



Sunday, April 5, 2020

## Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

### OUR VISION:

“WE ARE CONTINUALLY ATTRACTING PEOPLE TO ST LUKE’S AND EVERYONE WHO COMMITS TO BEING A MEMBER OF OUR COMMUNITY IS TRANSFORMED IN EVERY AREA OF THEIR LIFE BY HAVING A DEEPER RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS.”

## Holy Week Prayer and Liturgies

We have a full week of online prayer and Liturgies to mark this most holy week in the Church year.

Join us from Monday to Thursday evenings of Holy week:

7pm Monday – Rosary

7pm Tuesday – Scripture reflection led by our Youth Leaders

7pm Wednesday – Novena to Mother of Perpetual Help

7pm Thursday – Holy Thursday Liturgy – Commemorating the Last Supper, with Adoration afterwards.

For all of these evening gatherings join via Zoom Meeting:

<https://zoom.us/j/805099171>

### Good Friday

Friday 10am – Stations of the Cross

Friday 3pm – Celebration of the Lord’s Passion

For these Friday gatherings join via Zoom Meeting:

<https://zoom.us/j/907146142>

### Easter Sunday

Liturgy 10 am

Join via Zoom Meeting:

<https://zoom.us/j/494386428>

### First Reading

Is 50:4-7

The Lord has given me a disciple’s tongue. So that I may know how to reply to the wearied he provides me with speech. Each morning he wakes me to hear, to listen like a disciple. The Lord has opened my ear. For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle. The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed.

### Responsorial Psalm

Ps 21:8-9. 17-20. 23-24. R. v.2

*My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?*

### Second reading

Phil 2:6-11

His state was divine, yet Christ Jesus did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are, and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

### Gospel

Mt 27:11-54

**N** Jesus, then, was brought before the governor, and the governor put to him this question:

**O** Are you the king of the Jews?

**N** Jesus replied:

**J** It is you who say it.

**N** But when he was accused by the chief priests and the elders he refused to answer at all. Pilate then said to him:

**O** Do you not hear how many charges they have brought against you?

**N** But to the governor’s complete amazement, he offered no reply to any of the charges.

At festival time it was the governor’s practice to release a prisoner for the

people, anyone they chose. Now there was at this time a notorious prisoner whose name was Barabbas. So when the crowd gathered, Pilate said to them,

**O** Which do you want me to release for you: Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Christ?

**N** For Pilate knew it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over. Now as he was seated in the chair of judgement, his wife sent him a message,

**O** Have nothing to do with that man; I have been upset all day by a dream I had about him.

**N** The chief priests and the elders, however, had persuaded the crowd to demand the release of Barabbas and the execution of Jesus. So when the governor spoke and asked them:

**O** Which of the two do you want me to release for you?

**N** They said:

**C** Barabbas.

**N** Pilate said to them:

**O** What am I to do with Jesus who is called Christ?

**N** They all said:

**C** Let him be crucified!

**N** Pilate asked:

**O** Why? What harm has he done?

**N** But they shouted all the louder,

**C** Let him be crucified!

**N** Then Pilate saw that he was making no impression, that in fact a riot was imminent. So he took some water, washed his hands in front of the crowd and said: **O** I am innocent of this man’s blood. It is your concern.

**N** And the people, to a man, shouted back:

**C** His blood be on us and on our children!

**N** Then he released Barabbas for them. He ordered Jesus to be first scourged and then handed over to be crucified.

The governor’s soldiers took Jesus with them into the Praetorium and collected the whole cohort around him. Then they stripped him and made him wear a scarlet cloak, and having twisted some thorns into a crown they put this on his head and placed a reed in his right hand. To make fun of him they knelt to him saying:

**C** Hail, king of the Jews!

**N** And they spat on him and took the reed and struck him on the head with it. And when they had finished making fun of him,

they took off the cloak and dressed him in his own clothes and led him away to crucify him. On their way out, they came across a man from Cyrene, Simon by name, and enlisted him to carry his cross. When they had reached a place called Golgotha, that is, the place of the skull, they gave him wine to drink. When they had finished crucifying him they shared out his clothes by casting lots, and then sat down and stayed there keeping guard over him. Above his head was placed the charge against him; it read: 'This is Jesus, the King of the Jews'. At the same time two robbers were crucified with him, one on the right and one on the left.

The passers-by jeered at him; they shook their heads and said:

**C** So you would destroy the Temple and rebuild it in three days! Then save yourself! If you are God's son, come down from the cross!

**N** The chief priests with the scribes and elders mocked him in the same way, saying:

**C** He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. He put his trust in God; now let God rescue him if he wants him. For he did say, 'I am the son of God'.

