



# THE SAVING WORD

PASSION (PALM) SUNDAY / B

24 MARCH 2024

committed murder during the uprising. When the crowd went up and began to ask Pilate the customary favour, Pilate answered them,

**O.** Do you want me to release for you the king of the Jews?

**N.** For he realised it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed Jesus over. The chief priests, however, had incited the crowd to demand that he should release Barabbas for them instead. Then Pilate spoke again,

**O.** But in that case, what am I to do with the man you call king of the Jews?

**N.** They shouted back,

**C.** Crucify him!

**N.** Pilate asked them,

**O.** Why? What harm has he done?

**N.** But they shouted all the louder,

**C.** Crucify him!

**N.** So Pilate, anxious to placate the crowd, released Barabbas for them and, having ordered Jesus to be scourged, handed him over to be crucified.

The soldiers led him away to the inner part of the palace, that is, the Praetorium, and called the whole cohort together. They dressed him up in purple, twisted some thorns into a crown and put it on him. And they began saluting him,

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

**N.** They struck his head with a reed and spat on him; and they went down on their knees to do him homage. And when they had finished making fun of him, they

took off the purple and dressed him in his own clothes.

They led him out to crucify him. They enlisted a passerby, Simon of Cyrene, father of Alexander and Rufus, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross. They brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha, which means the place of the skull.

They offered him wine mixed with myrrh, but he refused it. Then they crucified him, and shared out his clothing, casting lots to decide what each should get. It was the third hour when they crucified him. The inscription giving the charge against him read: 'The King of the Jews.' And they crucified two robbers with him, one on his right and one on his left.

The passers-by jeered at him; they shook their heads and said,

**C.** Aha! So you would destroy the Temple and rebuild it in three days! Then save yourself: come down from the cross!

**N.** The chief priests and the scribes mocked him among themselves in the same way. They said,

**C.** He saved others, he cannot save himself. Let the Christ, the king of

Israel, come down from the cross now, for us to see it and believe.

**N.** Even those who were crucified with him taunted him.

When the sixth hour came there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour. And at the ninth hour Jesus cried out in a loud voice,

**J.** Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?

**N.** This means 'My God, my God, why have you deserted me?' When some of those who stood by heard this they said,

**C.** Listen, he is calling on Elijah.

**N.** Someone ran and soaked a sponge in vinegar and, putting it on a reed, gave it to him to drink saying,

**O.** Wait and see if Elijah will come to take him down.

**N.** But Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last.

*All kneel and pause a moment*

And the veil of the Temple was torn in two from top to bottom. The centurion, who was standing in front of him, had seen how he had died, and he said,

**O.** In truth this man was a son of God.

*The longer form of this passion narrative may be read: Mk 14:1-15:47*

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**FIRST READING** Isa 50: 4-7  
A reading from the prophet Isaiah

*I did not cover my face against insult and I know I will not be ashamed.*

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.

■ The word of the Lord.

## RESP PSALM

Ps 21: 8-9, 17-20, 23-24. R. v. 2

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

1. 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.**

2. 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.**

3. 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.**

4. 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.**

**SECOND READING** Phil 2: 6-11  
A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

*He humbled himself to become like us and God raised him on high.*

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.

■ The word of the Lord.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Phil 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

Mk 15: 1-39

**(N.** Narrator **J.** Jesus

**O.** Other single speaker

**C.** Crowd, or more than one other speaker)

**N.** The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

**N.** First thing in the morning, the chief priests together with the elders and scribes, in short the whole Sanhedrin, had their plan ready. They had Jesus bound and took him away and handed him over to Pilate. Pilate questioned him,

**O.** Are you the king of the Jews?

**N.** He answered,

**J.** It is you who say it.

**N.** And the chief priests brought many accusations against him. Pilate questioned him again,

**O.** Have you no reply at all? See how many accusations they are bringing against you!

**N.** But to Pilate's amazement, Jesus made no further reply.

At festival time Pilate used to release a prisoner for them, anyone they asked for. Now a man called Barabbas was then in prison with the rioters who had

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**MASS TIMINGS:**  
 Monday 8:00 am; Tuesday 7:00 pm  
 Wednesday to Friday 8:00 am  
 Saturday 8:00 am and Vigil 5:30 pm  
 Sunday 8:00am & 10:00 am

**CONFESSIONS:**  
 Saturday 4:15 - 5:00 pm

**Baptisms and Marriages:** By appointment

**DEVOTIONS**  
**:Rosary**  
 after weekday Masses  
**:Cenacle Prayers**  
 Fridays 5:00pm – 6:00pm

**Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help**  
 Wednesday after the 8:00 am Mass.

**Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament**  
 Saturday from 4:15pm to 5:00 pm  
 First Fridays from 11.30am to 12.15pm

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**Year B: Palm Sunday of The Passion of The Lord** 24-03-2024

**Entrance Antiphon:** 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.

**Communion Antiphon:** *Father, if this chalice cannot pass without my drinking it, your will be done.*

**Prayer for Passion Sunday:** *Loving and Gracious God, through the eyes of the crucified One, our eyes are opened to see the violence and turmoil in our world. May the passion of Christ teach us to be healers who bring peace and reconciliation to our world. Through the heart of the crucified One our hearts are opened to feel the pain and suffering in our world. May the passion of Christ teach us to live with compassion in our world. Amen.*

**We offer special prayers for:**

**The sick:** Helen Yu, Celin Malkun, Speranza Dorigo, Jim Lisbona, Nayade Malkun, Lynette Drew, Jorge Azar, Milagros F. Cannistraro, Sarah Cannistraro, Sevi Zachary Claveria, Marieta De Venecia, Sue Domanchich, Vivian Felice, Doris Magri, Javier Malkun, July Malkun, Manuel Mantilla, Marija & Barclay Family, Owen McLoughlin, Felomina Moulic, Jay R. Moulic, Salvador Murillo, Yvonne Parry, Jessa Reina De Vera-Cruz, Thelma Soriano, Ann-Marie Stevens, Venus Tabayoyong, James Trehwella, Aurea Visperas, Alison Wilkinson, Jessica & Joseph Wilkinson, all our sick parishioners, sick members of our families and friends and all the sick in the world.

