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**PALM SUNDAY OF  
THE PASSION OF THE LORD  
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SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

**SATURDAY - MARCH 28TH**

5:00pm Ed & Camille Mucha †

**SUNDAY - MARCH 29TH**

*Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord; Holy Week begins*

8:00am Victoria and Jacob Messina (1st Wedding Ann.)

9:30am Karl Brewer †

11:00am Greta Walsh †

**MONDAY - MARCH 30TH**

8:00am Pablo Villalobos †

**TUESDAY - MARCH 31ST**

8:00am Jack Craigie †

**WEDNESDAY - APRIL 1ST**

*April Fools' Day*

8:00am John Zamora Sr. †

**THURSDAY - APRIL 2ND**

*Holy Thursday*

**FRIDAY - APRIL 3RD**

*Good Friday*

To request a **Mass intention** please call the Parish Office 310-216-1145

**PRAYER REQUESTS (SICK OR DECEASED):**

email them to the following [vizprayerrequests@gmail.com](mailto:vizprayerrequests@gmail.com)

If you would like to join in praying for the requests received, please send an email to the prayer request email address.

**WELCOME TO VISITATION CHURCH!**

A special welcome to those who may be visiting us today, we are blessed that you are here to worship with us. If you are traveling, we hope you find this Catholic community welcoming. If you are new to this area, we hope to see you again and that you may consider joining this community.

**ADMINISTRATOR**

Msgr. James Forsen, *Pastor Emeritus*

**IN RESIDENCE:**

Fr. James Anguiano, *Vicar General*

Fr. Timothy McGowan

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Msgr. Charles E. Hill

**DAILY MASS**

Monday - Friday: 8:00a.m.

**SUNDAY MASS**

Saturday (Sunday Vigil): 5:00 p.m.

Sunday: 8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m., and 11:00 a.m.

**HOLY HOUR (Inside the church)**

First Friday of each month: 8:30 a.m.-9:30 a.m.

**DAILY ROSARY:**

Monday thru Friday following the 8:00 a.m. Mass

**CONFESSIONS**

Saturday: 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. and by appointment

**SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION**

Please scan the QR code to get more information regarding Baptism, First Reconciliation, Holy Communion, Confirmation, Adult Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist (OCIA), Marriage, Anointing of the Sick and Holy Orders.



**WE SHARE YOUR GRIEF**

Please check the Visitation website under Resources/Bereavement for a list of Grieving, Cancer, Hospice and Palliative Care note titles. These are very helpful and powerful small articles. Please contact **Candy Blankenship at 310-338-9043 or [blank8840@gmail.com](mailto:blank8840@gmail.com)** and she will mail them to you at no charge." Such titles include Caring for yourself while Grieving, Overcoming Loneliness, What to do after the death of a Spouse, The first 12 months of Grieving, and many, many more.



**PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD**

*Heavenly Father, teach me to trust your authority and to be confident that even in life's most difficult moments, I can be sure you are taking care of me and my loved ones.*

Today's suggested penance: Make a holy hour with your family to pray for the graces of Holy Week.

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture


A Just prior to this week's Passion narrative in St. Matthew's Gospel, there is a small, striking story describing a woman's scandalous action toward Jesus: **"A woman came up to him with an alabaster jar of costly perfumed oil, and poured it on his head"** (Matthew 26:7). The ointment was pure nard, worth more than 300 denarii. A year's wages. Maybe a dowry, maybe a family inheritance. In any case, she breaks it. She does not measure or ration. She pours it all out, irreversibly, over Jesus. Why does this image begin Holy Week?

Because what she does with the jar, Jesus will soon do with his life. The jar must be broken so the fragrance can be released. Jesus' body will be broken so his priceless divine and human love can be poured out. She gives everything, just as he is about to give everything. And He sees it: **"She has done a good thing for me"** (Matthew 26:10). Her act is lavish, impractical, scandalous in its apparent wastefulness. And he loves it. It is what Holy Week is all about.

