

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA, MUMBLES

HOME PRAYER SERVICE FOR SUNDAYS

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord (B), 28 March 2021

This home prayer service can be used by a single person (sole participant) or by family members at home. Where there are two or more persons, a family member leads the prayer service (including reading the reflection). Where possible, the participant(s) should have the prayer service around a table with a lighted candle, a crucifix and a Bible (or missal).

ENTRANCE SONG (OR ANTIPHON)

An opening song may be sung or the following antiphon is recited. All stand.

**Six days before the Passover,
when the Lord came into the city of Jerusalem,
the children ran to meet him;
in their hands they carried palm branches
and with a loud voice cried out:**

Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant mercy!

We begin with the sign of the Cross:

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

A leader or the sole participant says:

**O come, let us worship God
and bow low before the God who made us,
for he is the Lord our God.**

Response: Blessed be God for ever.

INTRODUCTION

Where there are two or more persons in the house, the leader introduces the celebration in these or similar words:

On this day, the church celebrates Christ's entrance into Jerusalem to accomplish his paschal mystery.

PENITENTIAL ACT

The sole participant or leader introduces the penitential act saying:

Let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves for this celebration.

A brief pause for silence follows.

**I confess to almighty God
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned,
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,
through my fault, through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,
all the Angels and Saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,**

to pray for me to the Lord our God.

The sole participant or the leader says:

**May almighty God have mercy on us,
forgive us our sins,
and bring us to everlasting life.**

Response: Amen.

COLLECT

The sole participant or leader says the Collect Prayer:

**Almighty ever-living God,
who as an example of humility for the human
race to follow
caused our Saviour to take flesh and submit to
the Cross,
graciously grant that we may heed his lesson of
patient suffering
and so merit a share in his Resurrection.
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the
Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.**

Response: Amen.

READINGS

After each reading a brief silence is observed. It is desirable to take all the readings with the responsorial psalm, all of which are available in the Sunday Missal. Where all readings of the Sunday cannot be taken, the Gospel (printed below) is read. The one who reads the Gospel, if not a priest or deacon, does not say "The Lord be with you" but begins with "A reading from the holy Gospel according to...".

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| First Reading: | Isaiah 50:4-7 |
| Responsorial Psalm: | Psalm 21(22):8-9,17-20,23-24 |
| Second Reading: | Philippians 2:6-11 |
| Gospel Acclamation: | Phil2:8-9 |
| Gospel: | Mark 14:1-15:47 |

Processional Gospel: Mark 11:1-10

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark
When they were approaching Jerusalem, in sight of Bethphage and Bethany, close by the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples and said to them, 'Go off to the village facing you, and as soon as you enter it you will find a tethered colt that no one has yet ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone says to you, "What are you doing?" say, "The Master needs it and will send it back here directly."', They went off and found a colt tethered near a door in the open street. As they untied

it, some men standing there said, 'What are you doing, untying that colt?' They gave the answer Jesus, had told them, and, the men let them go. Then they took the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on its back, and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, others greenery which they had cut in the fields. And those who went in front and those who followed were all shouting, Hosanna "Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David! Hosanna in the highest heavens!"

The Gospel of the Lord

REFLECTION

The sole participant or leader reads a homily prepared by the priest; or may give a short reflection on the scripture readings of the day. The reflection is followed by a period of silence.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

The creed is said:

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; He descended into hell; on the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of Saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

The General Intercessions are said:

Leader: Our King has entered his city. Our palms and cries of homage fade away, as the words of the Gospel tell the story of his suffering and death. Let us bring our prayers to the Father, through the Son he gave up for us, with love beyond our comprehension.

Leader: Let us pray for the Church all around the world following the Saviour during Holy Week. Lord, in your mercy

Response: Hear our prayer

Reader: Let us pray for peoples of all races and nations who seek peace. Lord, in your mercy

Response: Hear our prayer.

Reader: Let us pray for a spirit of penance, reflection and gratitude during these chosen days. Lord, in your mercy

Response: Hear our prayer

Reader: Let us pray that those who are sick with the coronavirus may regain their health through quality medical care and may those who have died from the virus find eternal rest with God. Lord, in your mercy

Response: Hear our prayer.

Reader: Let us pray for our sick and housebound parishioners, that they may be strengthened through the power of the Holy Spirit. Lord, in your mercy

Response: Hear our prayer.

Reader: In thanksgiving to the Lord, we pray for parishioners who mark their birthdays this week: Rachel Evans, Noreen Hyden, Kirsten Kieft, Stephanie Jefferies. May the Lord bless and keep them. Lord, in your mercy

Response: Hear our prayer.

Reader: Let us pray to our Father in the words Our Saviour taught us: **Our Father, who art in heaven...**

ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

After a brief period of silence, the Prayer of Spiritual Communion is said by all.

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

A song of thanksgiving may be sung after the prayer of spiritual communion.

CONCLUDING PRAYER

The sole participant or leader says the concluding prayer:

May your healing work, O Lord, free us, we pray, from doing evil and lead us to what is right. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The sole participant or leader concludes the rite by signing himself or herself with the Sign of the Cross while saying the following:

May almighty God bless us, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.