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Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

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# PALM SUNDAY

## *of the* PASSION OF THE LORD

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*“Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord”*

### **The Beginning of Holy Week**

Today, Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord, inaugurates Holy Week because today we celebrate the entrance of the Lord into Jerusalem, where He will face His passion and death. The re-enactment of His entry is marked by the sacramental of these blessed palms or olive branches, carried by us, the ‘children of the Hebrews.’

### **The Processions**

This procession of Christ the King is the first of a series of processions of Holy Week and the Triduum by which we are carried to Easter. Today the procession of palms, on Holy Wednesday the procession of the sacred oils used for the year to come in the sacraments of baptism, confirmation, ordination, and the anointing of the sick, on Holy Thursday, the procession of the Blessed Sacrament to the Altar of Repose at which we watch and wait with the Lord in the Garden of Gethsemane during his agony, on Good Friday the procession and veneration of the Holy Cross on which hung the world’s salvation,

as well as the procession of the Blessed Sacrament for the reception of Holy Communion as no Mass is ever celebrated on that day, and at the vigil of Easter the procession of the paschal candle imaging the breaking into our darkness of the light of Christ.

Our birth into this world inaugurates the great procession of our life by which we move through this world, seeking out our salvation, until we reach the gates of heaven.

### **The Tree**

Throughout our life we are lifted by joy and marred by tragedy, and often the two seem to come as one. The palms and olive branches of Christ’s triumphant entry into Jerusalem gives way to the palms and olive trees of the Garden of Gethsemane in which He endures His agony. The tribulation of the crowds hailing Christ as the King becomes the tirade of the crowds demanding His death. He who gave sight to the blind, hearing to the deaf, life to the dead, and freed so many possessed by demons now suffers His own death.

### **The Sacred Triduum**

Holy Week closes Lent and opens up to the Triduum, the three days of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday. But these are not three separate occasions but instead they form a unity, a single celebration of our salvation. There is no choice to be made as to which of the three days we attend. We attend them all because to miss even one of those days would be like walking out in the middle of a movie: we will never really know what’s going on or what’s happened.

This singular mystery of these three days must be confronted so that it may overwhelm us, so that we might be carried along in prayer and lowered to the grinding pains of hell and raised high to the glories of paradise. We must stand present, attentive, conscious to the working out by the Father, Son and Holy Spirit of our redemption and fall on our knees in wonder and awe, so that we might stand forever with all the angels and saints, with God our Father, with Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit, in the kingdom of heaven forever.

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## HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

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### Holy Mass

Tuesday, 9:15 a.m.

Wednesday, 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, 9:15 a.m.

Friday, 9:15 a.m.

Saturday, 9:15 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Sunday, 7:30 a.m., 8:30 a.m., 5:00 p.m.

### Confessions

Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Sunday, 5:30 p.m.

### Nigerian Community Mass

Second and fourth Sunday of the month,

11:00 a.m.

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### Rosters

### Readers

8:30 a.m.

5:00 p.m.

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## HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

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### Holy Mass

Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, 8:15 a.m.

Thursday, 8:15 a.m.

Friday, 8:15 a.m.

Saturday, 8:15 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

### Confessions

Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

### Holy Mass and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

First Friday of the month, 7:00 p.m.

### Holy Mass in Latin

First Thursday of the month, 6:00 p.m.

### Ghanaian Chaplaincy Mass

Second and last Sunday of the month,  
11:30 a.m.

### Vietnamese Chaplaincy Mass

Sunday, 5:00 p.m.

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### Rosters

### Church Cleaning

### Readers

Vigil as arranged for the Easter Vigil

10:00 a.m. as arranged for Easter

## PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

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Janelle Allan, John Anjoul, Marlene Ashton, John Augustus, Frank Azzopardi, Antonio Bifulco, Ann Blesson, Vincenzo Colosimo, Marcus El-Khoury, Lucy Farrugia, Carmel Galea, Evangeline Grabato, Thomas Hayek, Elizabeth Hicks, Peter Higgins, Therese Khalil, Kay King, Ruth La Rosa, Jacob Lee, Josephine Magro, Ester Matos, Sid Morgan, Scott Moulton, Tony Moussa, Ben Nursoo, Sarah-Joy O'Connor, Flory Pinto, Don Provest, Therese Smeal, Ricardo Tognini, Lorraine Vella, Sam Wardan.



