

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Phil 2:8-9

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
 Christ became obedient for us even to death,
 dying on the cross.
 Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name
 above all other names.
 Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

GOSPEL

Luke 22:14-23:56

*The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ
 according to Luke.*

BACKGROUND ON THE GOSPEL READING

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This Sunday, called Palm or Passion Sunday, is the first day of Holy Week. Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday are called the Triduum, three days that are the highlight of the Church year. There are two Gospels proclaimed at today's Mass. The first Gospel, proclaimed before the procession with palms, tells of Jesus' triumphant entrance into Jerusalem. Riding on a borrowed colt, Jesus was hailed by the crowds as they shouted blessings and praise to God. This event is reported in each of the four Gospels.

Luke's Gospel is the only one to report the exchange between Jesus and the Pharisees as Jesus enters Jerusalem. Jesus' response shows that this event, and those yet to come, are part of a divine plan. We hear this echoed again in Luke's description of the Last Supper when Jesus speaks of Judas' betrayal, saying that the Son of Man "goes as has been determined."

FAREWELL TO FR. ROY

We warmly welcome everyone to
 farewell Fr. Roy at Morning Tea
 after Palm Sunday Mass on 13th April 2025.

See you there!



At the Liturgy of the Word on this Sunday, the events of Jesus' passion are proclaimed in their entirety. In Lectionary Cycle C, we read the passion of Jesus as found in the Gospel of Luke. We will hear these events proclaimed again during the Triduum when we read the passion of Jesus from the Gospel of John.

Throughout Luke's Gospel we see that Jesus' words and actions proclaim the Kingdom of God. This motif continues throughout Luke's passion narrative. Jesus appears to be in total command of events at the Passover meal as he hands over the kingdom to his disciples. He welcomes them to the Passover meal announcing that this will be his last until the Kingdom of God is fulfilled.

As throughout Luke's Gospel, however, the disciples show little understanding of this kingdom that Jesus often announces. Following the meal, the disciples argue about who is the greatest. Jesus takes the opportunity to distinguish the meaning of leadership in the Kingdom of God from the forms of leadership seen in the world.

Jesus initiates a conversation with Simon and predicts his denial. Jesus then instructs his disciples to prepare themselves for the events that will follow. His words reveal an awareness of the challenges that all of them will face in the days ahead. As the disciples and Jesus enter the Mount of Olives, Jesus indicates the importance of the disciples' time in prayer, telling them that through prayer they will be able to face the challenges ahead.

As he prays, Jesus is tested. In the garden, an angel is sent to strengthen him and to prepare him for the events ahead. After this moment, Jesus is again in charge of the events and circumstances.

In Luke's Gospel, Jesus is portrayed as active and vocal throughout his passion.

When one of the disciples strikes the high priest's servant, Jesus heals the man, an event reported only in the Gospel of Luke. Jesus stops the disciples' protest against his arrest by noting that this is the "time for the power of darkness." Jesus engages and responds when brought before the Sanhedrin; his words speak about the "power of God" that will bring about the reign of the Son of Man. When questioned by Pilate, Jesus responds with just one phrase; yet before Herod, Jesus refuses to speak.

When Luke describes the Way of the Cross and Jesus' crucifixion, he calls to our attention many events that are not reported in the other Gospels. Throughout his Gospel, Luke has paid heed to the women who accompanied Jesus. Now, on the road to Calvary, Jesus speaks to the women who walk with him. Only Luke reports Jesus' words of forgiveness spoken from the cross. And only Luke reports the dialogue between Jesus and the good thief. Finally, in contrast with the Gospels of Mark and Matthew, Luke reports no words of abandonment spoken by Jesus on the cross. Instead, Jesus, in full command until his death, commends his spirit to his Father and takes his final breath.

Throughout Holy Week, we will continue to reflect on the events of Jesus' passion and death. As we meditate on the cross, we ask again and anew what it means to make the statement of faith that Jesus, in his obedient suffering and dying, revealed himself to us as God's Son and brought to fulfillment the Kingdom of God.



