

## At Home Liturgy of the Word

### Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord, Cycle A

**+In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

OPENING PRAYER, leader

**Matthew 26:14---27:66** (*New Testament*); *Find this scripture passage in your Bible and have someone read it.*

I. A. **Isaiah 50:4-7** (*Old Testament*) *Find this scripture passage in your Bible and have someone read it.*

B. *Spend a few moments reflecting on this reading. Then all who wish can share what thought comes to mind, like a reference to another scripture passage, a memory from one's life, a song, a dream, a statement, or the word or phrase from this passage that you remember or like the most; or draw the picture that stays in your mind. This is to be short and simple with no discussion at this time.*

II. A. **Psalms 21: 8-9, 17-20, 23-24** (*Old Testament*) *Find this Psalm in your Bible and have someone read it.*

B. *Spend a few moments reflecting on this psalm. Then all who wish can share what thought comes to mind as before.*

III. A. **Philippians 2:6-11** (*New Testament*); *Find this scripture passage in your Bible and have someone read it.*

B. *Spend a few moments reflecting on this reading. Then all who wish can share what thought comes to mind as before.*

IV. A. **Matthew 26:14---27:66** (*New Testament*); *Find this scripture passage in your Bible and have someone read it, or take turns or parts, because it is long.*

B. *Spend a few moments reflecting on this reading. Then all who wish can share what thought comes to mind as before.*

V. *Now spend some time discussing how these readings relate to your lives. These discussion questions\* may be helpful:*

1. Share a time when you were faithful to God's call despite personal sacrifices.
2. Relate a time in your life when you or others suffered because of racial discrimination.
3. Speak of a person you know who stood alone to stay true to the values of his or her life. How did it influence you?

## VI. PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Leader: Let us petition our God who enlightens the darkness of the world.

Reader:

1. For the members of the Elect, and for all candidates for confirmation and first communion who grow to love and seek virtue and holiness of life, we pray to the Lord: **Lord, hear our prayer.**
2. For all who honor of Jesus as our king as a sign of our dying to self-interest and self-will, we pray to the Lord: **Lord, hear our prayer.**
3. For those who doubt themselves to the point that they cannot discover the wonders God has placed in their lives, we pray to the Lord: **Lord, hear our prayer.**
4. For the Jewish people, who begin their annual celebration of the ancient Passover on the evening of April eighth so as to grow in faithfulness to the covenant and rejoice in the freedom of God's children, we pray to the Lord: **Lord, hear our prayer.**
5. For all who are gathered in Eucharistic celebrations during this virus pandemic, carrying the sorrows of one another with Jesus on the way to Golgotha, we pray to the Lord: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Other intercessions may be added. If praying for an individual or a certain group of people, conclude the intercession with praying for all in that specific situation.*

## VII. LORD'S PRAYER

Leader: On our Lenten journey, we dare to say:

**Our Father who art in heaven...For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever.**

## VIII. CONCLUDING PRAYER, leader

Loving God,

you are always doing something new,  
always looking for a better way for us.

We ask you to hear our prayers that we make  
in the name of Jesus Christ,  
the one who is our Lord for ever and ever.

*Please write down any questions or comments and pass them on to your pastor.*

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