*Lord Jesus Christ, our Redeemer,  
by the grace of your Holy Spirit  
cure the weaknesses of your servants,  
and mercifully restore them to full health.  
St. Raphael the Archangel, pray for us.*

## IN MEMORIAM

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Sr. Teresita Perez, Nieves Arribas, Attard Family, Axiak Family, Victor Azzopardi, Claudio Basamez, Antonia Agustin Bernardo, Bonello Family, Nick Bonello, Betty Borg, Kathleen Bradbery, Paul Bradbery, Teofila Cabal, Mary Caden, Dick Cahill, Gwen Cahill, Vincent Cahill, Youseff Jose Chalhoub, Phyllis May Denmeade, Carmen Galea, Maria Gambin, Joe Grech, Mary Grech, Sam Grech, Kelvin Huitt, Salim Karaki, Nouhad Khoury, Frouzine Malkoun, Jacob Malkoun, Mouna Malkoun, Ofimia Malkoun, Joseph Nammour, Jack Newell, Jean Newell, Tony Newell, Haydee Nursoo, Laura Pestano, Rogelio Pestano, Rolando Pestano, Sheila Pidgeon, Peter Robertson, Salina Family, Sergio Sudiro, Emanuel Tabone, Darren Thornton, Joseph Vella, Dib Zaiter.



*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,  
and let perpetual light shine upon them.*



Join us again this year for our annual Good Friday “Cross Walk” from Holy Trinity Church to Holy Family Church as we pray the Stations of the Cross in commemoration of the Passion and Crucifixion of Our Lord.

The walk will begin at Holy Trinity Church at 5:00 p.m. and will move through the streets of Granville, stopping at people’s houses as we pray the Stations of the Cross, and then conclude at Holy Family Church.

This is a beautiful and powerful way to make known the Faith of Our Lord to the world and to draw us into the sufferings of Christ.

At a time when the Church is being silenced and the Faith is publicly ridiculed, we must stand strong and publicly witness to the Truth of Our Lord, Jesus Christ and of His Church.

So join us as we walk as Holy Cross Parish seeking to honour Our Lord and to witness to the salvation won for us and to make it known to the world.

**Volunteers for Easter Vigil Fire Still Needed at Holy Family Church**

We are still asking for volunteers to assist with preparing and safely monitoring the Easter Vigil fire at Holy Family Church for the Easter Vigil. Two adult volunteers are needed to prepare and light the fire and to keep it lit and, after the “Lucernarium”, to safely extinguish the fire.

If you would like to offer your help, please speak with Fr. Andrew this weekend.

**Changes to Daily Mass and Confessions Schedule for This Week**

Holy Mass will not be said on Tuesday evening at Holy Trinity Church as we will pray the solemn office of Tenebrae at 7:00 p.m.

On Wednesday evening at Holy Family Church, there will be no Mass or confessions as the Mass of the Holy Oils (Chrism Mass) will be celebrated at St. Patrick’s Cathedral. There will, however, be a morning Mass at Holy Trinity Church at 8:15 a.m.

The next availability for confession after Holy Wednesday will be on Holy Saturday at Holy Trinity Church (outside due to preparations for the Easter Vigil) at 10:00 a.m.

On Thursday morning, Holy Mass will not be said at either Holy Trinity Church or Holy Family Church as the Mass of that day is the Mass of the Lord’s Supper which will be said at Holy Family Church at 6:00 p.m. and at Holy Trinity Church at 7:30 p.m.

Please note that the temporary Mass times of 7:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. will not be offered on Easter Sunday.

**“Project Compassion”**

Caritas “Project Compassion” will be cashless this year. To make a donation, scan the QR code below which will take you to a dedicated parish site for your contributions.



