

# PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

## The Commemoration of the Lord's Entrance into Jerusalem

### First Form: The Procession

*HS: Set up two tables with the palms – one at the front entrance of the Church and the other at the baptismal font. People would be welcome to take a palm at the beginning or the end of the liturgy. Blessing of the palms and the proclamation of the first Gospel at the table next to the baptismal font. The assembly would remain in the pews. The procession would consist of the liturgical ministers and children from Family Faith..*

*SJC: The unblessed Palm branches are in vessels at the entrances in baskets/on tables. People are welcome to pick up their palm as they enter the church. Hospitality Ministers will not hand out the palm branches. The 'brush-like sprinklers' and bowls are set up near palm branches at font. Then:*

*Priest says:*

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, + and of the Holy Spirit.  
Welcome to all – those here in our worship space (and those watching through livestream.)

Dear brothers and sisters, since the beginning of Lent until now we have prepared our hearts by penance and charitable works. Today we gather together to herald with the whole Church the beginning of the celebration of our Lord's Paschal Mystery, that is to say, of his Passion and Resurrection. For it was to accomplish this mystery that he entered his own city of Jerusalem. Therefore, with all faith and devotion, let us commemorate the Lord's entry into the city for our salvation, following in his footsteps, so that, being made by his grace partakers of the Cross, we may have a share also in his Resurrection and in his life.

*After the address to the people, the Priest says one of the following prayers with hands extended.*

*Priest says:*

Let us pray. Almighty ever-living God, sanctify + these branches with your blessing, that we, who follow Christ the King in exultation, may reach the eternal Jerusalem through him. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

As you extend these branches to be blessed during the opening procession both here in the worship space and livestreaming at home, think about where they will be displayed. For we are blessing not only these palms, but the lives to which they will bear witness in the coming year. Carry your branch high today as a sign of the Christian life that you live, praising the Lord every day.

*Then, a Deacon or, if there is no Deacon, a Priest, proclaims in the usual way the Gospel concerning the Lord's entrance according to one of the four Gospels.*

## At the Procession with Palms - Gospel

Year C: Mt 21:1-11

(<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/040223.cfm>)

Can be proclaimed from binder or Gospel Book.

### + A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew

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 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."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Priest says:

Dear brothers and sisters, please hold up your palm branches to be blessed, like the crowds who acclaimed Jesus in Jerusalem.

*The priest and deacon sprinkle as they walk down the aisles – people holding their palms up. When the priest arrives at the altar, he venerates it. Then he goes to the chair. Omitting the other Introductory Rites of the Mass and, if appropriate, the Kyrie (Lord, have mercy), he says the Collect of the Mass, and then continues the Mass in the usual way.*

Processional/Gathering Song

Penitential Act

Priest:

Brothers and sisters, let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

*Brief pause for silence follows, then all recite together:*

I confess to almighty God  
and to you, my brothers and  
sisters,  
that I have greatly sinned,  
in my thoughts and in my words,  
in what I have done and in what I  
have failed to do,

*And, striking their breast, they say:*  
through my fault,

through my fault,  
through my most grievous fault;

*Then they continue:*

therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-  
Virgin, all the Angels and Saints,  
and you, my brothers and sisters,  
to pray for me to the Lord our  
God.

*The absolution by the Priest follows:*

May almighty God have mercy on  
us, forgive us our sins,  
and bring us to everlasting life.

*The people reply:*

Amen.

V. Lord, have mercy

V. Christ, have mercy.

V. Lord, have mercy.

Let us pray.

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,  
one God, for ever and ever. Amen

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DISMISSAL: Liturgy of the Word for Children

SJC 9:30 am

HS 11 am

*Children are called forward by the presider who dismisses them along with their leader.*

Priest: "My dear children, you will now go to hear God's word and to hear about Jesus when he went to Jerusalem. We will wait for you to come back, so that together we may celebrate the eucharist."

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LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading      Isaiah 50:4-7

Psalm 22

Second Reading      Philippians 2:6-11

Gospel Acclamation    R/A

Reading of the passion according to Matthew

*See separate binders*

*SJC - The passion will be shown on the screens to assist in the people's responses.*

Homily

Silence

## Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.  
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages.  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him  
all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came  
down from heaven,

*(bow) and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,  
and became man.*

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,  
he suffered death and was buried, and rose again  
on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.  
He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right  
hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and  
his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord,  
the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who  
with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has  
spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.  
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins  
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## Universal Prayer/Prayer of the Faithful

Presider The Son of God was obedient to the Father, even to the point of death. In humble obedience to our baptismal call, we pray for the needs of our world.

