

HOLY SAVIOUR PARISH

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BULLETIN for
PALM SUNDAY
March 24, 2024
Holy Mass at 9:00 AM

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Blessing & distributing of palms followed by procession within the body of the church **before Mass.**



THE BEGINNING OF PALM SUNDAY LITURGY

Celebrant: Hosanna to the Son of David!
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna in the highest!

Celebrant: The Lord be with you. **ALL:** And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray: (PRAYER is said)... **ALL:** AMEN

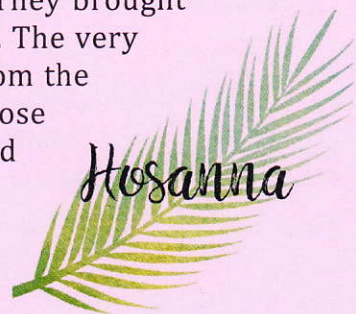
Approaching the palms, the celebrant reads the introduction, blesses the palms and he distributes palms to the people. Next the celebrant reads the Gospel about Jesus' entry into Jerusalem.

A reading from the Gospel according to St Mark (Mk 11, 1-10)

When Jesus and the disciples drew near Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village opposite you, and immediately you will find an ass tethered, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them here to me. And if anyone should say anything to you, reply, 'The master has need of them.' Then he will send them at once." - This happened so that what had been spoken through the prophet might be fulfilled: *Say to daughter Zion, "Behold, your king comes to you, meek and riding on an ass, and on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden."* The disciples went and did as Jesus had ordered them. They brought the ass and the colt and laid their cloaks over them, and he sat upon them. The very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and strewed them on the road. The crowds preceding him and those following kept crying out and saying: "Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; hosanna in the highest."

When he finishes the gospel, he says:

Celebrant: Let us go forth in peace. **ALL:** In the name of Christ, Amen.



Then the PROCESSION begins. On the way, the solemn hymn "All glory, laud and honor" is played. Coming back to the Sanctuary, when the celebrant reaches the center of the nave, he stops and sings:

Celebrant: "Let us adore the Savior, who rode in royal triumph into Jerusalem!"

When the celebrant reached the sanctuary, Mass begins as usually from page 63 of the booklets.

First reading from the book of Isaiah (50:4-7)

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.

Psalm (22) Response: My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

Second reading from the Letter of St Paul to the Philippians (2:6-11)

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.

VERSE BEFORE THE PASSION

Christ became 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.



THE PASSION of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Mark replace the Gospel reading. There is no homily today.

General Intercession:

Response: Lord of mercy, hear our prayer.

Readers for this month:

March 3th - **Janet Tropeano**

March 10th - **John Stronkowski**

March 17th - **Henry Zapatka**

March 24th - **Ken Krasko**

(Palm Sunday) & **Donna Warner**

March 31st (Easter) - **Dorothy Derouin**



REFLECTION FOR THIS SUNDAY

The story that begins on Palm Sunday and ends on Good Friday is essentially a human drama that our Lord had to experience. We are not just remembering an historical events that happened over two thousand years ago. We celebrating and taking part in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus as it happens today to us and for us.

His entry in to the city begins on a huge wave of optimism, joy and hope. The people line the streets; they wave palms, they put their cloaks and garments on the ground and they shout out his

THIS MONTH BIRTHDAYS CELEBRATE:

Sandra LeBlanc – March 9

James Nelson – March 17

Aneta Dudek – March 30



name. This was an ancient Roman tradition used to welcome soldiers and armies home after their success in battle. The crowd welcome Jesus in a similar way as they shout out, Hosanna, Hosanna, blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Yet, how quickly the crowd changed and turned against Jesus. The same people who were happy to welcome him with shouts of joy, will soon begin to shout 'Crucify him, Crucify him.' Jesus is even betrayed and denied by his closet friends. The rest of them run and desert him. He is left alone.

There is a real danger that we can get up and lost in getting the liturgy of Palm Sunday and indeed the whole of Holy week just right. If we are not careful we can lose sight of what we are remembering, celebrating and taking part in. As well as celebrating this great week with dignity and reverence, we also need to ask ourselves what it is all about and what it means to each to us.

Where am I in the unfolding drama that begins on Palm Sunday and plays out over Holy Week and which climaxes on Easter? Where am I as Jesus passes by on the donkey? Am I one of the crowd shouting out his name? Am I like Judas in any way? When have I betrayed others or Jesus? When like Peter, have I denied knowing Jesus? Am I like Pilate when I judge and condemn others? How am I like Simon or Veronica who help Jesus in his time of need? Having stood with the crowd shouting out his name and welcoming Jesus, will I stand with the same people spitting out insults as I shout 'Crucify him! Crucify him!'

As we celebrate Palm Sunday and begin our journey through Holy Week, we are called to ask ourselves who and where we are in the crowd. This is a week to pray and then decide what kind of followers of Christ we are and are going to be. And let us not lose sight of what we are remembering, celebrating and talking part in.

As we begin this most holy of weeks, may Jesus be our constant companion. May we enter in the mystery of His life, death and resurrection with faith and hope.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE AT HOLY SAVIOUR

March 24th PALM SUNDAY

9:00 AM – *Blessing and distribution of palms begins the service, then procession followed by the Holy Mass*



March 26th HOLY TUESDAY

4.30 PM – *Chrism Mass – Special Mass celebrated by the Bishop with all the clergy of his diocese will be held at Holy Trinity Cathedral, Manchester, NH*

March 28th MAUNDY THURSDAY

6.30 PM – *Mass of the Lord's Supper*

Intention: For all Bishops and Clergy of PNCC

Day of the institution of Holy Eucharist and Holy Order

- * *Washing of feet during the Mass, after homily.*
- * *Transferring the Blessed Sacrament to side altar (Dark Cell)*
- * *Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*



March 29th GOOD FRIDAY

3:00 - *Liturgy of the Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ;*

- * *Liturgy of the word of God*
- * *Solemn General Intercession*
- * *Veneration of the cross*
- * *Symbolic Entombment of the body of Christ*
- * *Adoration of Jesus at the Tomb*



Please Notice:
STRICK FASTING
THIS DAY!

March 30th HOLY SATURDAY

9.00 AM – *Holy Saturday Liturgy (NO MASS IS CELEBRATED)*

- * *Blessing of a New Fire and service of Light*
- * *Blessing of Pascal Candle*
- * *Blessing of Water for Baptism*
- * *Blessing of Easter Food Baskets*



March 31st EASTER SUNDAY

9.00 AM – *Resurrection Procession within the church followed by Holy Mass of the Lord's Resurrection*

Intention: for all Parishioners of Holy Saviour

The Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ is the cornerstone of our faith, and we are called to witness to the presence of the Resurrected Lord in our life. Attending the Holy Mass this day is our Christian obligation.

If you feel that in some ways you have experienced God's blessing in your life, maybe it is important to share with others what you have received from Him. In your generosity, please consider a donation or bequest to our parish, either by monetary donations collected every Sunday, through our website: www.holysaviourpncc.org or using your iPhone or smartphone by scanning this QR code and following the prompts. Thank you very much and may God continue His blessing upon you.

