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Palm Sunday

of the Passion of the Lord

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April 10, 2022

“Blessed is the king who comes
in the name of the Lord.”

Luke 19:38

Reflections ~ Reflexiones

Gospel: Luke 22:14–23:56

Today is called both Palm Sunday and Passion Sunday. Since the early centuries of the Church, Christians have carried palm branches in joyful processions on this day. We sing or shout "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord" like the crowd that followed Jesus into Jerusalem at the beginning of what we now call Holy Week. This year we hear the Passion account from Luke's Gospel. It tells the moving narrative of Jesus' suffering and Death, including the moments when he consoles the "good criminal" and forgives those who nailed him to the Cross.

1.) Jesus' friends and acquaintances "stood at a distance." Sometimes, when we go through hard times, our friends and acquaintances also keep their distance! However, Jesus was not left alone. The thief and the centurion, who had never met him before, were there with him. They believed in him. Sometimes encouragement comes from people we least expect. We are not left alone. Have you had this experience?

Evangelio: Lucas 22:14-23, 56

Hoy celebramos el Domingo de Ramos. Desde el primer siglo de la Iglesia, los cristianos llevan ramas de palma en procesión para celebrar este día. Cantamos: "Bendito el que viene en nombre del Señor". Como lo hizo la multitud que siguió a Jesús en Jerusalén al inicio de la Semana Santa. Este año escucharemos la Pasión según el Evangelio de Lucas. Cuenta una emocionante historia de Jesús, quien consuela al buen ladrón y perdona a quienes lo crucificaron.

1.) Los amigos y conocidos de Jesús se "mantuvieron a distancia". Algunas veces cuando estamos pasando por tiempos difíciles nuestros amigos y conocidos también se distancian. Sin embargo, Jesús no se quedó solo. El ladrón y el centurión, quienes no lo habían visto antes, estaban con Él. Ellos creyeron en Él. Algunas veces el valor viene de las personas que menos esperamos. Estamos solos ¿Han tenido esa experiencia?

Treasures from our Traditions ~ Tradiciones de nuestra Fe

Later this week, the Chrism Mass is celebrated in every cathedral in the world in preparation for the Easter Triduum. Only a bishop can consecrate chrism, pure olive oil infused with rich fragrance, so this liturgy is a sign of the unity of the local Church and the bishop's ministry to all who will be baptized and confirmed in our parishes in the coming year. Chrism is also used in the ordination of priests and bishops and the consecration of new altars. Two other sacramental oils, the unscented olive oil for catechumens and for the sick, will be blessed in the same liturgy and transported carefully to every parish by the beginning of the Triduum.

Remember when Noah's dove returned with the sign of the world's rebirth? The dove carried an olive branch, a pledge that God was breathing the world to life again. Yet olives require human nurture. Olives are inedible unless they are cured by human labor. Olive trees grow on sunny slopes, away from the shade of city walls, so they can only be properly tended, cured, and laboriously pressed in peace time. The Chrism Mass with its olive oils expresses God's deepest desires for us, and our resolve to place our lives in service to God's saving, healing, loving plan. —Rev. James Field,

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La liturgia oficial de la Iglesia para el Domingo de Ramos es algo paradójica. Entramos proclamando Hosannas con cantos y vitoreas y al poco tiempo estamos gritando: "¡crucifícalo, crucifícalo!" Según el rito la lectura del Evangelio y la consagración de la Eucaristía se hacen dentro del templo, pero se comienza afuera del templo con la bendición de los ramos.

En los Estados Unidos y otros países latinoamericanos se usan palmas en lugar de ramos. En Europa, normalmente, se usan ramos de olivos. Últimamente en Colombia para proteger la palma de cera del Quindío, se les ha pedido a los fieles que usen ramitas de plantas o ramos de flores. Estoy de acuerdo hay que proteger el ambiente, pero admito que prefiero las palmas, ya que es difícil poner un ramo de olivo o de flores detrás de una imagen sagrada colgada en la pared. Esta es una costumbre latina que nos recuerda que los "hosannas" y el "crucifícalo" del domingo de ramos nos acompañan todos los días del año.