**N** Even the robbers who were crucified with him taunted him in the same way.

From the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour. And about the ninth hour, Jesus cried out in a loud voice:

**J** Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?

**N** That is: 'My God, my God, why have you deserted me?' When some of those who stood there heard this, they said:

**C** The man is calling on Elijah,

**N** and one of them quickly ran to get a sponge which he dipped in vinegar and, putting it on a reed, gave it him to drink. The rest of them said:

**C** Wait! See if Elijah will come to save him.

**N** But Jesus, again crying out in a loud voice, yielded up his spirit.

*All kneel and pause a moment.*

**N** At that, the veil of the Temple was torn in two from top to bottom; the earth quaked; the rocks were split; the tombs opened and the bodies of many holy men rose from the dead, and these, after his resurrection, came out of the tombs, entered the Holy City and appeared to a number of people, Meanwhile the centurion, together with the others guarding Jesus, had seen the earthquake and all that was taking place, and they were terrified and said:

**C** In truth this was a son of God.

**N** And many women were there, watching from a distance, the same women who had followed Jesus from Galilee and looked after him. Among them were Mary of

Magdala, Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and the mother of Zebedee's sons. When it was evening, there came a rich man of Arimathaea, called Joseph, who had himself become a disciple of Jesus. This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Pilate thereupon ordered it to be handed over. So Joseph took the body, wrapped it in a clean shroud and put it in his own new tomb which he had hewn out of the rock. He then rolled a large stone across the entrance of the tomb and went away. Now Mary of Magdala and the other Mary were there, sitting opposite the sepulchre.

Next day, that is, when Preparation Day was over, the chief priests and the Pharisees went in a body to Pilate and said to him,

**C** Your Excellency, we recall that this imposter said, while he was still alive, 'After three days I shall rise again.' Therefore give the order to have the sepulchre kept secure until the third day, for fear his disciples come and steal him away and tell the people, 'He has risen from the dead'. This last piece of fraud would be worse than what went before.

**N** Pilate said to them:

**O** You may have your guards. Go and make all as secure as you know how.

**N** So they went and made the sepulchre secure, putting seals on the stone and mounting a guard.

#### OUR COMMUNITY PRAYER

O God, You show us in St Luke, our patron, a person of faith who desired all people to come to know and love you in the community of your Church. Teach us to embrace what St Luke pioneered: discipleship of Jesus Christ. Trusting in your love and grace and nourished by Word and Sacrament may we grow in our relationship with you and together make our Catholic Faith Community a community of communities, a sanctuary where the thirsty come to drink in the midst of their journey, and a center of constant missionary outreach. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

St Luke, pray for us.

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, pray for us.

Mary, Mother of God, pray for us.

#### RESOURCES TO USE FOR PRAYER AT THIS TIME

Australian Catholic Bishops Conference have compiled a list of online resources from many different areas.

<https://www.catholic.org.au/coronavirus>

The Diocese of Parramatta Website has created a dedicated COVID19 page with Diocesan updates and a compilation of resources, links and articles to assist us during this time.

<https://parracatholic.org/covid19/>

You can also keep up to date with Diocesan Initiatives and messages via their Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/parracatholic/>

The Institute for Mission in the Diocese of Parramatta has an online library with a wide selection of resources to select from. This time of physical isolation may be a time to learn and grow in our faith. To subscribe visit

<https://www.ifm.org.au/onlinereading>

You can follow the Institute for Mission on Facebook at

<https://www.facebook.com/ifmconnect/>

or via the Faith Feed Facebook Page

<https://www.facebook.com/thefaithfeedparramatta/>

From the Office for Worship, Diocese of Parramatta

Liturgy Help have given free access for the next few months to people in our diocese.

You will find resources to assist members of your household to pray at this time.

[www.liturgyhelp.com/aus/parra/pray](http://www.liturgyhelp.com/aus/parra/pray)

**Youth Corner** ([Saintlukesyg@gmail.com](mailto:Saintlukesyg@gmail.com))

See our 'Saints in Training' update on the St Luke's Facebook page and on Instagram.

#### MESSAGE FROM DEACON TONY

We will continue to update our Facebook page as things develop. If you have not already done so, please go to this page ([www.facebook.com/stlukesmarsdenpark](http://www.facebook.com/stlukesmarsdenpark)) and 'like' us so that you get our updates as soon as they occur.

#### WEEKEND MASS

Sunday 10.00am

St Luke's Catholic College (Enter via Frontier Ave Marsden Park)

Baptisms available most Sundays after Mass. Apply via email.

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