



Palm Sunday

Sunday, March 28 8:30 AM

*St. Mary's Catholic Church
Hamburg, Iowa*

Holding our blessed palms and shouting hosannas, today we commemorate Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem. We do so with a note of melancholy, for we know that his arrival is also his entrance into the dark days of abandonment, agony, and death. However, we know that in the end God will triumph and sin, darkness, and even death will be defeated. Confident in Jesus' redemptive power, we raise our voices in love and thanksgiving.



Cycle B -- Reflections on the Readings

Passion (Palm) Sunday

Isaiah 50:4-7; Psalm 22; Philemon 2:6-11;
Mark 14:1--15:47

Theme: **There is a choice**

There was a report of a coal mining accident. Many miners escaped with their lives, but three men were trapped somewhere deep within the earth's crust. Whether they were dead or alive no one knew. What made the accident even more frustrating was the presence of intense heat and poisonous gases within the mine itself. If the rocks had not crushed them, they very well would have been choked by the fumes and killed by the heat. Two days went by before a search expedition could even enter the mine because of the heat and fumes. Even then there was a great danger in store for anyone who would dare descend into what could be a deep black grave.

A brief interview was conducted with one of the members of the search expedition as he was preparing to enter the mine. A reporter asked him, "sir, are you aware of the poisonous gases and the extreme danger of the mines?"

The fireman replied, "Yes, I am aware."

The reporter asked again, "Are you still going down?" And the man replied, "The men may still be alive." Without another word of explanation, he put on his gas mask, climbed into the elevator, and descended into the black inferno of the mine. That rescuer put his life on the line that others might live.

Jesus put his life on the line for us

My dear friends, that is what Jesus did – by entering Jerusalem, He put his life on the line that others might have life. After Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead, the Pharisees and the chief Priests decided to put Him to death (Jn. 11:45-53).

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There was danger for Jesus to enter Jerusalem, yet He risked His life and entered Jerusalem so that He may be lifted on the cross and from the blood that would flow from His side we might be saved from unending death. He entered Jerusalem so that He could save us.

Jesus entered Jerusalem as Messiah

Jesus, many a time openly said to the Jews that He was the Messiah, but they would not believe. The Jews once asked Him, "Tell us plainly if you are the Christ?" Jesus said to them several times that He was the Christ, but they pretended to be unclear in their understanding.

Jesus unmistakably showed to the crowds on Palm Sunday that He was the Messiah. He instructed His disciples to go to the village and they would find the colt of an ass tied, on which no man had yet sat, and loosen it and bring it to him. According to ancient provision an animal devoted for a sacred purpose must not be used for ordinary purposes (Num 19:2; Deut 21:3; 1Sam 6:7). Jesus, by asking the disciples to bring an ass according to the prophet Zechariah 9:9 is the beast of the Messiah. Therefore, when Jesus entered Jerusalem on a donkey, He was symbolically indicating to the people that He was the Messiah.