—Fray Gilberto Cavazos-Gl, OFM,

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The Vigil of The Passion of the Lord (Palm) Sunday initiates Holy Week. Please join us in meditating the last moments of our Lord's life, Passion and Death that led to His glorious Resurrection and our Salvation.

April 11th Holy Monday: Parish Mission Mass at 7pm

April 12th Holy Tuesday: Confessions 10am & 5:30pm followed by Parish Mission Mass at 7pm

April 13th Holy Wednesday: Parish Mission Mass at 7pm

The Holy Triduum

April 14th Holy Thursday: Mass of the Last Supper 7:30pm (Including washing of the feet and after Communion, Procession to the Altar of Repose for Adoration until 12am midnight)

April 15th Good Friday (The Passion of the Lord): Stations of the Cross at 12pm, Seven Last Words at 1pm, Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet at 2pm, The Passion of the Lord Liturgy 3pm, Spanish Passion of the Lord Liturgy at 7:30pm

April 16th Holy Saturday: Easter Vigil Mass at 8pm

April 17th Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord (Easter Sunday): Masses at 5am, 6:30am, 8:30am, 10am, 11:30am (español) & 1pm

COLLECTIONS

April 3, 2022 – 5th Sunday of Lent

1st Collection: \$9,535.16
2nd Collection: \$1,698.00

Thank you for your generosity!

Second Collections:

Today: Archdiocesan Annual Appeal
Next Week: Parish Athletic Program

Please be sure to visit:

<https://epiphanysf.com/parish-online-giving>



Calendar / Calendario

Sunday, April 10, 2021
PALM SUNDAY



7:00pm: OKH Sunday Silence-AA

Monday, April 11, 2022

7:00pm: CH Parish Mission Mass

Tuesday, April 12, 2022

10:00am: CH Confessions

5:30pm: CH Confessions

7:00pm: CH Parish Mission Mass

Wednesday, April 13, 2022

7:00pm: CH Parish Mission Mass

Thursday, April 14, 2022



7:30pm: CH Mass of the Last Supper

Friday, April 15, 2022



11:45am: NN Children's Stations of the Cross
12:00pm: CH Stations of the Cross
1:00pm: CH Seven Last Words
2:00pm: CH Rosary & Divine Mercy Chaplet
3:00pm: CH Commemoration of the Passion of the Lord
7:30pm: Commemoración de la Pasión del Señor (Spanish)

Saturday, April 16, 2022



8:00pm: CH Vigil of The Resurrection of the Lord (Easter Vigil Mass)

Sunday, April 17, 2021

THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

5:00am: CH Salubong Mass
6:30am: CH Easter Sunday Mass
8:30am: CH Easter Sunday Mass
10:00am: CH Easter Sunday Mass
11:30am: CH Misa del domingo de Pascua (Spanish)
1:00pm: CH Easter Sunday Mass

Intentions/Intenciones:

Sunday, April 10, 2022

6:30am: Maximo & Virginia Naval †
8:30am: Giovanni & Maria Lombardi †
10:00am: People of the Parish
11:30am: Carmen Oropeza †
1:00pm: Maria del Carmen Rodriguez Deleuse †

Monday, April 11, 2022

6:30am: Virginia Mappa, Lilly Weisler & Doris La Tour †
8:00am: William & Patricia Donlon †, Angel Canaya †, Ligaya De La Cruz †
7:00pm: William G. Downing, Jr. †

Tuesday, April 12, 2022

6:30am: Conrado Uy, Sr. †
8:00am: **Thanksgiving:** Antonio & Lydia Honicano
7:00pm: William G. Downing, Jr. †

Wednesday, April 13, 2022

6:30am: **Thanksgiving:** Hermina A. Pick
8:00am: Virgilia Adelantar †
7:00pm: Soledad Francisco †

Thursday, April 14, 2022

7:30pm: Pedroza & Padilla Families †

Friday, April 15, 2022

GOOD FRIDAY – NO MASS

Saturday, April 16, 2022

8:00pm: **Intention for:** Increase of faithful conversions & Vocations to the Priesthood