Parish Bulletin

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord, Year C 12/13 April 2025

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Isaiah 50:4-7

*I did not cover my face against
 insult and I know I will not be
 ashamed.*

The Lord has given me
 a disciple's tongue.
 So that I may know how to reply to the
 wearied he provides me with speech.
 Each morning he wakes me to hear,
 to listen like a disciple.
 The Lord has opened my ear.

For my part, I made no resistance,
 neither did I turn away.
 I offered my back to those who struck
 me,
 my cheeks to those who tore at my
 beard;
 I did not cover my face against insult
 and spittle.

The Lord comes to my help,
 so that I am untouched by the insults.
 So, too, I set my face like flint;
 I know I shall not be shamed.

The word of the Lord

SECOND READING

He humbled himself to become like us and God raised him on high.

His state was divine,
 yet Christ Jesus did not cling
 to his equality with God
 but emptied himself
 to assume the condition of a
 slave
 and became as men are;
 and being as all men are,
 he was humbler yet,
 even to accepting death,
 death on a cross.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 21:8-9,17-20,23-24

Response:
*My God, my God, why have you
 abandoned me?*

1. All who see me deride me.
 They curl their lips, they toss their
 heads.
 'He trusted in the Lord, let him
 save him:
 Let him release him if this is his
 friend.' **R**

2. Many dogs have surrounded me,
 a band of the wicked beset me.
 They tear holes in my hands and
 my feet, I can count every one of
 my bones. **R**

3. They divide my clothing among
 them. They cast lots for my robe.
 O Lord, do not leave me alone, my
 strength, make haste to help me! **R**

4. I will tell of your name to my
 brethren and praise you where they
 are assembled. 'You who fear the
 Lord give him praise; all sons of
 Jacob, give him glory.
 Revere him, Israel's sons.' **R**

Philippians 2:6-11

But God raised him high
 and gave him the name
 which is above all other names
 so that all beings
 in the heavens, on earth and in the
 underworld,
 should bend the knee at the name
 of Jesus
 and that every tongue should ac-
 claim
 Jesus Christ as Lord,
 to the glory of God the Father.

The word of the Lord

THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS.
 We see ourselves in the crowds
 who cried 'Hosanna to the Son of
 David' one day and 'Crucify him'
 just a few days later. Like Peter
 and the other disciples we can be
 fickle followers of Jesus. We
 should not, however, imitate
 Judas and despair at our
 infidelity. Rather, we should look
 to Jesus who allowed his blood
 to be poured out for many 'for
 the forgiveness of sins'. Let us
 praise him with grateful hearts.

PRAYER BEFORE HOLY MASS

Heavenly father, we are about to offer
 this wonderful memorial of the passion
 and death of your Son. Bless our Priest
 as he stands in the person of Christ and
 makes present for us the great sacrifice
 of Calvary.

Bless our Ministers here present today-
 our ministers of the Eucharist, our read-
 ers, our Altar Servers, our musicians and
 ushers. When we reflect on the magnifi-
 cence of these Sacred Ministries, we are
 somewhat overawed at our calling. But
 also we are overjoyed that You have
 asked us to stand at Your altar and
 serve You.

Help us to be reverent and to be faithful
 to our responsibilities. May this Eucha-
 rist that we are about to offer be a bond
 of unity and a sacrament of love for our
 people. We make this prayer through
 Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Mass Times
Sunday 9:30 am
Saturday Vigil Mass 6:30 pm
Tuesday to Friday 9:15 am

Confessions
Saturday 6:00 pm

Rosary
Tues to Fri 8:45am

Adoration of the Eucharist
Friday before Mass 8:30am

Novena to St. Joseph
Wednesday after Mass

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1300 729 202 - 9:00am to 4:30pm