What jar are you still holding onto? Your time? Your comfort? Your plan for how life should go? Don't just wave palms today. Let yourself be broken open so your love, too, can be poured out.

**Lenten Challenge:** Offer something costly to Jesus this Holy Week — not out of guilt, but love. Your attention. Your forgiveness. Your time. Break the jar. Trust that nothing poured out for him is ever wasted.

— Father John Muir



**Did you know that:**  
 The Catholic Church has long taught us to care for the poor.  
 In Dilexi Te, Pope Leo XIV talks to the various faces of the poor:

"The condition of the poor is a cry that, throughout human history, constantly challenges our lives, societies, political and economic systems, and, not least, the Church. At the same time, we should perhaps speak more correctly of the many faces of the poor and of poverty, since it is a multifaceted phenomenon. In fact, there are many forms of poverty: the poverty of those of those who are socially marginalized and lack the means to give voice to their dignity and abilities, moral and spiritual poverty, cultural poverty, the poverty of those who find themselves in a condition of personal or social weakness or fragility, the poverty of those who have no rights, no space, no freedom."

UPCOMING EVENTS

FOR THE WEEK 3/29 - 4/05

SUNDAY - MARCH 29TH

- ◆ Confirmation Class #11 Year 1 and 2 11:00 AM Mass participation

MONDAY - MARCH 30TH

- ◆ OCIA at the Cathedral for the Holy Chrism Mass
- ◆ Lenten Reconciliation Service in the church at 7:00 PM

TUESDAY - MARCH 31ST

WEDNESDAY - APRIL 1ST

- ◆ Men's Cornerstone meeting in Upper O'Grady Center at 6:00 PM

THURSDAY - APRIL 2ND



FRIDAY - APRIL 3RD



SATURDAY - APRIL 4TH



SUNDAY - APRIL 5TH

- ◆ No PREP Class

DAILY BRIEF

The Daily Brief is a series of daily Lenten meditations based on the day's readings and read by our very own Visitation priests. Starting with Ash Wednesday and throughout all of Lent, we invite you to take 5-6 minutes of your day to listen and reflect. The meditations will be available under the Resources tab on the church website.

### CHASTISEMENT VS. PUNISHMENT

#### QUESTION:

What is the difference between a chastisement and a punishment?

#### ANSWER:

A The distinction between chastisement and punishment is, in many ways, a subtle one, but which is still relevant in our Catholic tradition.

First, chastisement is a concept that is grounded in Sacred Scripture. Here, we see chastisement as a response by God to people's actions that is intended to teach a lesson. As St. John Paul II observed, "chastisement appears to be ... a kind of divine pedagogy, in which the last word is reserved to mercy: He scourges and then shows mercy, casts down to the depths of the nether world, and he brings up from the great abyss" (Tobit 13:2). The idea here is that in order to capture our attention or to highlight how we have not lived out our covenant-relationship with God as we should, there are times when God uses events in life to draw us back to the quality of relationship or faith that we should have.

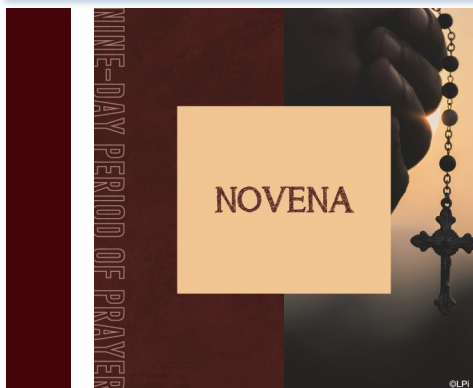
The concept of punishment, however, has a different sense. The Catechism of the Church observes that punishment is the consequence of a damaging action that "has the primary aim of redressing the disorder" and to protect the community and the common good from further damage or harm (see no. 2266). Although we always hope that someone who is being punished for a crime or some other harmful action will learn from their actions, punishment isn't necessarily intended to teach a lesson in the same way that a chastisement is.

