

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

April 14 2019

Gospel at Procession Luke 19:28-14

1st Reading Isaiah 50:4-7 2nd Reading Philippians 2:6-11 Gospel Luke 22:14-23:56

The readings today go from Christ's triumphant entry into Jerusalem to His passion, suffering, crucifixion, death and burial.

Today is the beginning of Holy Week and it is most fitting that we should think about and reflect on all the details of His passion and death for the love of us.

Paul writes:

- Jesus emptied Himself
- Taking the form of a slave
- He humbled Himself
- Becoming obedient to the point of death
- Even death on the cross.

In our minds and hearts let us place ourselves present at each situation as we hear or read the Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ..

At the Last Supper, would we be arguing about our greatness as the rest of the disciples did?

Would we be able to boast of our faithfulness to the Lord as Peter did?

Would we stay awake with Him on Mt Olives? Would we recognize the enormous pain He suffered in anticipation of that which was to come?

Would we flee when He was rudely and roughly arrested, bound and taken away?

Would we allow Him to be spat upon and hit with fists?

Could we sit idly by and watch Him being stripped and beaten with barbed whips?

What about the crown put on His head? Would we allow others to hit the crown with unbending reeds?

Would we help Him up after He fell under the weight of the cross? Would we volunteer to carry the cross with Him or after Him?

Would we weep as some did seeing His enormous agony?

Would we hand the nails and/or hammer to the executioners?

Would we remain on Calvary watching His agony on the cross?

Would we try to comfort Mary while she was holding the lifeless body of her crucified son?

Would we realize that all His agony was the Will of the Father for the love of us?

Would we realize the enormous extent of the love of the Son to faithfully complete the Will of the Father for the love of us?

Would we realize how much of Christ's passion is caused by us?

Lord, have mercy – and thank you!