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For all of us as we complete our Lenten journey, that we may be strengthened in faith, hope, and love as we gather to worship during this Holy Week. *We pray to the Lord*

For peace throughout the world. That leaders of nations might choose to settle differences peacefully. We continue to pray for the people of Ukraine and any place suffering from war and violence. *We pray to the Lord*

We stand with and pray for all adults and children who are preparing to celebrate Baptism, Confirmation and First Eucharist in the Easter Season; that they will be strengthened through prayer. *We pray to the Lord*

That those who lead us and the people of God throughout the world and for those who will gather in person and through livestreaming; that in the coming days they will know God's grace and blessing. *We pray to the Lord*

That all who share in our worship will find a true and lasting spiritual home with our sister parishes of Holy Spirit and St. Joseph's. *We pray to the Lord*

That our loved ones, friends and all who suffer illness find peace and healing in God's presence. That caregivers find the time for rest. *We pray to the Lord*

**THIS IS ST. JOSEPH'S INTENTION PAGE**

**HOLY SPIRIT SHOULD SKIP TO PAGE 9**

That all who have died be raised to new life according to the promise of resurrection. For all who grieve.

We pray for those in our Mass Intentions—

**ST. JOSEPH'S**

4:30 pm

† Joyce DeFranco

† Deceased Members of the Moorehead Family

8:00 am

† Frank & Genevieve Palermo

† Thomas Puleo

9:30am

† Cornelius Glanton

† Julie Winkler

11am

† Souls of Rosa Ferrara, Cologero

† Dr. John & Patricia Guthrie

5pm

† Charles Harrison by Gail & Harry Housler (SJ)

† Eleanor Fermoil

*We pray to the Lord*

That the prayers we hold deep in our hearts are heard. (pause)

*We pray to the Lord*

**SJC: Go to page 10** for Priest's final prayer

## THIS IS HOLY SPIRIT'S MASS INTENTION PAGE

That all who have died be raised to new life according to the promise of resurrection. For all who grieve. We remember those who have died recently.

We pray for those in our Mass Intentions—

### HOLY SPIRIT:

4:00 pm

Special Intention for all parishioners at Holy Spirit Church

8:30am

† Deceased Members of Holy Spirit Church

11am

† Nick Meli

† Lawrence Frumusa

*We pray to the Lord*

That the prayers we hold deep in our hearts are heard. *(pause)*

*We pray to the Lord*

Go to page 10 for the Priest's Final Prayer

## PRIEST'S CLOSING PRAYER

Presider

King of kings and Lord of lords, today we commemorate your solemn entrance into Jerusalem. May we see in your carrying of the cross – our own road to salvation---that in choosing to offer ourselves for others, we grow more deeply in your likeness. Who live and reign with God the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God – for ever and ever. Amen.

Preparation

Communion

*Meditation, if applicable*

COLLECT

PALM SUNDAY

Let us pray.

Nourished with these sacred gifts,  
we humbly beseech you, O Lord,  
that, just as through the death of your Son  
you have brought us to hope  
for what we believe,  
so by his Resurrection  
you may lead us to where you call.

Through Christ our Lord.

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## CLOSING RITES

### Final Blessing

Priest            The Lord be with you  
All                And with your spirit

Priest            May almighty God bless you, the Father,  
                      and the Son + and the Holy Spirit.Amen.

Deacon          Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.  
All                Thanks be to God

## Going Forth

## Palm Sunday Announcements HS & SJC

- SJC only: **8-9:30am Mass only:** All are welcome to join in the Gathering Space for **coffee and donuts**. If you would like to know more about St. Joseph's Church or register as a parishioner, please visit our Information Area!

Both HS & SJC:

1. Please return your **CRS Rice Bowls** to the bins near the entrances.
2. **Taizé Evening Prayer** – Monday evening March 27 at St. Joseph's Church at 7pm. We continue to pray for the people of Ukraine and for our sister parish Holy Week journey.
3. The dates and times of our **Holy Week Liturgies** are found on our website, social media accounts and in the bulletin. If you would like to participate in some way, please see one of the staff members or go to our website to sign up.

**Reminder:** *There is no 4pm/4:30pm Mass on Saturday*

**HS & SJC:**

**The Easter Vigil is Saturday at 7:30 pm.**

**HS:**

**Easter Sunday Masses are at 8:30 and 11am**

**SJC:**

**Easter Sunday Masses are at 8am, 9:30am, 11am and 12:30pm**

*There is no 5pm Mass on Sunday at SJC*