

PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

APRIL 2, 2023

Gospel Matthew 27:11-54 (shorter form)
or Matthew 26:14-27:66 (longer form)

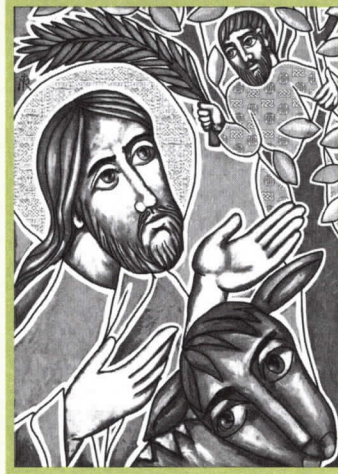
(Citation adapted for length. For full text, see your Bible.)

Jesus stood before the governor, Pontius Pilate, who questioned him,
"Are you the king of the Jews?"
Jesus said, "You say so."
And when he was accused by the chief priests and elders,
he made no answer. . . .

Pilate said to them,
"Then what shall I do with Jesus called Christ?"
They all said,
"Let him be crucified!" . . .
he handed him over to be crucified.

Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus inside the praetorium and gathered the whole cohort around him. They stripped off his clothes and threw a scarlet military cloak about him. Weaving a crown out of thorns, they placed it on his head, and a reed in his right hand. And kneeling before him, they mocked him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!"
They spat upon him and took the reed and kept striking him on the head.
And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the cloak, dressed him in his own clothes, and led him off to crucify him. . . .

From noon onward, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon.
And about three o'clock Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "*Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?*" which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"
Some of the bystanders who heard it said, "This one is calling for Elijah."



Immediately one of them ran to get a sponge; he soaked it in wine, and putting it on a reed, gave it to him to drink.
But the rest said,
"Wait, let us see if Elijah comes to save him."
But Jesus cried out again in a loud voice, and gave up his spirit.

Here all kneel and pause for a short time.

And behold, the veil of the sanctuary was torn in two from top to bottom. The earth quaked, rocks were split, tombs were opened, and the bodies of many saints who had fallen asleep were raised. And coming forth from their tombs after his resurrection, they entered the holy city and appeared to many. The centurion and the men with him who were keeping watch over Jesus feared greatly when they saw the earthquake and all that was happening, and they said, "Truly, this was the Son of God!"

Readings for the week:

Palm Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Holy Thursday	Good Friday	Holy Saturday/ Easter Vigil	Easter Sunday
Matt 21:1-11	Isa 42:1-7	Isa 49:1-6	Isa 50:4-9a	Exod 12:1-8, 11-14	Isa 52:13-53:12	Acts 10:34a, 37-43	
Isa 50:4-7	Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14	Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a,	Ps 69:8-10, 21-22,	Ps 116:12-13,	Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13,	Ps 118:1-2, 16-17,	
Ps 22:8-9, 17-18,	John 12:1-11	5ab-6ab, 15	31 and 33-34	15-16bc, 17-18	15-16, 17, 25	22-23	
19-20, 23-24		and 17	Matt 26:14-25	1 Cor 11:23-26	Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9	Col 3:1-4	
Phil 2:6-11		John 13:21-33,		John 13:1-15	John 18:1-19:42	or 1 Cor 5:6b-8	
Matt 26:14-27:66		36-38				John 20:1-9	
or 27:11-54						or Matt 28:1-10	
						or Luke 24:13-35	



Opening Prayer

Almighty ever-living God,
who as an example of humility for the human race to follow
caused our Savior 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. **Amen.**

Reflecting on Living the Gospel

The passion narrative that we proclaim today is a story of many people who, as Paul wrote to the Romans, do not do what they want, but do the very thing they hate and find it hard to believe that they could act this way (see Rom 7:15). Sinfulness is doing what, in our personal depths, we know is evil, because of fear, greed, social pressure, lust for power, or disregard for human life. In the garden of Gethsemane, Peter the Rock crumbles into a soft sand-drift of sleep. The traitor's kiss smacks them from their sleep, and the violence spawns a feeble swordplay until the words of Jesus, even in the context of such violence, command peace. Then those who had once left everything to follow Jesus (Matt 4:22) now leave everything to run away from him.

Peter crawls away to crouch like a spider in the dark corner of the high priest Caiaphas's courtyard. While Jesus is on trial inside, he is spinning his web of lies outside. But Matthew tells us that Peter will be saved, as we will be, by the remembrance of Jesus's words and by our tears over our betrayals of Jesus.

Jesus is handed over to Pilate, the Roman governor, who wishes that Jesus would wriggle out of his conscience and this trial. Pilate might not want to hand Jesus over, but he compromises himself because of social pressure. Only Pilate's wife honestly intervenes to try to save Jesus. Just as Matthew's infancy narrative had dreamers like Joseph and the magi, so here is another dreamer. But a woman's dreams and witness are unacceptable. Pilate washes his hands of the whole dirty matter. Compromise, dismissal of the "dreams" of others, peer pressure, and fear of losing upward social mobility: these can also send our truth as followers of Jesus gurgling down the drain.

Closing Prayer

Loving God, thank you for the gift of this day and the opportunity to grow in relationship with you. You are self-gift, embodied in humility and vulnerability. Following your example may we give of ourselves for others as we strive to remain faithful to your gospel and the way of discipleship. **Amen.**

For Reflection:

• With which character of the Passion story do you most identify? Why?

Suggestions for group and individual use:

1. Pray aloud the "Opening Prayer" (in *The Roman Missal* called the "collect").
2. One person read aloud the gospel.
3. Each read prayerfully "Reflecting on Living the Gospel" and spend some time in personal prayer.
4. Share together responses to "For Reflection."
5. Pray the "Closing Prayers."

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MASS TIMES:

Fr. Anastacio Postrano, Pastor

Daily Mass: 6:30 AM – 7:30 AM (except Mondays)

Saturday: 5:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Sunday: 8:30 AM – 9:30 AM

4th Wednesday Masses are at 9:00AM at Hale Makua Nursing Home (Wailuku).

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Every 1st Friday: 6:00 AM

CONFESSION

Saturday: 4:30 PM

After every weekday mass or by appointment.

SACRAMENTS

Baptism, Confession, Marriage, Anointing of the Sick, Funerals please call the office to make an appointment (808) 244-3284 or (808) 385-3021 (please leave a message).

You can also reach us via email at stannwaihee@gmail.com.

Financials: 03/20/23 – 03/26/23

Weekly Collection Goal \$2400	Total \$2691.00 Over \$291.00
In Church	\$ 2531.00
Online Giving	\$ 0.00
Mail In	\$ 160.00

Holy Week Mass Schedule

Holy Tuesday, 4/4/23, Mass @ 6:30 a.m.

Holy Wednesday, 4/5/23, Mass @ 6:30 a.m.

Holy Thursday, 4/6/23, Washing of the Feet, Mass @ 6:00 p.m.

Good Friday, 4/7/23, Stations of the Cross @ 2: 00 p.m.

Good Friday Service @ 3:00 p.m.

Easter Vigil Mass, Saturday, 4/8/23 @ 7:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday, 4/09/23 Mass @ 8:30 a.m.

In lieu of an Easter Egg Hunt, children will be given Goodie bags.

No morning Mass, Monday-Friday, 4/10-14/23, Fr. Jun on vacation.

Morning mass resumes Tuesday, 4/18/23 @ 6:30 a.m.

Have a Blessed Week!