

MARCH 28, 2016



# PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION



LUKE 19:28–40

ISAIAH 50:4–7

PHILEMON 2:6–11

PSALM 22:8–9, 17–18,  
19–20, 23–24

LUKE 22:14–23:56 OR 23:1–49

## REFLECTION

As we journey through Lent, we are asked to reflect on the implications of Jesus' actions for our lives. In other words, we are not to simply listen and piously thank God for Christ's willingness to suffer and die. We are instead to ask ourselves what this means for us, and how we are called to live accordingly. This is why we return to this story year upon year. The story remains the same, but we do not! We must listen and respond to the actions of Christ for us by acting as members of Christ's Body for others in our time and place. Each year, as we return to the story of the Passion and Death of our Lord, we must ask ourselves if we have grown as disciples in the year that has passed.



As we begin Holy Week, many will participate in the Stations of the Cross. Learn about youth's experience with the Stations at World Youth Day with Pope Francis. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gR-AETwYc7o>

## ACTION

With Palm Sunday, we enter Holy Week. With your parish bulletin for the times for liturgy, mark your calendar for Triduum, which begins on the evening of Holy Thursday and continues through Easter Sunday. Carve out time for personal prayer and reflection. Read sections of today's Gospel each day, and reflect on the meaning of what you read in your life. Think about your family members and friends. Is there someone in your life who has been away from the Church for some time or who does not regularly participate in Mass? Ask him or her to join you this week. Or, ask someone on your parish staff or a parish leader if your help is needed—the special liturgies require much additional preparation, set-up, take-down, and hospitality. Ministering in this way will help to bring special meaning to the liturgical celebrations.



## JOURNALING QUESTIONS



- What grace, learning, or challenge has been part of your Lenten observance this year?
- In what ways has your faith in Christ and your commitment to him been strengthened?