**TENEBRAE**

HOLY TUESDAY

at 7:00 p.m.

This Tuesday evening at Holy Trinity Church, we will pray the ancient Office of Tenebrae, a service of psalms and hymns lit by candlelight.

With a dimly-lit church, a rarely-seen candle holder, sombre tones, and a candle hidden away, Tenebrae is a unique and special liturgy in the calendar of the Roman Catholic Church.



The name Tenebrae comes from the Latin word for “darkness” or “shadows”.

A major feature of the service is the progressive extinguishing of candles as the psalms and readings progress, until only a single candle—a symbol of Christ—remains. For a brief time towards the end of the service we remain in darkness, meditating upon the mystery of Christ’s death and the apparent victory of darkness and evil in our lives, only to be startled by a loud noise—the “strepitus”—symbolising the earthquake at the time of the Resurrection.

It is a beautiful and moving service that draws us into the depths of Holy Week as the candles are slowly extinguished reminding us of the darkness of the Passion and Cross as we await the light of the Resurrection.

So join the parish on Tuesday evening to pray and to enter more fully into Holy Week.



# Palm Sunday



2 APRIL

## HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

4:30PM - VIGIL MASS *Sat 1st April*

8:30AM - HOLY MASS

5PM - HOLY MASS

## HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

6PM - VIGIL MASS *Sat 1st April*

10AM - HOLY MASS

# Holy Week



# Holy Tuesday

4 APRIL

## HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

7PM - TENEBRAE

*A solemn service of psalms, prayers & candles*

# Holy Thursday



6 APRIL

## HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

6PM - MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

## HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

7:30PM - MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

*Followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*



# Good Friday

7 APRIL

## HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

9:15AM - STATIONS OF THE CROSS

## HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

10:30AM - STATIONS OF THE CROSS

## HOLY FAMILY & HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

3PM - COMMEMORATION OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

5PM - CROSS WALK

# Easter Sunday



9 APRIL

## HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

5:30PM - VIGIL MASS *Sat 8th April*

8:30AM - HOLY MASS

5PM - HOLY MASS

## HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

8PM - VIGIL MASS *Sat 8th April*

10AM - HOLY MASS

HOLY TRINITY, GRANVILLE  
CNR. RANDLE ST & BENNALONG ST

HOLY FAMILY, EAST GRANVILLE  
200 THE TRONGATE





# Tenebrae

A service of Psalms, Prayers & Candles

*Holy Tuesday*

TUESDAY 4TH APRIL - 7 PM

*Holy Trinity Church, Granville*





# CROSS WALK

*Friday 7th April*  
*5 p.m.*

Join us for a solemn procession of  
the Stations of the Cross  
through the streets of Granville  
in honour of Good Friday

## *Starting*

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH  
Cnr. Bennalong & Randle St

## *Ending*

HOLY FAMILY CHURCH  
200 The Trongate



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# Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

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## The Readings

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### Gospel

#### The Gospel of 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 Jesus the prophet, from Nazareth in Galilee."

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### First Reading

#### The Prophet Isaiah (50:4-7)

The Lord has given me a disciple's tongue. So that I may know how to reply to the wearied he provides me with speech. Each morning he wakes me to hear, to listen like a disciple. The Lord has opened my ear. For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle. The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed.

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### Responsorial Psalm (Ps 21:8-9, 17-20, 23-24. R. v. 2)

R. My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

All who see me deride me.  
They curl their lips, they toss their heads.  
'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him;  
let him release him if this is his friend.' R.

Many dogs have surrounded me,  
a band of the wicked beset me.  
They tear holes in my hands and my feet.  
I can count every one of my bones. R.

They divide my clothing among them.  
They cast lots for my robe.  
O Lord, do not leave me alone,  
my strength, make haste to help me! R.

I will tell of your name to my brethren  
and praise you where they are assembled.  
'You who fear the Lord give him praise;  
all sons of Jacob, give him glory.  
Revere him, Israel's sons.' R.