Sunday, April 17, 2022

6:30am: Dario Umale †
8:30am: Lena Fraguglia †
10:00am: People of the Parish
11:30am: **Thanksgiving:** Familia Sanchez Cativo
1:00pm: Carmen Cintro †

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Monday: Monday of Holy Week

Tuesday: Tuesday of Holy Week

Wednesday: Wednesday of Holy Week

Thursday: Holy Thursday; Paschal Triduum begins

Friday: Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday); Fast and Abstinence; Income Tax Day; Passover begins

Saturday: Holy Saturday; Vigil of Easter

Epiphany Parish News

HOLY WEEK

For all parish groups and organizations, there will be no meetings during Holy Week. The Parish Office will be closed on Good Friday, April 15th and on Easter Monday, April 18th. The parish bulletin will also be printed ahead of time so Please know that all updates to prayers for the sick/deceased, Mass intentions and schedules will be made in the next bulletin issue. Thank you for your patience.

SALUBONG - EASTER SUNDAY

Everyone is invited to join in the Easter Sunday Dawn Celebration (Salubong) on April 17th. Salubong depicts a re-enactment of the Risen Christ's meeting with His Mother, an Easter celebration among Filipino Catholics. There will be two processions starting simultaneously at 4:30am from O'Keefe and another from the Cafeteria ending in front of church, followed by a Mass at 5:00am in the church. We are looking for boys and girls to act as angels as part of the re-enactment. Please call the Parish Office if you are interested.

LATINO YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS MINISTRY

The Hispanic Youth Ministry invites all Latino youth and young adults to a meeting on Wednesday, April 20th at 6pm to prepare the Youth and Young Adults Spanish Mass. Please see the flyer in the vestibule for more information.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT FOR LATINO YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS

Pope Francis says: "**Youth are the now of the church.**" To answer that call, we are planning to have the 11:30 Spanish Mass on the 4th Sunday of the month to be coordinated by the youth and young adults with the Homily in both English and Spanish. We need Lectors, Extraordinary Eucharistic ministers, ushers, choir and altar servers. If you want to participate, please contact Deacon Sergio Gómez, Rosita Solis, or Mario & Patty Chang.

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Almighty ever-living God, who as an example of humility for the human race to follow caused our Savior to take flesh and submit to the Cross, graciously grant that we may heed his lesson of patient suffering and so merit a share in his Resurrection. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

Reflection question:

How can I heed Jesus' lesson of patient suffering?

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THE MESSAGE OF CHRIST'S LOVE

From the proclamation of the Gospel at the beginning of the liturgy, we know that today is different, not only because we hear two Gospel passages, or because we hold palms and move in procession. Today begins Holy Week, a time set apart, a week in which to listen, pray, reflect, and take to heart the truth of Christ's passion, crucifixion, death, and ultimately, resurrection. It takes a week, and a lifetime, to truly hear the message of Christ's love. It is difficult for us to comprehend that Jesus willingly sacrificed himself, so we must hear the story again and again. Let this week be for us a new moment of faith in which we, together with the criminal who was crucified with Christ, cry out, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



LAUDATO SI ACTION PLATFORM

"God gave us, His human creatures, stewardship of the earth. Let us do everything possible to cherish our common home as the gift God has given us to live our vocations in service to one another, and so work out the salvation won for us by our Lord Jesus Christ."

Archbishop Salvatore J. Cordileone on the Occasion of the Launch of the Holy Father's Laudato Si Action Platform.

The action platform focuses on seven themes: 1) Response to the Cry of the Earth. 2) Response to the Cry of the Poor. 3) Ecological Spirituality. 4) Ecological Economics. 5) Adoption of Sustainable Life Styles. 6) Ecological Education 7) Community Resilience and Empowerment. Through the year, we will be focusing on these themes and making suggestions for action items. What can you, your family, your institution do?