ROSTERS— 19/20 Apr 2025 Sunday of the RESURRECTION	
Time	Commentator/Readers
6.30pm Vigil	Anne Marie Platten Chris Platten Fil Ciancio
9:30am	Terence Yeow Grace Yeow Maureen Fernando
Children's Liturgy	Suanne Woidt Anne Dudzinski
Count team	Frank Mazzarolo Sandy Mazzarolo Terry Pickering Christine Holmes
Altar and Flowers	Dolores Arboit Christina Wong Sarita Ingham and volunteers
<i>All those who have volunteered please arrive at least 15 minutes before the start time and report to the commentator for that Mass</i>	
SUNDAY COLLECTION SUMMARY	
	5/6 Apr 2025
Open Plate	\$426.50
Planned Giving	\$449.00
PARISH TOTAL	\$875.50
ELECTRONIC PLANNED GIVING	
March 2025: 1,895.00	



Sharing the value that no human being should have their dignity or freedom compromised. Every person should have access to the goods and resources of society so that they can have fulfilling lives. Thank you.
For more information: cari-tas@adelaide.catholic.org.au or phone 8210 8172.

EASTER RAFFLE
By Tranmere Catholic Women's League
Before and after Masses on 12-13th April.
Tickets are \$1 each.
We thank you for your support!



Let's pray together

Please remember in your prayers


We pray for those listed and all the deceased relatives and friends of our Parishioners.

For the Repose of the Soul:
Death Anniversary:
Francis Alphons
Thomas Sebastiampillai

Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them; present them to God the Most High.

Sick:
We pray for the sick and housebound of our Parish and our relatives and friends who are unwell.

If you know of sick or elderly parishioners who are house-bound or in care and would appreciate a visit, please phone and leave a message with the parish office.



Pope Francis @pontifex
When Jesus gazes within us and love us, what does He see despite our distractions and sins? Jesus sees our fragility, as well as our desire to be loved just as we are.

This week's contribution to the Diocesan Presbytery Fund: \$566.35

HOLY WEEK 2025

Palm Sunday 13th April
9:30am Mass

Holy Thursday 17th April
6:30pm Mass of the Last Supper
Private adoration until 9:00pm

Good Friday 18th April
11:00am Stations of the Cross
3:00pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion

Holy Saturday 19th April
6:30pm Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday 20th April
9:30am Mass of the Resurrection

Confessions:
Tue 15th April— 8:30am & 9:45am
Wed 16th April—8:30am & 9:45am

PARISH NOTICES

Volunteers for Holy Week / Easter Masses
Thank you for those who have volunteered and written down their names on the roster to help for the Holy Week / Easter Masses. If you are still thinking to participate in a specific role, kindly fill up the roster sheet at the entrance of the church. Your support is appreciated.

Washing of the Feet on Holy Thursday
We are inviting 12 people for Washing of the Feet at the Mass of the Last Supper on Holy Thursday 17th April. Let's follow Jesus' lead and write down your name on the list at the Eastern Entrance. We appreciate your participation.

**Thank You...
A Message from Fr. Roy John Elavumkal SMM
13 April 2025**

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

As I prepare to take my leave from St. Joseph Parish, Tranmere, after seven grace-filled years of ministry, my heart overflows with gratitude and emotion. Serving as your parish priest has been one of the most cherished and transformative experiences of my priestly life. Being my third parish in Adelaide, Tranmere has been a place of deep learning — about ministry, about life, and most importantly, about love and community.

I wish to express my sincere thanks to the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) Chair, Mr. Alan Dyson, and its members; the Parish Finance Council (PFC) Chair, Mr. Edward Konieczny, and members; our dedicated sacristan, Mr. Terence Yeow; Roger and our faithful altar servers (both boys and girls); the Liturgy Committee, especially Christina Wong and her team; our parish secretary, Pat Kwok; Christine Sullivan, Angela Girolamo, and the ever-supportive parish staff; our committed Parish Manager, Stephanie Roach; Peggy Buckler; our hardworking gardener, Dollars; Special Minister Sandy Mazzarolo; the dedicated choir members, and each and every one of our wonderful volunteers. Above all, I thank you — my beloved parishioners — for your constant love, care, and support. You have truly been a blessing in my life.