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### Second Reading

#### The Letter of Saint Paul to the Philippians (2:6-11)

His state was divine, yet Christ Jesus did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are, and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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### Gospel Acclamation

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!

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### The Passion

#### The Gospel of Matthew (26:14-27:66)

*All join in the reading of part of the Crowd (C).*

N One of the Twelve, the man called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests and said:

O What are you prepared to give me if I hand Him over to you?

N They paid him thirty silver pieces, and from that moment he looked for an opportunity to betray Him. Now on the first day of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus to say,

**C Where do you want us to make the preparations for you to eat the passover?**

N He replied:

✘ Go to so-and-so in the city and say to him, 'The Master says: My time is near. It is at your house that I am keeping Passover with my disciples.'

N The disciples did what Jesus told them and prepared the Passover. When the evening came He was at table with the twelve disciples. And while they were eating He said:

✘ I tell you solemnly, one of you is about to betray me.

N They were greatly distressed and started asking him in turn,

O Not I, Lord, surely?

N He answered:

✘ Someone who has dipped his hand into the dish with me, will betray me. The Son of Man is going to His fate, as the scriptures say He will, but alas for that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! Better for that man if he had never been born!

N Judas, who was to betray Him, asked in his turn,

O Not I, Rabbi, surely?

N Jesus answered:

✘ They are your own words.

N Now as they were eating, Jesus took some bread, and when He had said the blessing He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said:

✘ Take it and eat; this is my body.

N Then He took a cup, and when He had returned thanks He gave it to them saying:

✘ Drink all of you from this, for this is my blood, the blood of the covenant, which is to be poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. From now on, I tell you, I shall not drink wine until the day I drink the new wine with you in the kingdom of my Father.

N After psalms had been sung they left for the Mount of Olives. Then Jesus said to them,

✘ You will all lose faith in me this night, for the scripture says: I shall strike the shepherd and the flock will be scattered. But after my resurrection I shall go before you to Galilee.

N At this, Peter said:

O Though all lose faith in you, I will never lose faith.

N Jesus answered him,

✘ I tell you solemnly, this very night, before the cock crows, you will have disowned me three times.

N Peter said to Him,

O Even if I have to die with you, I will never disown you.

N And all the disciples said the same. Then Jesus came with them to a small estate called Gethsemane; and He said to His disciples,

✘ Stay here while I go over there to pray.

N He took Peter and the two sons of Zebedee with him. And sadness came over Him, and great distress. Then He said to them:

✘ My soul is sorrowful to the point of death. Wait here and keep awake with me.

N And going on a little further He fell on His face and prayed:

✘ My Father, if it is possible let this cup pass me by. Nevertheless, let it be as you, not I, would have it.

N He came back to the disciples and found them sleeping, and He said to Peter:

✘ So you had not the strength to keep awake with me one hour? You should be awake, and praying not to be put to the test. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak.

N Again, a second time, He went away and prayed:

✘ My father, if this cup cannot pass by without my drinking it, your will be done!

N And He came back again and found them sleeping, their eyes were so heavy. Leaving them there, He went away again and prayed for the third time, repeating the same words. Then He came back to the disciples and said to them,

✘ You can sleep on now and take your rest. Now the hour has come when the Son of Man is to be betrayed into the hands of sinners. Get up! Let us go! My betrayer is already close at hand.

N He was still speaking when Judas, one of the Twelve, appeared, and with him a large number of men armed with swords and clubs, sent by the chief priests and elders of the people. Now the traitor had arranged a sign with them. He had said:

O 'The one I kiss, He is the man. Take Him in charge.'

N So he went straight up to Jesus and said:



O 'Greetings, Rabbi,'

N and kissed Him. Jesus said to him,

✘ 'My friend, do what you are here for.'

N Then they came forward, seized Jesus and took Him in charge. At that, one of the followers of Jesus grasped his sword and drew it; he struck out at the high priest's servant, and cut off his ear. Jesus then said:

✘ 'Put your sword back, for all who draw the sword will die by the sword. Or do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father who would promptly send more than twelve legions of angels to my defence? But then, how would the scriptures be fulfilled that say this is the way it must be?'

