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CATECHUMENATE SESSION: CARE FOR THE SUFFERING

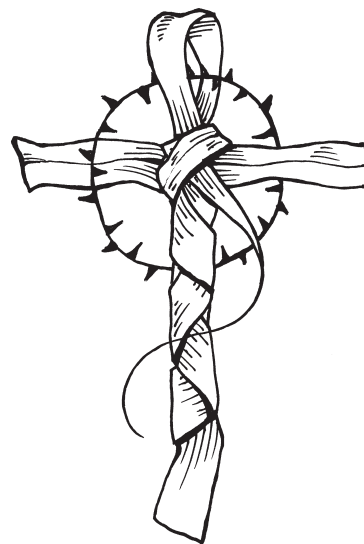
Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord • Year C • April 13, 2025

Lord Jesus,
you suffered and died on the Cross
to show all people
God's great love for us.

You understand how it feels to suffer,
and you care for the sick
and all who are in pain.

As we begin this Holy Week,
help us to pray for and to care for
the sick and the suffering here with us
and throughout the world.

Amen.



Sunday Word

Luke 19:28-40

(At the Procession with Palms)

Isaiah 50:4-7
Psalm 22:7-8, 16-17, 18-19, 22-23
Philippians 2:6-11
Luke 22:14–23:56 or 23:1-49

The above readings are available at
usccb.org/bible/readings.

To Help You Remember



1. As Jesus rode on a colt through the midst of the people, there was great rejoicing. The people proclaimed: "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord."
2. The Suffering Servant relied on the Lord God to be his help in times of suffering and pain.
3. Jesus, Son of God, humbled himself, enduring suffering and death.
4. Jesus prayed not for his will but for his Father's will to be done.

Key Teachings



1. Almost everyone experiences sickness, pain, and suffering, as well as happiness, rejoicing, and blessing.
2. Because he suffered, even to the point of death, Jesus understands our suffering and pain. We can talk to him honestly about these and about the suffering and pain of others.
3. As people of faith, we hope too in healing. The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick strengthens our faith and hope in Christ the Healer.

Faith Words



Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

is the beginning of Holy Week. It is the day on which the Church celebrates Jesus' entry into Jerusalem to celebrate Passover.



The **Paschal Mystery** is the suffering, life, Death, Resurrection, and Ascension of Jesus Christ. Today, on Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord, we focus on the suffering and Death of the Lord Jesus on the Cross.

Don't Forget



Invite your family to join you in using the Celebrating Holy Week With My Family handout every day of Holy Week.

With My Family



We Listen

Today we hear the sad story of Jesus' suffering and Death. It can be difficult to hear the words, "Crucify him! Crucify him!" Jesus' friends "stood at a distance" and saw everything that happened to him. Imagine what it would have been like to be there, watching Jesus suffer.

We Believe

We are united with Jesus Christ in Baptism. We can also be united with Christ in suffering. The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick helps those who are sick to be united to Christ in their suffering. We are anointed with Sacred Chrism in Baptism and Confirmation. We are anointed with the Oil of the Sick in the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick.

We Live As Disciples

The disciples followed Jesus throughout the last week of his life on earth. Follow Jesus this Holy Week by going to your parish's celebration of the Triduum. The Triduum is the three-day celebration of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Vigil/Easter Sunday. Also make time to do the activities suggested on the Celebrating Holy Week With My Family handout.

We Pray

Holy Week is an important time to pray, especially for those who will receive the Sacraments of Initiation on Holy Saturday evening at the Easter Vigil. Every morning and every night, pray: *Thank you, Jesus. Be with me this Holy Week as I try to follow you.*