Action item/suggestion:

Response to Cry of the Poor:

"Shop at thrift stores whose work supports vulnerable members of society, such St. Vincent de Paul stores. Buying second-hand increases the life of goods, requiring fewer resources. In addition, many of the local thrift stores provide services for the vulnerable members of our communities, with programming for those facing hunger, homelessness, substance abuse issues, and more." *Laudato Si Action platform - Archdiocese of San Francisco*



Noticias de Epifanía

SEMANA SANTA

Para todos los grupos y organizaciones parroquiales, no habrá reuniones durante la Semana Santa. La Oficina Parroquial estará cerrada el Viernes Santo, 15 de abril y el Lunes de Pascua, 18 de abril. El boletín parroquial también se imprimirá con anticipación, así que tenga en cuenta que todas las actualizaciones de las oraciones por los enfermos/difuntos, las intenciones y los horarios de la Misa se realizarán en el próximo boletín. Gracias por su paciencia.

SALUBONG – DOMINGO DE PASCUA

Todos están invitados a unirse a la Celebración del Amanecer del Domingo de Pascua (Salubong) el 17 de abril. Salubong representa una recreación del encuentro de Cristo Resucitado con Su Madre, una celebración de Pascua entre los católicos filipinos. Habrá dos procesiones que comenzarán simultáneamente a las 4:30am desde O'Keefe y otra desde la cafetería que terminará frente a la iglesia, seguida de una misa a las 5:00am en la iglesia. Buscamos niños y niñas para actuar como ángeles como parte de la recreación. Por favor llame a la Oficina Parroquial si está interesado.

MINISTERIO DE LOS JOVENES Y JOVENES ADULTOS

La Pastoral Juvenil del V^{to} Encuentro invita a todos los jóvenes y jóvenes adultos latinos a una reunión el miércoles 20 de abril a las 6pm, para planificar la misa de los jóvenes. Por favor mire el anuncio a la entrada del templo para más información.

AVISO IMPORTANTE PARA LOS JOVENES Y JOVENES ADULTOS

El Papa Francisco dice: **Los jóvenes son el ahora de la iglesia.** Respondiendo a ese llamado, queremos que la misa del cuarto domingo de cada mes sea dirigida por los jóvenes y jóvenes adultos. La homilía sería bilingüe ese día. Necesitamos lectores, ministros extraordinarios de la Eucaristía, ujieres, coro y acólitos. Jóvenes: Si sienten el llamado, por favor comuníquese con el Diacono Sergio Gómez o con Rosita Solís, o con Patty o Mario Chang.

ORACIÓN DE LA SEMANA

Domingo de Ramos “De la pasión del Señor”

Dios todopoderoso y eterno, que quisiste que nuestro Salvador se hiciera hombre y padeciera en la cruz para dar al género humano ejemplo de humildad, concédenos, benigno, seguir las enseñanzas de su pasión y que merezcamos participar de su gloriosa resurrección. Él, que vive y reina contigo en la unidad del Espíritu Santo y es Dios por los siglos de los siglos.

Pregunta de reflexión:

¿Cómo puedo poner atención a la lección que Jesús nos enseñó sobre el sufrimiento paciente?

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EL MENSAJE DE AMOR DE CRISTO

Desde la proclamación del Evangelio al principio de la liturgia, sabemos que hoy es diferente, no sólo porque escuchamos dos pasajes del Evangelio, o porque sostenemos palmas y caminamos en procesión. Hoy comienza la Semana Santa, un tiempo aparte, una semana en la que escuchar, orar, reflexionar y tomar en serio la realidad de la pasión de Cristo, crucifixión, muerte y, al final la resurrección. Se necesita una semana, y toda una vida, para escuchar atentamente el mensaje del amor de Cristo. Nos resulta difícil comprender que Jesús se sacrificó por voluntad propia, por lo que debemos escuchar la historia una y otra vez. Que esta semana sea para nosotros un nuevo momento de fe en el que, junto con el ladrón que fue crucificado con Cristo, gritemos “Jesús, acuérdate de mí cuando vengas en tu reino”. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



PLATAFORMA DE ACCIÓN

LAUDATO SI

“Dios nos dio a nosotros, Sus criaturas humanas, la mayordomía de la tierra. Hagamos todo lo posible para apreciar nuestra casa común como el don que Dios nos ha dado para vivir nuestras vocaciones al servicio de los demás, y así trabajar en la salvación ganada para nosotros por nuestro Señor Jesucristo”.