N It was at this time that Jesus said to the crowds:

✘ 'Am I a brigand, that you had to set out to capture me with swords and clubs? I sat teaching in the Temple day after day and you never laid hands on me.'

N Now all this happened to fulfil the prophecies in scripture. Then all the disciples deserted Him and ran away. The men who had arrested Jesus led him off to Caiaphas the high priest, where the scribes and elders were assembled. Peter followed Him at a distance, and when he reached the high priest's palace, he went in and sat down with the attendants to see what the end would be. The chief priests and the whole Sanhedrin were looking for evidence against Jesus, however false, on which they might pass the death-sentence. But they could not find any, though several lying witnesses came forward. Eventually two stepped forward and made a statement,

O 'This man said, "I have power to destroy the Temple of God and in three days build it up."'

N The high priest then stood up and said to Him:

O 'Have you no answer to that? What is the evidence these men are bringing against you?'

N But Jesus was silent. And the high priest said to Him:

O 'I put you on oath by the living God to tell us if you are the Christ, the Son of God.'

N Jesus answered:

✘ 'The words are your own. Moreover, I tell you that from this time onward you will see the Son of Man

seated at the right hand of the Power and coming on the clouds of heaven.'

N At this, the high priest tore his clothes and said:

O 'He has blasphemed. What need of witnesses have we now? There! You have just heard the blasphemy. What is your opinion?'

N They answered:

**C 'He deserves to die.'**

N Then they spat in His face and hit Him with their fists; others said as they struck Him:

**C 'Play the prophet, Christ! Who hit you then?'**

N Meanwhile Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard, and a servant-girl came up to him and said:

O 'You too were with Jesus the Galilean.'

N But he denied it in front of them all, saying:

O 'I do not know what you are talking about.'

N When he went out to the gateway another servant-girl saw him and said to the people there:

O 'This man was with Jesus the Nazarene.'

N And again, with an oath, he denied it,

O 'I do not know the man.'

N A little later the bystanders came up and said to Peter:

**C 'You are one of them for sure! Why, your accent gives you away.'**

N Then he started calling down curses on himself and swearing:

O 'I do not know the man.'

N At that moment the cock crew, and Peter remembered what Jesus had said, 'Before the cock crows you will have disowned me three times.' And he went outside and wept bitterly. When morning came, all the chief priests and the elders of the people met in council to bring about the death of Jesus. They had Him bound, and led Him away to hand Him over to Pilate, the governor. When He found that Jesus had been condemned, Judas His betrayer was filled with remorse and took the thirty pieces of silver back to the chief priests and elders, saying:

O 'I have sinned. I have betrayed innocent blood.'

N They replied:

**C 'What is that to us? That is your concern.'**

N And flinging down the silver pieces in the sanctuary he made off, and went and hanged himself. The chief priests picked up the silver pieces and said:

**C 'It is against the Law to put this into the treasury; it is blood money.'**

N So they discussed the matter and bought the potter's field with it as a graveyard for foreigners, and this is why the field is called the Field of Blood today. The words of the prophet Jeremiah were then fulfilled: 'And they took the thirty silver pieces, the sum at which the precious One was priced by children of Israel, and they gave them for the potter's field, just as the Lord directed me.' Jesus, then, was brought before the governor, and the governor put to Him this question:

O 'Are you the king of the Jews?'

N Jesus replied:

✘ 'It is you who say it.'

N But when He was accused by the chief priests and the elders He refused to answer at all. Pilate then said to Him:

O 'Do you not hear how many charges they have brought against you?'

N But to the governor's complete amazement, He offered no reply to any of the charges. At festival time it was the governor's practice to release a prisoner for the people, anyone they chose. Now there was at this time a notorious prisoner whose name was Barabbas. So when the crowd gathered Pilate said to them,

O 'Which do you want me to release for you: Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Christ?'