Throughout my ministry here, I have always strived to serve, care for, and love everyone equally, without any form of discrimination. In times of differing opinions, I have spoken openly and honestly, holding no negativity in my heart, always seeking what is right and just for our parish family. Together, we have walked a beautiful journey of faith, and I am deeply proud of the vibrant, prayerful, and welcoming community we have nurtured.

I have now been called to a new mission — a broader pastoral responsibility that includes eight parishes, seven nursing homes, and four hospitals. It is a sacred challenge that I embrace with faith and hope. I trust that the diocesan administration has entrusted this role to me with confidence, and I accept it with humility and commitment — ready to serve the people of God with compassion and dedication.


Please know that wherever I may be, I will carry you in my prayers. You will always remain close to my heart. Once again, thank you for everything. May the Lord bless you and keep you always in His peace.

With love and gratitude,
Fr. Roy John Elavumkal SMM

The Kids' Bulletin
Good Friday Word-Find

J C C L O T H E S H E
M A R Y D I E D I O S
C R O W N J U J N U S
J R S I M O N E S R H
E Y S D T H O R N S O
W R I K I N G U A E S
S O L D I E R S I J A
P D D M A G D A L E N
E S F O H I L L S S N
A R W H I P P E D U A
R O M A N M E M A S S

See if you can find all the words in CAPITALS in the puzzle. Use the left over letters to fill in the blanks.



On Good Friday morning, JESUS, who had been arrested the night before, was judged by Pontius Pilate, the ROMAN governor. Pilate had him WHIPPED. Then to make fun of Him the SOLDIERS made a CROWN of THORNS and put it on His head. They threw a purple cloth on Him and beat Him with RODS, saying, "Hail, KING of the JEWS!" Then Pilate had Jesus brought out in front of the people and asked them what they wanted to do with Him. The people, who had welcomed Him into JERUSALEM a few days before with their HOSANNAS, now shouted that He should be crucified. So Jesus was made to CARRY a heavy CROSS out of the city and up a big HILL. Because He was so weak from being beaten, a man named SIMON of Cyrene was forced to help Him. The soldiers tore off Jesus' CLOTHES and attached Him to the cross with NAILS through His hands and feet. Jesus offered His life for our SINS. He hung on the cross for three HOURS until He DIED. Nearby were His mother MARY, JOHN the Apostle, and Mary MAGDALEN. After He died a soldier stuck a SPEAR into His side to be sure He was dead. Did you know that at every MASS we re-offer Jesus' sacrifice on the cross in an unbloody way on the altar?

Holy Week

Today is the beginning of Holy Week, when we specially remember the last days of Jesus and His death on the cross.

The Sunday before Jesus died, He came riding into Jerusalem on a donkey. All the people cheered for Him. They laid down their cloaks and palm branches on the road to honour Him. That was Palm Sunday.

On the first Holy Thursday Jesus offered the first Mass ever. He took bread and wine and changed them into His Body and Blood and gave them to His Apostles to eat and drink. The same thing happens at every Mass when the priest says Jesus' words at the Consecration. We don't see the bread or wine change, but they are still really Jesus, offering Himself to God for us.

Good Friday is the day that Jesus died on the cross. The leaders of the Jews got the people to turn against Him. After an unfair trial, Jesus was whipped harshly and made to carry a cross up a hill. Then He was nailed to the cross and hung there until He died. Only His mother and a few of His friends were with Him.

Jesus was God and could have stopped the people from killing Him, but He chose to die for you. Because we sin, we don't deserve to go to Heaven. Jesus died to take the punishment for our sins so that we could go to Heaven. That's why it's called "Good" Friday! What is something special you can do on Good Friday to make up for your sins and say "thank you" to Jesus?



Answer to Good Friday Word-Find: Jesus died for me. Answers to Holy Thursday Unscramble: before, Passover, disciples, hands, bread, last, come, our, world, BODY AND BLOOD.

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