



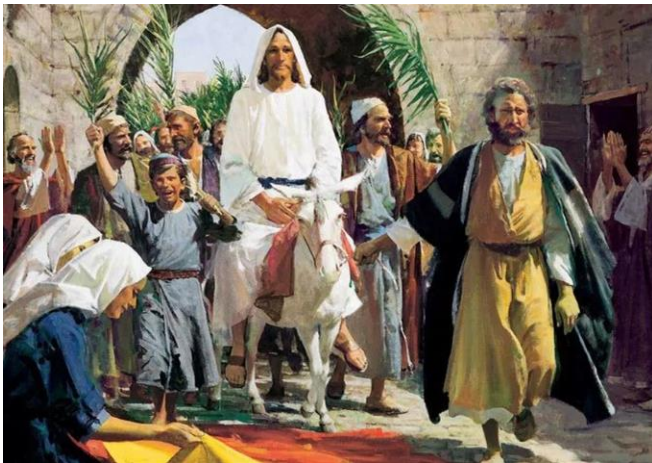
ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

"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 — April 13th, 2025

“The Triumph of Love: Reflecting on the Journey of Holy Week”



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As we begin the solemn journey of Holy Week, we find ourselves in a paradox of celebration and sorrow. On Palm Sunday, at the start of the celebration, we lift our voices in joyful acclamation as we shout “Hosanna!” to Jesus, welcoming Him as the promised King who enters Jerusalem in triumph. We wave palm branches, symbols of victory and hope, singing praises to the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Yet, within a matter of minutes, we will shift our gaze from jubilant praise to the foot of the cross, where Jesus, this same King, will lay down His life in the most humiliating and agonizing of ways. The contrast between the Hosannas and the cries of “Crucify Him!” that we will hear later can feel almost schizophrenic, as if we are pulled between two irreconcilable emotions: celebration and grief, exaltation and despair.

In this tension, we hear the Apostle Paul’s words in Philippians 2:5-11, which offer a profound lens through which to view this paradox. Paul writes: “Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross.”

Paul invites us to adopt the same mindset as Christ, a mindset that leads to a seemingly contradictory place—where glory and humility, power and weakness, life and death meet. Jesus' journey from the triumphant entry into Jerusalem to the tragic moment of His crucifixion reveals the depth of God's love for humanity. We begin Holy Week with the joyful expectation of Jesus' kingship, and yet we find that His kingship is not like the world's kingships. His reign is one of self-emptying love, humility, and sacrifice. Jesus, though God, chose not to grasp at power or acclaim, but instead, He humbled Himself to the point of death on a cross.

The seeming schizophrenia of Palm Sunday—the wild shifts from joy to sorrow, from celebration to suffering—is a reflection of the very nature of Christ's mission. We begin with the shouts of "Hosanna," but the truth is, the very reason Jesus entered Jerusalem was to face the cross. He knew what awaited Him, and He chose to walk that path because of His deep love for us. His death was not a tragic accident or a moment of despair; it was the fulfillment of God's redemptive plan for the world. This is why, even in the midst of His suffering, we can still see the seeds of hope and victory.

As we begin this week of remembering Christ's passion, let us reflect on the paradox of our own faith. The same Jesus who rode into Jerusalem on a donkey, hailed as king, is the One who, just days later, will be rejected, mocked, and crucified. Yet, in His self-giving love, He will conquer death, and His exaltation will come not through worldly power but through the ultimate act of humility.

As Paul states in the aforementioned letter: "Therefore God also highly exalted Him and gave Him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."

As we walk with Christ through this Holy Week, let us hold in tension the joy of His kingship and the sacrifice of His love, knowing that this is the way He brings us into the fullness of life.

May we, too, learn to adopt the mind of Christ—embracing humility and sacrificial love in our own lives—and allow the message of the cross to shape our understanding of true power and glory.

Fr. Carlos

Readings for the *Palm Sunday*

Luke 19:28-40 + Psalm 118:1-2

**Isaiah 50:4-9a + Philippians 2:5-11 + Luke 22:1-23:56 OR Luke 23:1-49 +
Psalm 31:9-16**

CALENDAR

Note: We worship in our historic church. The service will also be on Zoom. The service time is 10:00 AM. Tuesday Noon Mass is held in All Saints' St. Mary Chapel.

SUNDAY April 13, 2025 Palm Sunday

10:00 AM 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

Christian Formation and First Communion Instruction for Children

Ages 5 - 12 in the Parish Hall from 10:00 AM - 10:45 AM

Christian Formation for Adults (the 2nd and 4th Sundays)

Youth and adults around Noon after the Mass in the Library

Recording of Mass available before noon at www.allsaintschurch.org

OUR CORE VALUES:

- Welcoming strangers like old friends
- Embracing the Anglo-Catholic tradition
- Being dependable members of a caring community
- Respecting each other's differences
- Being faithful stewards of God's gift
- Remembering that God loves everyone unconditionally

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