Jesus Entered Jerusalem as the King

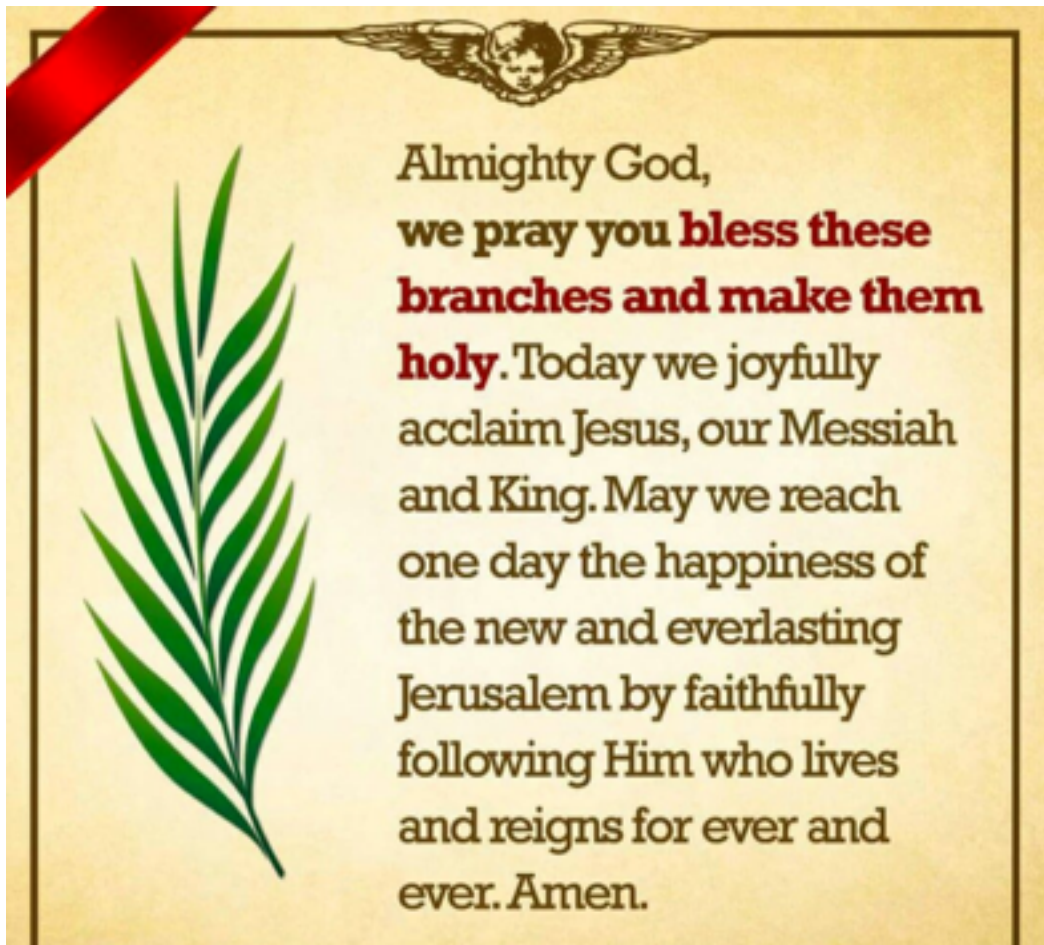
When Jesus came riding on the donkey, the disciples placed their outer garments on the donkey and on the road. They cut branches and leaves and placed them on the road, and they began to sing praises to Jesus. Cutting branches and spreading garments on the road are symbols of nationalism.

When people welcomed Jesus with palm and branches, they welcomed Him as a king, a national liberator. But Jesus is not a political liberator; He is not a national liberator. He did not come riding on a horse – a war animal, rather He came riding on a donkey – an animal of peace, an animal of docility and humility. Jesus is the King of peace. His reign is not over political life of the nations, but over spiritual life of the people.

My dear friends, as we enter the Holy Week, may our hearts keep on ringing along with the crowds of Jerusalem and reflect on the saving power of God.

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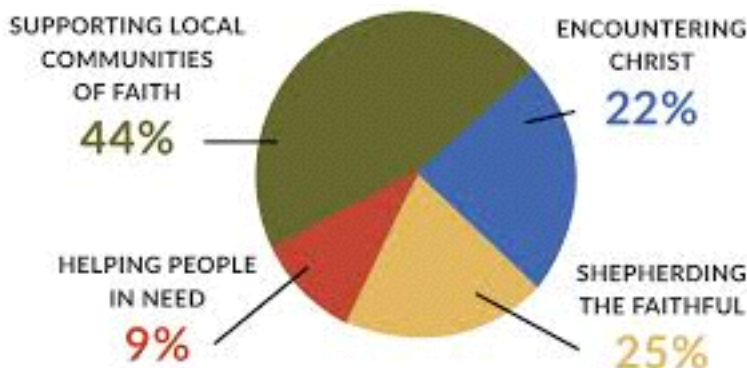
Like Jesus, much of our lives are determined more by what is done to us than by what we do: in a very real sense it is our passion. It is this passion, if we genuinely accept it, as well as our actions, that leads to fuller life in God. It is important to realize the extent to which we are acted upon. As we move through life there is fate, betrayal, bad-luck, illness of one kind or another, loss of friendships, failure in relationship, disappointments with spouses and children, the death of loved ones, the drudgery of workplace, and so on. Of course, there are joyful moments and periods of peace too. But do we however have a choice in how we respond to what life throws at us? It can make us or break us. May God strengthen you to carry your burden to the cross. Shalom!





2021 ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL

Ongoing commitments to the Annual Diocesan Appeal work in quiet, unheralded ways to sustain the Catholic Church in southwest Iowa. We empower others to encounter Christ; we help parish leaders to shepherd the faithful, support local communities of faith, and help people in need as one diocesan family committed to serve and protect one another and bring each other to Christ. Your pledge card can be placed in the collection basket, brought or mailed to the parish office, or mailed directly back to the Diocese. Or, you can give online at dmdiocese.org/giving. Thank you for your generosity and kindness!



