



ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

"Our mission is to bring the good news of Jesus Christ's love to our entire community through traditional Anglo-Catholic worship, fellowship, outreach, and Christian formation."

Our Vision: *"We strive to be a haven of healing, reconciliation, joy and peace in service to our wider community and beyond, so that our example in prayer and practice may reflect Christ's love for us all."*

THIS SUNDAY March 28 & BEYOND

Hosannas to the Crucified King



Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week—the major week of the Christian Year. The stark contrast between the two parts of this liturgy makes it look somewhat “schizophrenic”, but this has been done on purpose by the liturgists who put this celebration together.

Jesus is acclaimed with Hosannas as the Savior, as the one who is to bring the kingdom of David, on his entry to Jerusalem riding a colt--a symbol of humility and peace; and those who welcome him lay down their cloaks on the road and spread out leafy branches as a sign of acknowledgment of a victor.

These people have witnessed or heard about Jesus' abundant life-giving signs during His ministry throughout Judea, Galilee, and surrounding areas, and have also heard about His life-giving words, and they hope that Jesus becomes their long-expected Messiah, and probably free them from the Roman yoke and the restraining chains of their society. And this is the way they express their joy and hopeful expectations when Jesus comes to take part in the Passover celebrations in Jerusalem.

Jesus must have foreseen that this would happen, and he made his entry riding on the colt, not because he had a long distance to walk—the distance was short indeed, but because he wanted to give these people the opportunity to acknowledge His Messiahship, but in the way of the suffering servant depicted by the prophet Isaiah, in meekness and self-sacrifice. He knew that coming to Jerusalem would put Him in mortal danger, and a few hours later this would come true for Him.

The second and longest part of the liturgy on this day narrates Jesus' betrayal, apprehension, unfair and contradictory trial, condemnation, scorn and scourging, crucifixion, and death. So, after the joyous singing of the Hosannas and the waving of the palm fronds that symbolize our welcoming of Christ into our own lives, we listen to and take part in His condemnation and unjust death.

It is not important to determine if the mob that the priests and scribes instigated so they would shout "crucify Him" was made up of most or some of the same people who shouted "Hosannas" before. It is a well-known fact that mobs are easily influenced and can be made to change their minds.

What the liturgy wants to stress, though, is that we are the protagonists of this drama. No matter how reluctant we may be to admit it, although there are times in our lives when we are willing to let Jesus and His radical Way of Love rule over, and we are faithful followers of His self-giving sacrifice, there are also times when we reject Him, leave Him out, and want nothing to do with His unconditional love. During these times, we put the nails back on Him, so to speak.

The good news is that He has not come to condemn but to save. The story does not end with hopelessness and death, but with victory and resurrection, and restoration of broken relationships. The disciples who forsook him were restored, and they later on became the core community that spread the Good News of Salvation to the whole world. As present-day disciples, we may also falter at times, but considering that He has put His faith in us to carry out His salvific mission in our present-day world, let

us pray that we do not fail Him, but are also invested with His Holy Spirit to carry it on.

Fr. Carlos E. Expósito, Rector

Readings for this Sunday – Palm Sunday

Isaiah 45:21-25 Psalm 22:1-11 Philippians 2:5-11 The Passion According to Mark 14:32-15:39

CALENDAR

Note: This Sunday, March 28, a week before Holy Week, we are worshipping in our historic church. The service will also be on Zoom. **The service time is 10am.**

SUNDAY Palm Sunday 10:00am Mass in All Saints' Church
Join Zoom Meeting from our web site at www.allsaintschurch.org
Recording of Mass available before noon at www.allsaintschurch.org

TUESDAY Noon Mass in All Saints' courtyard

THURSDAY Maundy Thursday 7:00pm Mass in All Saints' Church

FRIDAY Stations of the Cross in the courtyard at Noon
Good Friday Mass 7:00pm in All Saints' Church

SATURDAY Societies of Mary Day of Devotion in the courtyard
Rosary at 11:00am and Holy Saturday Service at 11:30am
Easter Vigil at 7:00pm in All Saints' Church

SUNDAY Easter Sunday 10:00am Mass in All Saints' Church
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