

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

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JESUS
JEWS
JUSTLY
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KINGDOM
PARADISE
REBUKING
REVELED
SKULL
SNEERED
SOLDIERS
TEMPLE

Catechizing Corner!

Luke's passion narrative was written from the same perspective as that of his entire collection, comprising the gospel of Luke and the Acts of the Apostles. Jesus is the one who always, from his very birth, was faithful to the law of Moses. He was also the one who extended mercy, love, and forgiveness, who spent his earthly ministry in a forward movement to Jerusalem. Luke also portrayed the disciples in a very positive light. He made no mention of the fact that they fled the scene. Throughout his gospel, Luke prepares the reader for the events that will continue in his second volume, the Acts of the Apostles. Jesus in judgment before the Roman court looks ahead to Paul who will stand before the same court. The forgiving Jesus who forgives his murderers looks ahead to Stephen, the first martyr who acts in like manner. Thus, Luke shows the progression of salvation through Jesus from the Old Testament law and prophets, through his life, passion, death, and resurrection and then to the church.

Jesus' last words demonstrate his unfailing trust in his Father's will. The consoling words of Christ in his last breath, "Into your hands I commend my spirit," have ushered many a soul peacefully into the loving arms of God at the moment of death. In the end, the Roman centurion attests to Jesus' innocence, adding another Roman witness to Jesus' blamelessness: "so that time wise on either side of the cross a Roman governor and a Roman soldier have made the same declaration of not guilty." Luke's ultimate purpose in the passion narrative was to portray Jesus in death as he was in life: the one who healed, the one who showed more concern for others than he did for himself; the one who offered divine love, reconciliation, and forgiveness even from the cross.

Mary Birmingham, *Word and Worship Workbook, Cycle C*
Paulist Press, 1998



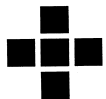
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Disciple's Reflection for the Question of the Week

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A Call to Prayer

The  Word
of God
Luke 22:14-
23:56

Call to Prayer

Begin by calling upon God: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, Amen.

Let us pause for a moment, and listen attentively to this week's passage.

The Word of God Luke 22:14-

A reading from the holy gospel according to Luke.

When they came to the place called the Skull, they crucified him and the criminals there, one on his right, the other on his left. Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, they know not what they do." They divided his garments by casting lots. The people stood by and watched; the rulers, meanwhile, sneered at him and said, "He saved others, let him save himself if he is the chosen one, the Christ of God." Even the soldiers jeered at him. As they approached to offer him wine they called out, "If you are King of the Jews, save yourself." Above him there was an inscription that read, "This is the King of the Jews."

Now one of the criminals hanging there reviled Jesus, saying, "Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us." The other, however, rebuking him, said in reply, "Have you no fear of God,

Gospel Glossary

When Jesus **comes into his kingdom**, he will show the entire world that he is truly King.

Christ **breathed his last**, meaning that he died.

for you are subject to the same condemnation? And indeed, we have been condemned justly, for the sentence we received corresponds to our crimes, but this man has done nothing criminal." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you **come into your kingdom**." He replied to him, "Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

It was now about noon and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon because of an eclipse of the sun. Then the veil of the temple was torn down the middle. Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit"; and when he had said this he **breathed his last**.

The centurion who witnessed what had happened glorified God and said, "This man was innocent beyond doubt." When all the people who had gathered for this spectacle saw what had happened, they returned home beating their breasts; but all his acquaintances stood at a distance, including the women who had followed him from Galilee and saw these events.

The Gospel of the Lord.



Faith Sharing

Questions of the Week:

Choose one

What way would you most like to share your time, your life, with your family this week?

Identify someone who is suffering in your community. Plan how you can offer service to them.

How and when can you share your love for each member of your family this week?

Closing Prayer

Lord, You have called us to be your disciples, to live in faith, walking always in your footsteps. By your suffering, death, and resurrection, you have made us children of God. As you have loved us and asked us to love one another, help us to love and embrace everyone in our lives.

Fill us with love, compassion, forgiveness, patience, understanding, and tolerance, even when we face the pain of hatred, rejection, and failure.

Guide us to be good disciples. May we seek always the praise and glory of God and the good of all people. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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