Holy Hour

Where are we, as a parish and as a diocese, going after the pandemic? Join us in prayer for the Holy Spirit to strengthen us as we near the end of the pandemic and for direction going forward. We're invited to join Bishop William Joensen for a Holy Hour at St. Ambrose Cathedral in Des Moines on Mondays from 5-6 p.m. We can watch it at Facebook.com/dmdiocese.

Coming Soon~~~~~



Mar 28-Palm Sunday

◆ *Mar 29-ICC Holy Week Service @ Baptist Church 7 a.m.*

◆ *Mar. 30-ICC Holy Week Service @ St. Mary's 7a.m.*

◆ *Mar 31-ICC Holy Week Service @ United Trinity-6 p.m*

◆ *April 1-ICC Holy Week Service @ Methodist Church-7a.m.*

April 1-Holy Thursday Service Hamburg @ 5:30p.m. Shenandoah @ 7p.m.

◆ *April 2-ICC Holy Week Service @ Assembly of God -7a.m.*

◆ *April 3-ICC Holy Week Service @ New Life Church-7a.m. ??*

April 2-Good Friday Service @ Hamburg 2:40p.m. Shenandoah @ 5 p.m.

April 3-Holy Saturday Service @ Hamburg 6 p.m. Shenandoah @ 8 p.m.

April 4-Easter Sunday

Readings for week of Mar 28, 2021

Sunday: Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 [2a]/Phil 2:6-11/Mk 14:1—15:47 or 15:1-39

Monday: Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14 [1a]/Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday: Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17 [cf. 15ab]/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34 [14c]/Mt 26:14-25

Thursday: *Chrism Mass:* Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9/Ps 89:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 [2a]/Rv 1:5-8/Lk 4:16-21

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18 [cf. 1 Cor 10:16]/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15

Friday: Is 52:13—53:12/Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25 [Lk 23:46]/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1—19:42

Saturday: *Vigil:* Gn 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 [30] or Ps 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20-22 [5b]/Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Ex 14:15—15:1/Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18 [1b]/Is 54:5-14/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 [2a]/Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 [3]/Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [Jn 6:68c]/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3, 4 [42:2] or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [3] or Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19 [12a]/Rom 6:3-11/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Mk 16:1-7

Next Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 [24]/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7 or Lk 24:13-35

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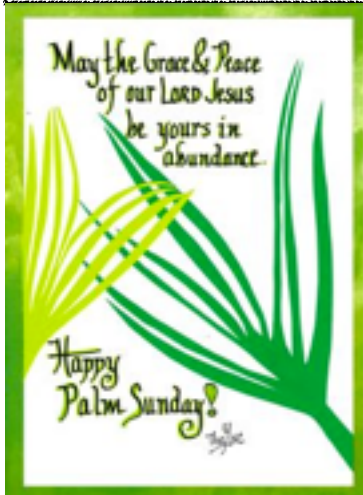
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Your Contribution **March 21, 2021**

Tithes—\$1305.00
Plate—\$46.00
Coffee—\$47.75 (2 wks.)

Thank You!!



3-30—Beth Phillips

4-10—Tim Whelan

4-12 -- Brady Lorimor

4-13—Ruth Paper

4-13—Emily Van Houten



4-7--Larry & Suzie Moores

4-11-Paul & Jamie Hutt

4-26—Larry & Cheryl Phillips

4-26—Brian & Amber
Spurlock

4-28—Jim & Ruth folkes



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2021	March 28 Palm Sunday 8:30	April 1 Holy Thursday 5:30 p.m.	April 2 Good Friday 2:40 p.m.	April 2 Holy Saturday 6:00 p.m.	April 4 Easter Sunday 8:30	April 11 Sunday of Divine Mercy 8:30
Lector	Dave D. Carolyn M.	Kathleen Lorimor	Teresa Jamison	Joe Travis	Rick Jamison	Linda Dewhirst
Mass Setup	Joe	Rosie	Rosie	Rosie	Rosie	Joe
Cantor	Beth & Anna	Kim/Cora	Kate	Beth	Kim/Kate/ Evan/Cora	Beth/Anna
Accompanist	Guitars	Kate	Donna	Kate	Nancy	Guitars
Server	Alyssa Dowling				Ryan Roberts	Garett Phillips
Coffee & donuts	N/A??	N/A	N/A	N/A		

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