Ultimately, how we make the distinction between chastisement and punishment is a matter of discernment. As with almost everything in life, our experiences can be an opportunity for grace — or for something less — depending on how open we are to recognizing the movement of God's Spirit within them.

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### DEVOTIONS EXPLAINED!

#### Connect with Tradition and Grow Your Faith



The word *novena* comes from the Latin word, *novem*, for nine. A novena is a nine-day period of private or public prayer. There are four basic categories of novenas — novenas of preparation, of mourning, of prayer, and of indulgence.

The nine days of prayer format comes directly from scripture where we read in the book of Acts that it was nine days after the Ascension that the Holy Spirit descended

onto the Apostles. During that time, the faithful men and women "devoted themselves to constant prayer," (Acts 1:12-14) waiting for the Lord.

Today, Catholics can find hundreds of novenas to pray about a plethora of topics. Many Catholics pray novenas in times of need or in devotion to a specific saint.

Although a saint's novena may traditionally begin or end on the saint's feast day, while others, like the "Novena for Adopted Children" or the "Novena for Vocations," can be prayed any time of the year, there is flexibility here for those wanting to pray. The faithful may choose to pray a private novena on any topic at any time! Want to pray a novena to St. Francis but it's not his feast day? Go ahead!

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### LIVE THE LITURGY Inspiration of the Week

This week, we see things that break our heart — God betrayed. This week, we see things that shake our faith — God bleeding on a cross. This week, this Holy Week, with all its difficult moments, can change us, if we let it. Are we ready?

# Holy Week Schedule



## **PALM SUNDAY - March 28/29**

Blessing of the palms at all Masses

**March 30, 31, and April 1**

8:00am - Regular Mass



## **RECONCILIATION SERVICE - March 30 @ 7pm**

## **HOLY THURSDAY - April 2 \***

7:30pm-10:00pm- Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, quiet prayer and night prayer at 9:45pm in O'Sullivan Hall



## **GOOD FRIDAY - April 3**

8:00am - Church open for silent prayer

9:00am- Tenebrae - Sung Morning Prayer \*

12:15pm - Good Friday Liturgy of the Word, Adoration of the Cross and Holy Communion \*

6:00pm - Stations of the Cross

7:30pm - Good Friday Liturgy of the Word, Adoration of the Cross and Holy Communion



## **HOLY SATURDAY - April 4**

8:00am - Church open for silent prayer

8:00pm - Easter Vigil Mass (no 5pm Mass) \*



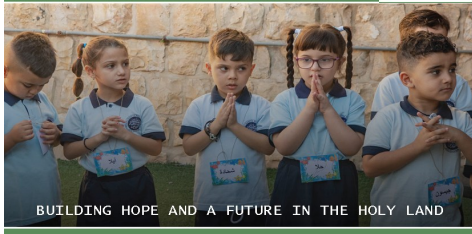
## **EASTER SUNDAY - April 5**

Regular Sunday Mass Schedule

\* These will be livestream


  
**Pontifical Good Friday Collection**

April 3  
 2026

Pope Leo has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land, where they are now less than 2% of the population. Your support is essential to help the Church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools, and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines of Christianity, including in Jerusalem, Nazareth, and Bethlehem, to name only a few.

The pandemic had hit Christians in the Holy Land particularly hard. Most of them depend on pilgrimages for work. The war and now the Iranian conflict have made their situation even more dire. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection is necessary to meet the basic needs of the People of God still living in this Land and to maintain a Christian presence where the Church was born.

