

**Sunday, March 29**  
**PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF OUR LORD - Year A**

**GOSPEL AT THE PROCESSION**

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 21:1-11*

When Jesus and the disciples drew near Jerusalem  
and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives,  
Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them,  
“Go into the village opposite you,  
and immediately you will find an ass tethered,  
and a colt with her.

Untie them and bring them here to me.  
And if anyone should say anything to you, reply,  
‘The master has need of them.’

Then he will send them at once.”

This happened so that what had been spoken through the prophet  
might be fulfilled:

*Say to daughter Zion,  
“Behold, your king comes to you,  
meek and riding on an ass,  
and on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.”*

The disciples went and did as Jesus had ordered them.

They brought the ass and the colt and laid their cloaks over them,  
and he sat upon them.

The very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road,  
while others cut branches from the trees  
and strewed them on the road.

The crowds preceding him and those following  
kept crying out and saying:

“Hosanna to the Son of David;  
blessed is the he who comes in the name of the Lord;  
hosanna in the highest.”

And when he entered Jerusalem  
the whole city was shaken and asked, “Who is this?”

And the crowds replied,  
“This is Jesus the prophet, from Nazareth in Galilee.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

## **FIRST READING**

*A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah* 50:4-7

The Lord GOD has given me  
a well-trained tongue,  
that I might know how to speak to the weary  
a word that will rouse them.  
Morning after morning  
he opens my ear that I may hear;  
and I have not rebelled,  
have not turned back.  
I gave my back to those who beat me,  
my cheeks to those who plucked my beard;  
my face I did not shield  
from buffets and spitting.

The Lord GOD is my help,  
therefore I am not disgraced;  
I have set my face like flint,  
knowing that I shall not be put to shame.

The word of the Lord.

## **RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

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

## **SECOND READING**

*A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Philippians* 2:6-11

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God,  
did not regard equality with God  
something to be grasped.  
Rather, he emptied himself,  
taking the form of a slave,  
coming in human likeness;  
and found human in appearance,  
he humbled himself,  
becoming obedient to the point of death,  
even death on a cross.  
Because of this, God greatly exalted him