgraced.*

The servant of the Lord said: "The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens—wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught.

The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 22 *R. My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?*

All who see me mock at me; they make mouths at me, they shake their heads; "Commit your cause to the Lord; let him deliver; let him rescue the one in whom he delights!" **R.**

For dogs are all around me; a company of evildoers encircles me. My hands and feet have shriveled; I can count all my bones. **R.**

They divide my clothes among themselves, and for my clothing they cast lots. But you, O Lord, do not be far away! O my help, come quickly to my aid! **R.**

I will tell of your name to my brothers and sisters; in the midst of the congregation I will praise you: You who fear the Lord, praise him! All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him; stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel! **R.**

SECOND READING Philippians 2:6-11 *Jesus humbled himself. Therefore God highly exalted him.*

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

Therefore God highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Philippians 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 Passion of Jesus according to Matthew 26:14-27:66

Offertory Hymn: Here I Am to Worship

Communion Antiphon (Mt 26:42) Father, if this chalice cannot pass without my drinking it, your will be done.

Communion Hymn: Who Am I

Recessional Hymn: All the Earth Will Sing Your Praises

GAZE UPON THE CRUCIFIX, THE "ROYAL SEAT OF GOD"

Today we make the enthusiasm of the crowd of Jerusalem exclaiming joyfully as they welcomed Jesus our own enthusiasm: "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" (cf. Lk 19:38). By waving our olive and palm branches we express our praise and our joy, our desire to receive Jesus who comes to us. Just as he entered Jerusalem, so today he desires to enter our cities and our lives. As he did in the Gospel, riding on a donkey, so today he comes to us in humility "in the name of the Lord." Through the power of his divine love he forgives our sins and reconciles us to the Father and with ourselves.

Jesus was pleased with the crowd's showing their affection for him. When the Pharisees asked him to silence those who were acclaiming him, he responded: "I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out" (Lk 19:40). Nothing could dampen their enthusiasm for Jesus' entry. May nothing prevent us from finding in him the source of our joy, true joy, which abides and brings peace; for it is Jesus alone who saves us from the snares of sin, death, fear and sadness.

Today's liturgy teaches us that the Lord has not saved us by his triumphal entry or by means of powerful miracles. The Apostle Paul, in the second reading, describes in two verbs his path of redemption: Jesus "emptied" and "humbled" himself. (Phil 2:7-8) These two verbs show the boundlessness of God's love for us.

Jesus emptied himself: he did not cling to the glory that was his as the Son of God, but became the Son of man in order to be in solidarity with us sinners in all things; yet he was without sin. Even