When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. **PLEASE BE GENEROUS!**

For more information about Christians in the Holy Land, visit [www.myfranciscan.org](http://www.myfranciscan.org) or [www.custodia.org](http://www.custodia.org)

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### FRIDAY, APRIL 24

LAKEWOOD COUNTRY CLUB 3101 CARSON ST. LAKEWOOD, CA 90712

**ACTIVITIES**

- 11 AM..... Registration, Putting Contest, and Taco Bar
- 12:30 PM..... Announcements and Send Off
- 1 PM..... Shotgun Start, Beverages on Course, Scramble Format
- END OF PLAY..... Club House Reception, No Host Bar, Helicopter Drop, Silent Auction
- 6 PM..... Reception and Tournament Awards

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**Visitation**  
CATHOLIC CHURCH

On behalf of the Welcome Wagon, we would like to wish you all a Happy and Blessed Easter. We would also like to say **WELCOME** to all of you who have joined our parish in the recent months.

If you are new to the parish or if you have been attending Masses and events, but have not yet registered, we encourage you to do so.

If you have questions about the parish or our Welcome Wagon committee, please feel free to email Guylaine Brosmer at [mgbrosmer@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mgbrosmer@sbcglobal.net).

Finally, we also welcome all of our visitors!!!

Thank you



Dear Father Jim, Monsignor Hill, Father Tim, on behalf of myself and all we serve at St. Margaret's Center, I wanted to thank you and the kind and generous parishioners of Visitation for your recent gift to the Center as part of this Lenten Season. Visitation continues to be instruments of hope and healing for the poverty level families who come to the center for food, housing navigation, immigration services, mental health counseling, tutoring and more. We thank you! Wishing you all a blessed Easter Season and beyond. With respect and gratitude, Zack LaGuardia



IT'S TIME . . . BE A BETTER MAN 2026 MEN'S CORNERSTONE EXPERIENCE

"As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another".

Proverbs 27:17

Visitation's Annual Men's Cornerstone will be Friday evening May 8th through Saturday evening May 9th right here on campus. It is presented by the men of our parish who have experienced it. If you speak to a man who has experienced Cornerstone, he'll tell you his life has been enhanced in many ways - he is a better husband and father to his family, he is a better friend, he is more grounded in his work, and, most importantly, he has discovered new dimensions in his relationship with Christ. Call Mike Rotolo at 310.505.3052 with questions, or register on our Parish web site, www.visitationchurch-la.com. There is no cost to attend. Space is limited so please register soon.



SCAN ME



April 12 2026

A Universal Church Feast observed on the First Sunday after Easter

In her Diary, St. Maria Faustina Kowalska recorded 14 revelations from our Lord requesting this feast. The most complete, concise description is found in entry 699:

I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and a shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners . . . The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment.

To receive the extraordinary graces of this feast, the only condition is to receive Holy Communion worthily on Divine Mercy Sunday (or the vigil celebration) by making a good Confession beforehand and staying in the state of grace, and receive with great trust in Divine Mercy.

We encourage you to recite the Divine Mercy Novena starting Friday, April 3 - thru Saturday, April 11 and perform acts of mercy through deed, word, or prayer. There are pamphlets available by the church exits with more information about the Divine Mercy and how to recite the novena and chaplet. You may also visit thedivinemercy.org to learn more.

Nevertheless, Divine Mercy Sunday is NOT a feast based solely on St. Faustina's revelations. Indeed, it is not primarily about St. Faustina — nor is it altogether a new feast. The Second Sunday of Easter was already a solemnity as the Octave Day of Easter<sup>14</sup>. The title "Divine Mercy Sunday" does, however, highlight the meaning of the day.

OFFICE FOR VOCATIONS ARCHDIOCESE OF LOS ANGELES COME & SEE PRIESTLY VOCATION DISCERNMENT RETREAT FOR HIGH SCHOOL & COLLEGE MEN Saturday, March 28 9 am - 6 pm 5434 Torrance Blvd Torrance, CA RSVP HERE [QR code]

This retreat is intended for high school students and college-age men. It provides an opportunity for young men from the community to spend time in prayer, visit the formation house, and learn more about discerning their vocation.