Arzobispo Salvatore J. Cordileone con motivo del lanzamiento de la Plataforma de Acción Laudato Si del Santo Padre.

La plataforma de acción se centra en siete temas: 1) Respuesta al Grito de la Tierra. 2) Respuesta al grito de los pobres. 3) Espiritualidad Ecológica. 4) Economía Ecológica. 5) Adopción de estilos de vida sostenibles.

6) Educación Ecológica.

7) Resiliencia y empoderamiento de la comunidad. A lo largo del año, nos centraremos en estos temas y haremos sugerencias para acciones. ¿Qué puedes hacer tú, tu familia, tu institución?

Elemento de acción/sugerencia: Respuesta al Grito de los Pobres:

“Compre en tiendas de segunda mano cuyo trabajo apoya a los miembros vulnerables de la sociedad, como las tiendas St. Vincent de Paul. Comprar de segunda mano aumenta la vida útil de los bienes, requiriendo menos recursos. Además, muchas de las tiendas de segunda mano locales brindan servicios para los miembros vulnerables de nuestras comunidades, con programas para quienes enfrentan problemas de hambre, falta de vivienda, abuso de sustancias y más”. *Plataforma de acción Laudato Si - Arquidiócesis de San Francisco*



Today's Readings:

Gospel at the Procession with Palms — Jesus' entry into Jerusalem (Luke 19:28-40).

First Reading — In spite of my sufferings I am not disgraced. I am not put to shame (Isaiah 50:4-7).

Psalm — My God, my God, why have you abandoned me? (Psalm 22).

Second Reading — Christ emptied himself, and God filled this emptiness with exaltation (Philippians 2:6-11).

Gospel — The account of Christ's passion according to Luke (Luke 22:14 — 23:56 [23:1-49]).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Monday	Is 42:1-7; Ps 27:1-3, 13-14; Jn 12:1-11
Tuesday	Is 49:1-6; Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
Wednesday	Is 50:4-9a; Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34; Mt 26:14-25
Thursday	<i>Chrism Mass</i> : Is 61:1-3ab, 6a, 8b-9; Ps 89:21-22, 25, 27; Rv 1:5-8; Lk 4:16-21 <i>Lord's Supper</i> : Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15
Friday	Is 52:13 — 53:12; Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1 — 19:42
Saturday	a) Gn 1:1 — 2:2 [1:1, 26-31a]; Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35; or Ps 33:4-7, 12-13, 20-22; b) Gn 22:1-18 [1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18]; Ps 16: 5, 8-11; c) Ex 14:15 — 15:1; Ex 15:1-6, 17-18; d) Is 54:5-14; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13; e) Is 55:1-11; Is 12:2-6; f) Bar 3:9-15, 32 — 4:4; Ps 19:8-11; g) Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3-4 or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 or Ps 51:12-15, 18-19; h) Rom 6:3-11; i) Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Lk 24:1-12
Sunday	Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9 or Lk 24:1-12 or (at an afternoon or evening Mass) Lk 24:13-35

PRAY FOR THE SICK OREMOS POR LOS ENFERMOS

Margie Abellana, Brenda Acosta-Gomez,
Leticia G. Agpoon, Lydia Artuz, Jillian Baires,
Elena Cardenas, Kay Castle, Linda Cheng,
Regina Connors, Daniel Copenhaver,
Milagros Esquivel, Nancy Evelyn Fuentes,
Kevin Harrington, Mario & Petra Laguatan,
Rosario Lapuz, Juanita Leiva,
Almira Tayag Montemayor, Maria Luisa Mora,
Jose-Edson Naval, Robert Neri, Jose Ortega,
Ines Pedroza-Raygoza, Rosa Pedroza, Ivy Scott,
Dante Tayag, Herna Ty, Jimmy Ty, Armando Uy,
Conrado Uy, Jr., Ricardo Uy, Rolando Uy, Javier
Vasquez, Michael, Adrian & Raphael Volz

&

Those suffering from COVID-19

*Please help us to keep our prayer list current. We will keep all requests on our prayer list for **ONE MONTH** unless notified to keep them on longer.*

Pray for the Recently Deceased Oremos por los Recientemente Difuntos:

Resurreccion Abad, Avelino Bagadiong, Maria Borja,
Vicente Cabasan Caniedo,
Joseph Alexander Eshabarr, Roger Jose Hernandez,
Gregorio Remo

And for those who have died by violence this week.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.