N For Pilate knew it was out of jealousy that they had handed Him over. Now as he was seated in the chair of judgement, his wife sent him a message,

O 'Have nothing to do with that man; I have been upset all day by a dream I had about Him.'

N The chief priests and the elders, however, had persuaded the crowd to demand the release of Barabbas and the execution of Jesus. So when the governor spoke and asked them:

O 'Which of the two do you want me to release for you?'

N They said:

**C 'Barabbas.'**

N Pilate said to them:

O 'What am I to do with Jesus who is called Christ?'

N They all said:

**C 'Let Him be crucified!'**

N Pilate asked:

O 'Why? What harm has He done?'

N But they shouted all the louder,

**C 'Let Him be crucified!'**

N Then Pilate saw that he was making no impression, that in fact a riot was imminent. So he took some water, washed his hands in front of the crowd and said:

O 'I am innocent of this man's blood. It is your concern.'

N And the people, to a man, shouted back:

**C 'His blood be on us and on our children!'**

N Then he released Barabbas for them. He ordered Jesus to be first scourged and then handed over to be crucified. The governor's soldiers took Jesus with them into the Praetorium and collected the whole cohort around him. Then they stripped Him and made Him wear a scarlet cloak, and having twisted some thorns into a crown they put this on His head and placed a reed in his right hand. To make fun of him they knelt to Him saying:

**C 'Hail, king of the Jews!'**

N And they spat on Him and took the reed and struck Him on the head with it. And when they had finished making fun of Him, they took off the cloak and dressed Him in His own clothes and led Him away to crucify him. On their way out, they came across a man from Cyrene, Simon by name, and enlisted him to carry His cross. When they had reached a place called Golgotha, that is, the place of the skull, they gave Him wine to drink. When they had finished crucifying Him they shared out his clothes by casting lots, and then sat down and stayed there keeping guard over Him. Above His head was placed the charge against Him; it read: 'This is



Jesus, the King of the Jews'. At the same time two robbers were crucified with Him, one on the right and one on the left. The passers-by jeered at Him; they shook their heads and said:

**C 'So you would destroy the Temple and rebuild it in three days! Then save yourself! If you are God's son, come down from the cross!'**

N The chief priests with the scribes and elders mocked Him in the same way, saying:

**C 'He saved others; He cannot save Himself. He is the King of Israel; let Him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in Him. He put His trust in God; now let God rescue Him if He wants Him. For He did say, 'I am the son of God'.**

N Even the robbers who were crucified with Him taunted Him in the same way. From the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour. And about the ninth hour, Jesus cried out in a loud voice:

✠ 'Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?'

N That is: 'My God, my God, why have you deserted me?' When some of those who stood there heard this, they said:

**C 'The man is calling on Elijah,'**

N and one of them quickly ran to get a sponge which he dipped in vinegar and, putting it on a reed, gave it Him to drink. The rest of them said:

**C 'Wait! See if Elijah will come to save Him.'**

N But Jesus, again crying out in a loud voice, yielded up His spirit.

***All kneel and pause a moment.***

N At that, the veil of the Temple was torn in two from top to bottom; the earth quaked; the rocks were split; the tombs opened and the bodies of many holy men rose from the dead, and these, after His resurrection, came out of the tombs, entered the Holy City and appeared to a number of people. Meanwhile the centurion, together with the others guarding Jesus, had seen the earthquake and all that was taking place, and they were terrified and said:

**C 'In truth this was a son of God.'**

N And many women were there, watching from a distance, the same women who had followed Jesus from Galilee and looked after him. Among them were Mary of Magdala, Mary the mother of James

and Joseph, and the mother of Zebedee's sons. When it was evening, there came a rich man of Arimathaea, called Joseph, who had himself become a disciple of Jesus. This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Pilate thereupon ordered it to be handed over. So Joseph took the body, wrapped it in a clean shroud and put it in his own new tomb which he had hewn out of the rock. He then rolled a large stone across the entrance of the tomb and went away. Now Mary of Magdala and the other Mary were there, sitting opposite the sepulchre. Next day, that is, when Preparation Day was over, the chief priests and the Pharisees went in a body to Pilate and said to him,

**C 'Your Excellency, we recall that this impostor said, while He was still alive, "After three days I shall rise again." Therefore give the order to have the sepulchre kept secure until the third day, for fear His disciples come and steal Him away and tell the people, "He has risen from the dead." This last piece of fraud would be worse than what went before.'**

N Pilate said to them:

O 'You may have your guards. Go and make all as secure as you know how.'