## SUNDAY'S READINGS

### FIRST READING:

ISAIAH 50:4 - 7

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

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; I have set my face like flint, knowing that I  
shall not be put to shame.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

### SECOND READING:

PHILIPPIANS 2:6-11

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Philippians

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.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

### THE PASSION OF THE LORD

MATTHEW 26:14—27:66

N. - Narrator

V. - Voice

† - Christ

**C. - Crowd**

N. The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to  
Matthew.

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.

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!" 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.'"**

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 courtyard. One of the maids came over to him and said,

**C. "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,

**C. "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.*

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?"

N. But he did not answer him one word, so that the governor was greatly amazed.

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?"  
N. For he knew that it was out of envy that they had handed him over. While he was still seated on the bench, his wife sent him a message, "Have nothing to do with that righteous man. I suffered much in a dream today because of him." The chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas but to destroy Jesus. The governor said to them in reply,

V. "Which of the two do you want me to release to you?"

N. They answered,

**C. "Barabbas!"**

N. Pilate said to them,

V. "Then what shall I do with Jesus called Christ?"

N. They all said,

**C. "Let him be crucified!"**

N. But he said,

V. "Why? What evil has he done?"

N. They only shouted the louder,

**C. "Let him be crucified!"**

N. When Pilate saw that he was not succeeding at all, but that a riot was breaking out instead, he took water and washed his hands in the sight of the crowd, saying,

V. "I am innocent of this man's blood. Look to it yourselves."

N. And the whole people said in reply,

**C. "His blood be upon us and upon our children."**

N. Then he released Barabbas to them, but after he had Jesus scourged, he handed him over to be crucified.

Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus inside the praetorium and gathered the whole cohort around him. They stripped off his clothes and threw a scarlet military cloak about him. Weaving a crown out of thorns, they placed it on his head, and a reed in his right hand. And kneeling before him, they mocked him, saying,

**C. "Hail, King of the Jews!"**

N. They spat upon him and took the reed and kept striking him on the head. And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the cloak, dressed him in his own clothes, and led him off to crucify him. As they were going out, they met a Cyrenian named Simon; this man they pressed into service to carry his cross.

And when they came to a place called Golgotha—which means Place of the Skull—they gave Jesus wine to drink mixed with gall. But when he had tasted it, he refused to drink. After they had crucified him, they divided his garments by casting lots; then they sat down and kept watch over him there. And they placed over his head the written charge against him: This is Jesus, the King of the Jews. Two revolutionaries were crucified with him, one on his right and the other on his left. Those passing by reviled him, shaking their heads and saying,

**C. "You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save yourself, if you are the Son of God, and come down from the cross!"**

N. Likewise the chief priests with the scribes and elders mocked him and said,

**C. "He saved others; he cannot save himself. So he is the king of Israel! Let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. He trusted in God; let him deliver him now if he wants him. For he said, 'I am the Son of God.'"**

N. The revolutionaries who were crucified with him also kept abusing him in the same way.

From noon onward, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. And about three o'clock Jesus cried out in a loud voice,

† *"Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?"*

N. which means,

† "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

N. Some of the bystanders who heard it said,

**C. "This one is calling for Elijah."**

N. Immediately one of them ran to get a sponge; he soaked it in wine, and putting it on a reed, gave it to him to drink. But the rest said,

**C. "Wait, let us see if Elijah comes to save him."**

N. But Jesus cried out again in a loud voice, and gave up his spirit.

*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,

**C. "Truly, this was the Son of God!"**

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 here, facing the tomb.

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."

