

Palm Sunday

Palm Sunday commemorates Jesus’ triumphal entry into Jerusalem, as the Prince of Peace, an event mentioned in all four canonical Gospels.

The fact that Jesus rode a donkey into Jerusalem is full of symbolism. In the Eastern tradition, a donkey was an animal of peace, versus a horse, which was the animal that a king rode when he went to war. “See, your king comes to you, righteous and victorious, lowly and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey” (Zechariah 9:9).

In the Russian Orthodox Church, Ukrainian Orthodox, Ukrainian Catholic Church, Poland and various other Eastern European countries, they use pussy willows instead of palms since the latter are not easy to find that far north.

In many parts of the world, palms are hard to find and substitute traditions have arisen. In the South Indian state of Kerala, flowers are strewn about into the sanctuary on Palm Sunday during the reading of the Gospel.

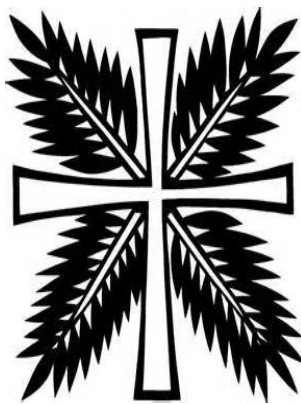


In Syro-Malabar Catholic Churches, palm leaves are blessed before being used in Palm Sunday processions.

In the Philippines, people like to re-enact Jesus’ triumphal entry astride a donkey (the humenta) with the congregants bearing ornately woven “palaspas” (palm branches) which later are taken home and placed on altars or above doorways and windows.

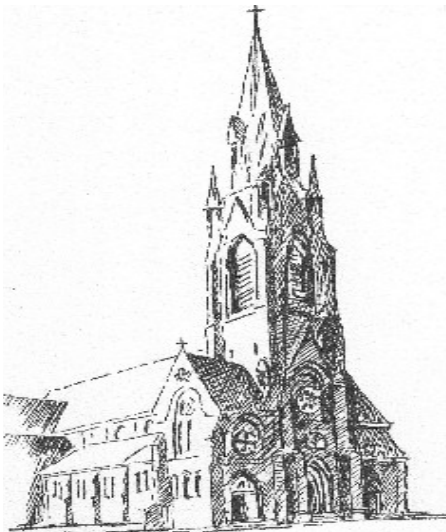
In countries like Portugal, Spain, Italy, Greece, Palestine, Lebanon, etc., palm leaves are used along with olive branches and the priest uses an olive branch to splash holy water on the faithful.

Palm Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week. *Have a blessed Holy Week.*



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8:30 am Portuguese
10:00 am Portuguese
11:30 am English
1:00 pm English

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Monday—Friday 9:00 am Portuguese
6:00 pm English
Saturday 5:00 pm English
6:30 pm Portuguese

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Palm Sunday

April 10, 2022

Psalm:

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Throughout his Gospel Luke portrays Jesus as the merciful and forgiving Saviour of humankind; in death he forgives his executioners, and on the cross he brings salvation to a criminal. Typical of Luke is his special attention to women in a society where they were downgraded. His story is that of a disciple who relives the drama of his Master.

Personal attachment to Jesus is expressed by the repeated affirmations of his innocence. He develops the personal relationships between Jesus and the various characters in the tragedy, especially Judas and Peter.

To understand the Passion message we have to keep in mind the other half of Luke's two-volume work, the Acts of the Apostles. The Jesus who is accused by the chief priests before the Roman governor prepares the way for Paul being brought before the same cast of adversaries. The innocent Jesus who dies asking forgiveness, for his enemies and commending his soul to God the Father, prepares the way for the first Christian martyr Stephen, who will die voicing similar sentiments.

Good Friday Collection

On Good Friday, there will be a Pontifical collection for the Holy Land in support of Christian communities, in the Holy Land.

The King of Glory

**The King of glory comes,
the nation rejoices.
Open the gates before him,
lift up your voices.**

Who is the King of glory;
how shall we call him?
He is Emmanuel, the promised of ages.

In all of Galilee, in city or village,
He goes among his people curing their illness.

Sing then of David's Son,
our Saviour and brother;
In all of Galilee was never another.

He gave his life for us,
the pledge of salvation,
He took upon himself the sins of the nation.



Jesus Remember Me

Jesus, remember me
when you come into Your kingdom,
Jesus, remember me
when you come into Your kingdom. (repeat)

Jerusalem My Destiny

**I have fixed my eyes on your hills,
Jerusalem, my Destiny!
Though I cannot see the end for me,
I cannot turn away.**

**We have set our hearts for the way;
this journey is our destiny.
Let no one walk alone.
The journey makes us one.**

Other spirits, lesser gods,
have courted me with lies.
Here among you I have found
a truth that bids me rise. (Refrain)

See, I leave the past behind;
a new land calls to me.
Here among you now I find
a glimpse of what might be. (Refrain)



Were You There

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Oh--sometimes it causes me
to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they crucified my Lord.

Were you there
when they nailed him to the tree?...

Were you there
when they laid him in the tomb?...

Mass Intentions For This Week

Saturday, April 9

5:00pm. Souls in purgatory

6:30pm. Maria Ana Freitas—João Manuel Pereira de Estrela—Joaquim Ferreira, spouse & children—Deceased members of Fernandes & Pompeu families

Sunday, April 10

8:30am. António de Faria

10:00am. Community—Olivia, João & Fernando Machado—Jaime de Sousa — José Carlos Silva —Ildeberto Camara, Ermelinda Arruda—António Fernandes—Marilena de Sipoli do Val, Larissa Helena do Val Torlezi , António Petrocino

11:30am. Arlindo, Ilda & Richard Vicente—Ceasar Barroca—Laurentino Medeiros Silva & Guilhermina Tomás Cabral

1:00 pm. Beatriz Otilia de Medeiros

Monday, April 11

9:00 am. Maria José Ledo, parents & in-laws

3:00—6:00 pm. Laus Perene

6:30 pm. Giovanni Gai Arcota

Tuesday, April 12

9:00 am. Souls in purgatory

3:00—6:00 pm. Laus Perene

6:30 pm. Miguel Medeiros, parents, in-laws & family

Wednesday, April 13

9:00 am. Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

3:00—6:00 pm. Laus Perene

6:30 pm. Souls in purgatory

Holy Thursday, April 14

**8:00 pm. Mass of the Lord's Supper
(English & Portuguese)**

Good Friday, April 15

1:00 pm. Passion of Our Lord (English)

3:00 pm. Passion of Our Lord (Portuguese)

7:00 pm. Via Sacra (English & Portuguese)

Holy Saturday, April 16

8:00 pm. Easter Vigil (English & Portuguese)

Easter Sunday, April 17

8:30 am. Portuguese

10:00 am. Portuguese

11:30 am. Mass in English

1:00 pm. in English