N So they went and made the sepulchre secure, putting seals on the stone and mounting a guard.



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# Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

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## The Passion (Shorter Form)

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### **The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to Matthew (27:11-54)**

Jesus was brought before Pontius Pilate, the governor, and the governor put to him this question, 'Are you the king of the Jews?' Jesus replied, 'It is you who say it.' But when he was accused by the chief priests and the elders he refused to answer at all. Pilate then said to him, 'Do you not hear how many charges they have brought against you?' But to the governor's complete amazement, he offered no reply to any of the charges.

At festival time it was the governor's practice to release a prisoner for the people, anyone they chose. Now there was at that time a notorious prisoner whose name was Barabbas. So when the crowd gathered, Pilate said to them, 'Which do you want me to release for you: Barabbas, or Jesus who is called Christ?' For Pilate knew it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over.

Now as he was seated in the chair of judgement, his wife sent him a message, 'Have nothing to do with that man; I have been upset all day by a dream I had about him.'

The chief priests and the elders, however, had persuaded the crowd to demand the release of Barabbas and the execution of Jesus. So when the governor spoke and asked them, 'Which of the two do you want me to release for you?' they said 'Barabbas'. 'But in that case,' Pilate said to them 'what am I to do with Jesus who is called Christ?' They all said, 'Let him be crucified!' 'Why?' he asked 'What harm has he done?' But they shouted all the louder, 'Let him be crucified!' Then Pilate saw that he was making no impression, that in fact a riot was imminent. So he took some water, washed his hands in front of the crowd and said, 'I am innocent of this man's blood. It is your concern.' And the people, to a man, shouted back, 'His blood be on us and on our children!' Then he released Barabbas for them. He ordered Jesus to be first scourged and then handed over to be crucified.

The governor's soldiers took Jesus with them into the Praetorium and collected the whole cohort around him. Then they stripped him and made him wear a scarlet cloak, and having twisted some thorns into a crown they put this on his head and placed a reed in his right hand. To make fun of him they knelt to him saying, 'Hail, king of the Jews!' And they spat on him and took the reed and struck him on the head with it. And when they had

finished making fun of him, they took off the cloak and dressed him in his own clothes and led him away to crucify him.

On their way out, they came across a man from Cyrene, Simon by name, and enlisted him to carry his cross. When they had reached a place called Golgotha, that is, the place of the skull, they gave him wine to drink mixed with gall, which he tasted but refused to drink. When they had finished crucifying him they shared out his clothing by casting lots, and then sat down and stayed there keeping guard over him.

Above his head was placed the charge against him; it read: 'This is Jesus, the King of the Jews.' At the same time two robbers were crucified with him, one on the right and one on the left.

The passers-by jeered at him; they shook their heads and said 'So you would destroy the Temple and rebuild it in three days! Then save yourself! If you are God's son, come down from the cross!' The chief priests with the scribes and elders mocked him in the same way. 'He saved others,' they said 'he cannot save himself. He is the king of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. He put his trust in God; now let God rescue him if he wants him. For he did say, "I am the son of God."' Even the robbers who were crucified with him taunted him in the same way.

From the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour. And about the ninth hour, Jesus cried out in a loud voice, 'Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?' that is, 'My God, my God, why have you deserted me?' When some of those who stood there heard this, they said, 'The man is calling on Elijah,' and one of them quickly ran to get a sponge which he dipped in vinegar and putting it on a reed, gave it him to drink. 'Wait!' said the rest of them 'and see if Elijah will come to save him.' But Jesus again crying out in a loud voice, yielded up his spirit.

### ***All kneel and pause a moment.***

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