

THE SAVING WORD

29 MARCH 2026

PASSION (PALM) SUNDAY / A

Isa 50:4-7

FIRST READING
A reading from the prophet
Isaiah

*I did not cover my face against
insult and I know I will not be
ashamed.*

fear the Lord give him praise: /
all sons of Jacob, give him
glory. / Revere him, Israel's
sons.' **R.**

SECOND READING Phil 2:6-11

A reading from the letter of
St Paul to the Philippians

*He humbled himself to become like
us and God raised him on high.*

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.

■ The word of the Lord.

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

R. My God, my God, why
have you abandoned me?

1. All who see me deride me. /
They curl their lips, they toss
their heads. / 'He trusted in
the Lord, let him save him: /
let him release him if this is his
friend.' **R.**

2. Many dogs have surrounded
me, / a band of the wicked beset
me. / They tear holes in my
hands and my feet, / I can count
every one of my bones. **R.**

3. They divide my clothing
among them. / They cast lots
for my robe. / O Lord, do not
leave me alone, / my strength,
make haste to help me! **R.**

4. I will tell of your name to my
brethren / and praise you where
they are assembled. / 'You who

the governor put to him this
question:
O. Are you the king of the Jews?
N. Jesus replied:
I. 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 that 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 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. 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 centu-
rion, 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.**
Longer form. Mt 26:14-27:66

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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 round 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 clothing
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:

I. 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:



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ADORATION CHAPEL

"The Master is here and wants

to see you" John 11:28

Adorers are needed for these hours:

Tuesday: 1am, 2am, 3am, 4am, 11pm
Friday: 8pm

Contact: Lucy Sgro 0424056823

NO 8:30 AM and 12 PM MASS

Tuesday, 31st March. All our Priests are attending the Chrism mass.

NO MORNING MASS - Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday.

DAYS OF RECONCILIATION

Monday, 30 March - 6:30 pm & 7:30pm
Wednesday, 1 April - 6:30 pm & 7:30pm

Blessed Sacrament The Blessed will be reposed from Wednesday of Holy Week before the 12.00 pm mass and will be exposed back on Easter Sunday after 8.30 am mass.

Novena. Our Mother of Perpetual Help
Novena will start at 6pm on Wednesday, 1st April.

Commissioning & Recommissioning

Altar Servers on Holy Wednesday, 1st of April during the 7pm mass. All Readers, Commentators, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and all church volunteers on **Holy Thursday, 2nd April** during the mass of the Lord's supper.

EASTER TRIDUUM:

HOLY THURSDAY 2 April

7:00 pm - Mass of the Lord's Supper

GOOD FRIDAY 3 April

9:00am - Way of the Cross

Seven Last Words - immediately after

Way of the Cross

3:00pm - Celebration of the Lord's Passion

SATURDAY EASTER VIGIL 4 April

7:00pm

EASTER SUNDAY 5 April

Mass Times are: 8:30am, 10:00am, 12:00pm; 6pm

****No 7:00am mass on Easter Sunday**

Blessing of Project Compassion boxes on Holy Thursday. There will be blessing of Project Compassion boxes on Holy Thursday during the Mass of the Lord's Supper as part of our offering. Thank you.

Holy Week roster. Attention all Lectors, Commentators and EOM of Holy Communion. Please check the Pin Board in the foyer of the Church. Please contact George if you have any concerns with your roster.

No Healing Mass on Easter Sunday

Next Week: 5 April 2026
Sunday of the Resurrection - A

A VOCATION VIEW

Today's world is so filled with suffering, injustice, anger, depression and loneliness that it cries for people waving palm branches of hope and resurrection, proclaiming new life.

THIS WEEK: 29 March 2026 - Palm Sunday - A						
	7:00pm	7:00am	8:30am	10:00am	12:00pm	6:00pm
Commentator 1st Reader 2nd Reader	Richelle M Maria Millett Colleen D B	Alister R Telmo E AA Aguilar	Perry C Gynn D A Huong	Eva O Anna C Dulce T	Vernon A Kirk D G R Marvin D	D Diaano X Bossini A Diaz
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Altar Servers	Ric M	Tony Cilia	Adrian D A	Henry Fawaz	Raphael P Rey S Arelle Mary Ann	Jericho Jude Jherzielie
Choirs	Harmonico Filipino	AHFI	MMWF with LHM Sisters	Samoaan DVM	Leah Lapid	CECA
NEXT WEEK: 5 April 2026 - Easter Sunday - A						
	7:00pm	7:00am	8:30am	10:00am	12:00pm	6:00pm
Commentator 1st Reader 2nd Reader	<u>Easter Vigil</u>	<u>No Mass</u>	Mario N Rukmal M Kumudu M	Nelissa D Shiela D Maria Suffaro	Diana T Evelyn N Arlene P	C Tayag C Maanaia F Raymundo
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	<u>Easter Vigil</u>	<u>No Mass</u>	Cedric B Roland D Wynna D Ronald D	Julie Ann M Joe M Maria Mizzi Lidia L	Kirk D G R Jacqueline R Emman C Marvin D	J Janea P Quatone Michael D Ric M
Altar Servers	George E	-----	Adrian D A	Henry Fawaz	Raphael P Rey S Arelle Mary Ann	Jericho Jude Jherzielie
Choirs	Light of Jesus (LOJ)	-----	MMWF with LHM Sisters	Emmaus	CECA	Samoaan DVM