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Palm Sunday, Year C, 14th April 2019

Hosanna to the Son of David

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."

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 through-

For today's Mass

Responsorial Psalm

My God, my God,
why have you forsaken me?

Gospel Acclamation

Christ was humbler yet,
even to accepting death,
death on a cross.
But God raised him high
and gave him the name
which is above all names.



out 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.

AROUND PERTH

Mass in

St Mary Magdalene's, Craigie

10am - Sunday

8am - Weekdays

(except Wednesday and Saturday)

7am - Wednesday; 10am - Saturday

Sunday Mass in

Our Lady of Lourdes, Letham

5.30pm (vigil); 11am

Sunday Mass in

St Mary's, Kinnoull

10am

Sunday Mass in St John's

4pm (anticipated Mass); 9am; 11am,

5pm (Polish) & 6.30pm

PRAYERS

Please pray for the repose
of the soul of Mgr Hugh McNally,
Gerald Hendry
and Maureen Morgan
and the souls of all the faithful departed.

**Eternal rest grant
unto their souls, O Lord.**

Youth Pilgrimage

Bishop Stephen and the Dunkeld Youth Service invite (12-30 years old) for a fun-filled, educational journey on Sunday 9th June, 10am-8.30pm - please contact youth-office@dunkelddiocese.org.uk for more details.

Justice and Peace

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert.

Isaiah 35:5-6

Collection

Last Sunday's collection amounted to £663.25 - thank you for your generosity.

Lent Talk

Fr Edward Vella will lead the second of two Lenten talks in St Mary Magdalene's Church on Tuesday 16th at 7pm entitled - Easter - Triumph of Love. All are welcome.



Italian Association

A few places remain on this year's Italian Association 8-day Pilgrimage to Rome, Sorrento (including Pompei) Capri and Monte Cassino 16th-23rd September this year. Cost will depend on the final number taking part. For more details please call Perth 622661.

Italian Classes will take a break now - until Saturday 4th May

Stations of the Cross

During Lent there will be Stations of the Cross following Mass on Sundays.

SCIAF Boxes

SCIAF boxes, with your Lenten Almsgiving - should be returned on Holy Thursday - at the start of our Holy Triduum.

Fasting and abstinence

Canon 1251: Abstinence from eating meat or another food according to the prescriptions of the conference of bishops is to be observed on Fridays throughout the year unless they are solemnities; abstinence and fast are to be observed on Ash Wednesday and on the Friday of the Passion and Death of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

Canon 1252: All persons who have completed their fourteenth year are bound by the law of abstinence; all adults are bound by the law of fast up to the beginning of their sixtieth year. Nevertheless, pastors and parents are to see to it that minors who are not bound by the law of fast and abstinence are educated in an authentic sense of penance.

Services during Holy Week

Sunday 14th April

10am - Palm Sunday Mass

3pm - Stations of the Cross

Monday 15th

8am - Mass

Tuesday 16th

8am - Mass

6pm - Mass

Wednesday 17th

7am - Mass

7pm - Chrism Mass

in St Andrew's Cathedral, Dundee

Holy Thursday - 18th

7pm - Our Lord's

Last Supper

followed by watching until

Night Prayer at 9.30pm

Good Friday - Friday 19th

Day of Fasting and Abstinence

3pm - Passion

of Our Lord

7pm - Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday - 20th

No morning Mass

8.30pm - Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday - 21st

10am - Mass

*in
St Mary
Magdalene's*

The church is open each day

until approximately 6pm

ARE YOU GOING TO BE IN HOSPITAL? DO YOU KNOW OF SOMEONE WHO IS IN HOSPITAL?

Name _____

Hospital _____

Ward _____

Please complete/ tear off and hand it to Mgr Hendry after Mass

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