

Sunday, **March 24, 2013**

Reading: Procession with Palms

1) Luke 19:28-40(Lec. 37)

Readings:

1) Isaiah 50:4-7

2) Philippians 2:6-11

3) Mark 14:1—15:47 or 15:1-39

Focus for this Mass:

We are called to imitate the humility and obedience of Christ.

Being a Christian means more than proclaiming the name of Jesus, it also means accepting our crosses—akin to carrying the Cross of Jesus.

Today we begin the journey to recall His suffering and rejoice in his victory over sin and death.

Each time we retell and relive His Passion we learn more about God's love for humankind.

Liturgy of the Word

The reading from Isaiah proclaims the gift of being about to *speak to the weary a word that would rouse them*.

Paul speaks of the mystery of God becoming man, and the Gospels further reveal the deep truth that Jesus became man to unify the intangible Spirit of God forever with human flesh. In so doing, He revealed our share in the divine life.

Intercessions

Priest:

As we begin this Holy Week, we ask God's blessings on our prayers.

For all Bishops, priests and deacons

As they nourish our spiritual life

especially, during this Holy Week.

We pray to the Lord. People sing: Hear our prayer, hear our prayer.

For Christians around the world

who try to spend time in prayer

with their families and parish community.

We pray to the Lord. People sing: Hear our prayer, hear our prayer.

For those preparing to become Catholic at our Easter Vigil,

As these final days of preparation bring them closer to Christ and his Church.

We pray to the Lord. People sing: Hear our prayer, hear our prayer.

For the sick and for their caregivers,

We pray to the Lord. People sing: Hear our prayer, hear our prayer.

For all the young, on this World Day of Youth,

We pray to the Lord. People sing: Hear our prayer, hear our prayer.

For all who have died,

As they are united with Christ in heaven.

We pray to the Lord. People sing: Hear our prayer, hear our prayer.

For the members of Corpus Christi parish

As we try to live like Christ in every word and deed.

We pray to the Lord. People sing: Hear our prayer, hear our prayer.

For our own personal intentions, (long pause)

We pray to the Lord. People sing: Hear our prayer, hear our prayer.

Priest:

O God, we praise you for the Paschal Mystery that brought us salvation. Renewed in our gratitude for your love for us, we ask for your continual blessings. Graciously hear and answer our prayers through Christ, our Lord.