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or visit the parish office

Our Mission Statement:

We the people of the Church of the Epiphany strive to be a peaceful and welcoming parish. We strive to be mutually supportive of diverse communities. We strive to show compassion without distinction of age, gender, race or culture. Epiphany seeks to be a caring and loving community ever growing in faith formation.

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EASTER SUNDAY

APRIL 17, 2022

DAWN CELEBRATION ...

SALUBONG

A re-enactment of the Resurrected Christ
meeting His mother Mary

4:30 am - Processions to Church

- **O'Keefe Hall** - statue of the Risen Christ is escorted by the Knights of Columbus Color Corps and accompanied by men and boys
- **Cafeteria** - image of the mourning Mother Mary veiled in black is accompanied by women and girls

5:00 am - MASS

Fellowship - Cafeteria

"We are an Easter people and "alleluia" is our song."
- St. Augustine

Boys and Girls interested in participating as Angels at Salubong,
please call the Parish Office at 415-333-7630

"AMEN, I SAY TO YOU,
TODAY YOU WILL BE WITH ME IN PARADISE."

LUKE 23:43

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APRIL 10, 2022

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

HYMNS TO BE REMEMBERED

One of the best ways to remember something truly important is to set it to music. It can be easily recalled and sung by heart and passed on. As you focus on the scriptures for Palm Sunday, it might be helpful to think of them as past, present, and future versions of the same story. In Isaiah, we hear one of four hymns referring to the "Suffering Servant" that paints a poignant picture prefiguring Jesus' crucifixion. "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." Psalm 22's refrain is some of the last words spoken by Jesus on the cross. The Philippians hymn is one of the most beloved and poignant passages ever, "Christ . . . becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross." All of these are songs, hymns to be remembered.

DO YOU KNOW THE STORY?

We might assume that we know the scriptures and tend to tune out something as difficult to comprehend as the Passion of Christ. What we often end up doing is taking all four of the Gospels and sort of mixing the accounts into one story. The theologian Gerhard Lohfink called this "making Gospel Soup." Today's Passion is from the Gospel of Luke, and there are some elements that are very different from Matthew and Mark (the other synoptic Gospels read in Lectionary years A and B), and John's Gospel text which is always proclaimed on Good Friday. Let's look at the elements that are specific to Luke as we break the Passion into five sections.

THE LUKAN PASSION

Lord's Supper (22:14–38) Luke portrays Jesus as fiery and working for justice, both in his passion and in his ministry. The Passover feast is a very special time for the disciples, and while they are being commissioned, it is clear that they do not understand yet how they will carry on; Jesus warns them to protect them from evil.

Mount of Olives (22:39–53) Luke's Jesus doesn't seem as desolate as in other accounts about his imminent death, and goes to pray in regular fashion. He calls out his betrayer by name, hinting at foreshadowing of knowledge.

Peter's Denial – Sanhedrin (22:54–71) One can see the special care Jesus takes for Peter, and the scene takes place in the courtyard where Jesus was earlier abused as prophet.

Trials before Pilate and Herod (23:1–25) In this account Pilate and Herod both proclaim Jesus to be innocent, and this heals a "rift" between them. Jesus is good even to those who maltreat him.

Crucifixion, Death, and Burial (23:26–56)

There are no soldiers; it is the chief priests who take Jesus to Pilate. Jesus' words on the Cross are kind: "Father forgive them." In Mark's Gospel both criminals mocked Jesus, but here one of them begs forgiveness, and Jesus grants him salvation. Jesus' last words show a sign of trust: "Father, into your hands . . ." May we also place our trust in God as we enter into Holy Week.

TODAY'S READINGS

Luke 19:28–40

Isaiah 50:4–7

Psalm 22:8–9, 17–18, 19–20, 23–24

Philippians 2:6–11

Luke 22:14 — 23:56 [23:1–49]