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CROSS	MOCKED	SPIRIT
CRUCIFIED	PRIEST	TEMPLE
DARKNESS	QUAKED	TOMBS
DESTROY	RESURRECTION	TRULY
ELIJAH	SAINTS	VEIL
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## *Catechizing Corner!*

On the Sunday that began Holy Week, the Jerusalem Christians of the fourth century proceeded to the great church (Anastasis) called the martyrium (the place behind Golgotha where the Lord was crucified). Following their morning eucharist and right before the dismissal, the archdeacon announced the beginning of the "Great Week" and summoned Christians to meet each day, "beginning tomorrow" at the ninth hour in the martyrium. He instructed them to be ready at the seventh hour (early evening) and to meet at the church on the Mount of Olives. They met at the assigned place and together with the bishop they sang songs, antiphons, and hymns of praise and listened to lessons. At the ninth hour they moved to the place where Jesus ascended into heaven. At the eleventh hour they read the passage of the Lord's triumphant procession into Jerusalem; the bishop then led the procession from the Mount of Olives back to the martyrium in the city. Parents carried their small children and all waved their palm branches as they made their holy trek to the city gates. They processed through the city streets until they arrived at the Anastasis at a very late hour. They prayed the lucernare together, "with prayer at the cross; after which the people were sent home."

*Mary Birmingham, Word and Worship Workbook,  
 Cycle A Paulist Press*



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## *Disciple's Reflection*

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**Question**  
*of the Week*

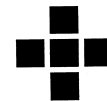
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**4/2/2023**

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## 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 Matthew 27:39-54

### A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

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.

*pause for a short time.*

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!"

### The Gospel of the Lord



## Faith Sharing

### Questions of the Week:

Share how you sometimes make sacrifices for the good of others.

Today begins the holiest week of the year. It is a once-a-year opportunity to really reflect on Jesus life, death, and resurrection. How will you enter into this experience? How will you be open to change in your life?

Name one specific way that you live your baptismal call to enter into the death of the Lord by forgiveness, generosity, hospitality, or other ways.

## 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.

*Palm Sunday*