



ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA  
ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

**Palm Sunday Mass At Home Worship Aid**  
**April 5, 2020**

**Gospel Before The Solemn Entrance – Matthew 21: 1 – 11**

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 the he who comes in the name of the Lord;  
hosanna in the highest.”

And when he entered Jerusalem

the whole city was shaken and asked, “Who is this?”

And the crowds replied,

“This is Jesus the prophet, from Nazareth in Galilee.”

**Processional Hymn – The Solemn 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.

**First Reading – 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.

**Responsorial Psalm 22 - “My God, My God, why have you abandoned me?”**

**Second Reading – 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.

**Gospel Acclamation – Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory.**

*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.*

## **Gospel Reading – Matthew 27:11 – 54**

Jesus stood before the governor, Pontius Pilate, who questioned him,  
“Are you the king of the Jews?”  
Jesus said, “You say so.”  
And when he was accused by the chief priests and elders,  
he made no answer.  
Then Pilate said to him,  
“Do you not hear how many things they are testifying against you?”  
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,  
“Which one do you want me to release to you,  
Barabbas, or Jesus called Christ?”  
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,  
“Which of the two do you want me to release to you?”  
They answered, “Barabbas!”  
Pilate said to them,  
“Then what shall I do with Jesus called Christ?”  
They all said,  
“Let him be crucified!”  
But he said,  
“Why? What evil has he done?”  
They only shouted the louder,  
“Let him be crucified!”  
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, “I am innocent of this man’s blood.  
Look to it yourselves.”  
And the whole people said in reply,  
“His blood be upon us and upon our children.”  
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,  
“Hail, King of the Jews!”  
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,  
“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!”  
Likewise the chief priests with the scribes and elders mocked him and said,  
“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.’”  
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?*”  
which means, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”  
Some of the bystanders who heard it said,  
“This one is calling for Elijah.”  
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,  
“Wait, let us see if Elijah comes to save him.”  
But Jesus cried out again in a loud voice,  
and gave up his spirit.

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,  
“Truly, this was the Son of God!”

### **Act of Spiritual Communion**

My Jesus,  
I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.  
I love You above all things,  
and I desire to receive You into my soul.  
Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,  
come at least spiritually into my heart.  
I embrace You as if You were already there  
and unite myself wholly to You.  
Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

### **Communion Hymn – *Ah Holy Jesus***

Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended,  
that man to judge thee hath in hate pretended?  
By foes derided, by thine own rejected,  
O most afflicted.

Who was the guilty who brought this upon thee?  
Alas, my treason, Jesus, hath undone thee.  
'Twas I, Lord Jesus, I it was denied thee:  
I crucified thee.

Lo, the Good Shepherd for the sheep is offered;  
the slave hath sinned and the Son hath suffered:  
for man's atonement, while he nothing heedeth,  
God intercedeth.

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### **Recessional Hymn – *All Glory Laud and Honor* *Antiphon***

All glory, laud, and honor  
To thee, Redeemer, King,  
To whom the lips of children  
Made sweet hosannas ring.

Thou art the King of Israel,  
Thou David's royal Son,  
Who in the Lord's name comest,  
The King and Blessed One.

***Repeat Antiphon***

The company of angels  
Are praising thee on high,  
And mortal men and all things  
Created make reply.

***Repeat Antiphon***

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