**The deceased: Recently:** Felicidad Yabut Delos Reyes, Bev Kuscher, Mauro Soriano (40days), Sime Pedisich, Zlatko & Julkica Klobuchar **Anniversary:** John Wilkinson (1yr 7mths) Patrick Cheong (16/3), Veronica Luo (11/3), Johan Padua Chuaunsu (5<sup>th</sup> on 10/3), Luz Espejo (2<sup>nd</sup> on 7/3), Lourdes Soriano (13/3)

**Others:** Andrew Spiteri, Giovanni Family, Vincenzo & Elena Sellaro Gerace, Cosentino, Rizzo, Artese & Sellaro Families, deceased Araujo Family members, the deceased members of our families and friends and all Souls in Purgatory.

**NO FOREIGN COINS Please:** Please do not place any foreign coins and currency in any collections as they cause problems with our counting machine and the bank's.

**HOLY WEEK CEREMONIES READERS and READINGS**

St Paul's Holy

**HOLY THURSDAY** Lectors Readings  
 28 Mar 7pm 1: Beatriz Visperas Holy Thur Booklet: 1<sup>st</sup> Reading & Responsorial Psalm page 121-122  
 2: Edwin Kolencherry Holy Thur Booklet: 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading & Gospel Acclamation page 122-123

**GOOD FRIDAY**  
 29 Mar 3pm 1. Reuben Kahn Good Fri Booklet: 1<sup>st</sup> Reading & Resp Psalm page 130-132  
 2. Meri Hardi Good Fri Booklet: 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading & Gospel Acclamatn page 132-133  
 N: Darren Lee Good Fri Booklet: Gospel Passion: Narrator page 133-140  
 O/C: Bernadette H Good Fri Booklet: Gospel Passion: Others/Crowd page 133-140

**EASTER VIGIL**  
 30 Mar 7pm 1. Beatriz Visperas Holy Sat Book: Reading 1 & Resp Psalm Page 167-169 2nd Reading  
 2. Beatriz Visperas Holy Sat Book: Reading 2 & Canticle Page 169-172 3rd Reading  
 3. Brennan Sharpley Holy Sat Book: Reading 3 & Resp Psalm Page 178-180 7th Reading  
 4. Brennan Sharpley Holy Sat Book: Epistle & Resp Psalm Page 181/182 Epistle

**EASTER SUNDAY** Lectors Readings  
 31 Mar 8am Iskandar Ajjaka Bulletin Easter Sun: Mass during the Day: First Reading & Resp Psalm  
 Bev Anlezark Bulletin Easter Sun: Mass during the Day: 2nd Reading & Sequence  
 10am Bernadette H Bulletin Easter Sun: Mass during the Day: First Reading & Resp Psalm  
 Anthony Grima Bulletin Easter Sun: Mass during the Day: 2nd Reading & Sequence

**Church Cleaning & Preparation:** Roster 30 March, fifth Saturday of the month

**Altar Flowers Arranging:** Rosa Ribeiro

**Dusting & Tidying Pews:** Nicy Kolencherry

**Vacuuming Church Floor:** Kina Falemaka

**Holy Thursday Washing of Feet:** Volunteers are needed for the Washing of Feet Ceremony on Holy Thur 28 March at 7pm. Please fill in the form in the foyer to volunteer.

**Holy Places-Good Friday Appeal:** to provide support and care of Holy Land places and long-suffering Christians there. Envelopes are available. This appeal is not tax deductible.

**A volunteer is needed to read at Saturday Vigil 5.30pm masses:** please contact the parish office if you can help. Thank you.

**Our Outdoor Mary Statue** is being restored. Hopefully she will be back by Easter 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024. Thank you very much for all your generous donations which was more than sufficient for the restoration. The surplus will go to Church repairs. God bless you all abundantly!

**Project Compassion:** to support the vulnerable communities end poverty. Parish issues tax receipts for cash/cheque donations above \$2. Caritas Australia issues tax receipts for card donations. Thank you for your contributions.

**The First Collection** taken after the Prayer of Faithful supports our Archdiocesan clergies' stipends and presbytery expenses. **The Second Collection which will be taken immediately after The First Collection** supports our church's liturgical and running expenses as well as repairs and maintenance. **Tap donations are divided equally to First & Second Collections.**



**Reconciliation:** Mon 25<sup>th</sup> March; after the 8am mass  
 Tues 26<sup>th</sup> March; 5.30pm to 6.45pm Confessions  
 Wed 27<sup>th</sup> March; after 8am mass

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March:** Mass at 8am

**Holy Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March:** Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7pm

**Good Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March:** Stations of the Cross 10am  
 Celebration of Lord's Passion 3pm

**Holy Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> March:** Easter Vigil Mass at 7pm

**Easter Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March:** Mass at 8am and 10am

**Easter Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April:** Please note **NO MASS on Easter Monday**