N. So they went and secured the tomb by fixing a seal to the stone and setting the guard.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

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**APOSTLES CREED**

I believe in God,  
 the Father Almighty,  
 Creator of heaven and earth,  
 and in Jesus Christ,  
 His only Son, our Lord,  
 who was conceived  
 by the Holy Spirit,  
 born of the Virgin Mary,  
 suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
 was crucified,  
 died and was buried;  
 He descended into hell;  
 on the third day He rose again  
 from the dead;  
 He ascended into heaven,  
 and is seated at the right hand  
 of God the Father Almighty;  
 from there He will come  
 to judge the living and the dead.  
 I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
 the Holy Catholic Church,  
 the communion of Saints,  
 the forgiveness of sins,  
 the resurrection of the body,  
 and life everlasting.  
 Amen

**GATHERING**

Hosanna to the Son of David

Refrain

Ho - san - na to the Son of Da - vid! O

blest is he, O blest is he who comes in the name of the

Verses

Lord!

1. Re - joice, daugh - ter of Zi - on,
2. Re - joice, all who are thirst - ing
3. Re - joice, all who are long - ing
4. Re - joice, all who are search - ing
5. Re - joice, all who are hop - ing
6. Re - joice, all who are wait - ing
7. Re - joice, all who are call - ing
8. Re - joice, all who are hun - gry

1. in the One who brings great joy!
2. for the streams of liv - ing joy!
3. to be - hold the face of God!
4. for the truth of ho - ly light!
5. for the reign of peace and love!
6. for the dawn of heav - en's light!
7. on the name of God on high!
8. for the taste of liv - ing bread!

Sing praise, chil -

to Refrain

1-8. - dren of Ju - dah, for the Lord is close at hand!

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**PENITENTIAL**

Stephan

**PSALM** My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Glory to You, O Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ (Stephan)

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**We proclaim your  
death and profess  
your resurrection  
until you come  
again.**

**PREPARATION OF THE TABLE AND GIFTS**

Were You There?

1. Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? Were you  
 2. Were you there when they nailed him to the tree? Were you  
 3. Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? Were you

1. there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? Oh!  
 2. there when they nailed him to the tree? Oh!  
 3. there when they laid him in the tomb? Oh!

1-3. Some-times it caus-es me to trem-ble, trem-ble, trem-ble.

1. Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?  
 2. Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?  
 3. Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

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**COMMUNION**

Behold the Lamb of God

**Verse**

You are my Lord. It's you I a - dore.  
 Your might hum - bles ev - 'ry heart; the high - est of heav -  
 - ens bow. } Noth - ing on earth could ev - er take  
 your place. And now we see your  
 sac - ri - fice, the great - est gift, our great - est prize. Be -

**Refrain**

hold the Lamb of God! Be - hold the Lamb of God who  
 takes a - way the sins of the world. world.

Final (Coda)

world. Be - hold the Lamb of God!

Who takes a-way the sins of the world, the sins of

the world, the sins of the world.

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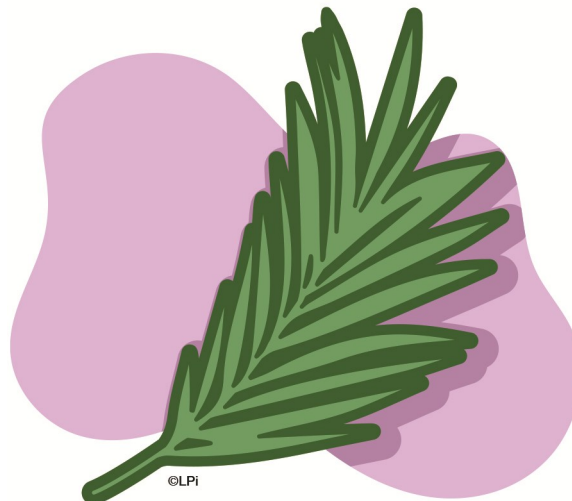
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### Jesus, Remember Me

Je-sus, re - mem-ber me when you come in - to your King - dom.

Je-sus, re - mem-ber me when you come in - to your King - dom.

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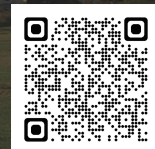
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