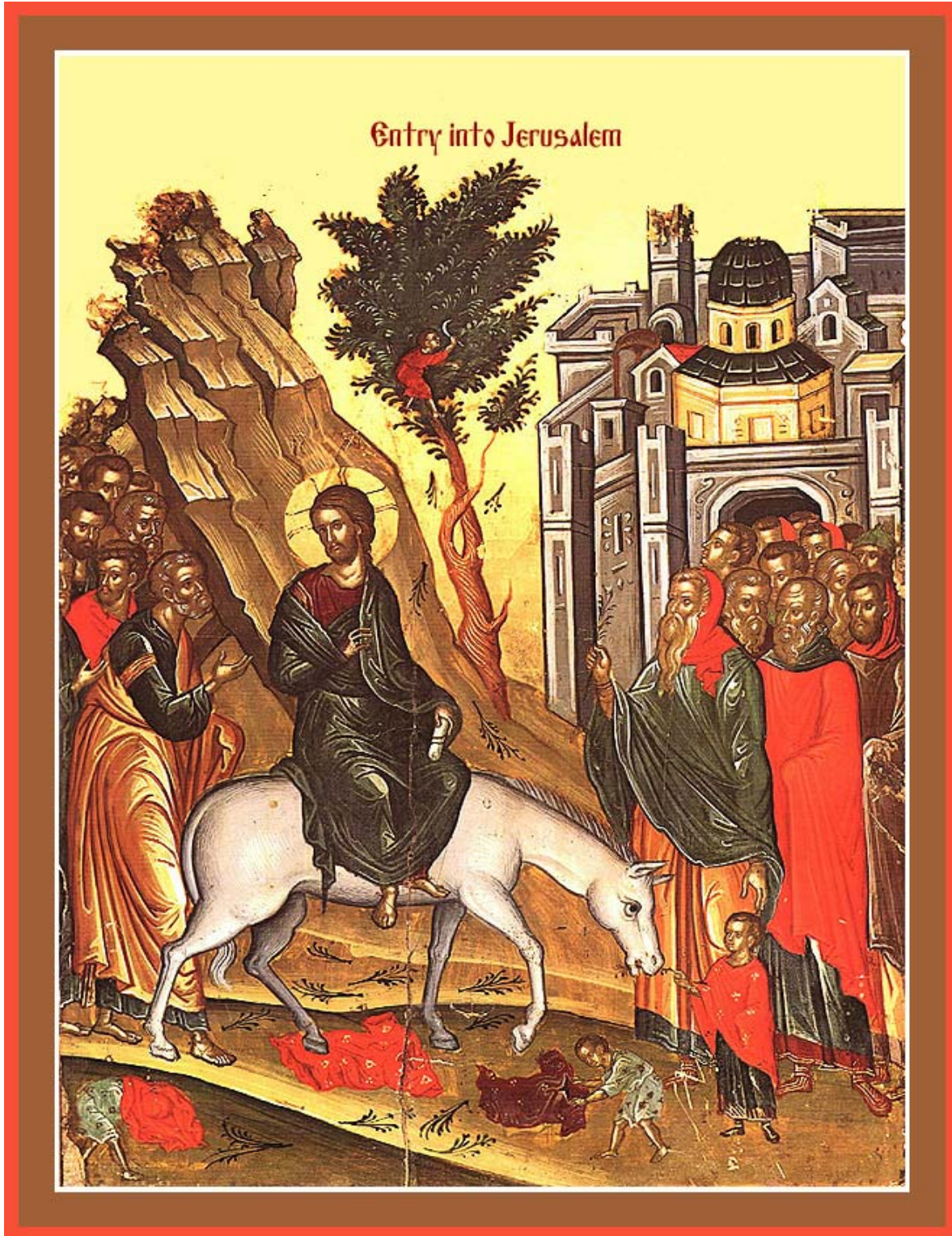


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*Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
April 13, 2014*

OUR PASSOVER FROM DEATH TO LIFE

Anyone who has ever attended a Passover Seder will recall the question asked by the youngest present:

“Why is tonight different from all other nights?”

The answer is a story - the story of Israel’s deliverance from slavery and death. In recalling the **Passover**, our Jewish neighbors place themselves perennially in God’s hands. The **Seder** is not history. It is not nostalgia for the “age of miracles.” **Passover** is alive now in faith. It is an experience. Rabbi Luzatto puts the Jewish **Passover** in proper perspective.

“In the night of Passover, all that happened in Egypt renews and bestirs itself; and this itself helps to bring the ultimate redemption.”

There is much in the Jewish awareness of the sacred that is the tap root of all Christian worship. The vivid sense of “memory” - - recalling sacred events - - places us in the dynamic, ineffable presence of God. God is not part of **our** lives. We are God’s “reflection.” God redeems. God conquers evil. God lives forever!

The crucial difference between Jews and Christians is that Christians accept Jesus as the Messiah, and, even more than that - - a personal Passover from death to life. The Paschal Triduum - - the ancient name for Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Eve - - recalls the great event of salvation. The correspondence of Old and New Testament helps us to see Christ as the Passover Lamb of God, sacrificed. His flesh unites us and nourishes us as we journey to a heavenly “Promised Land.” His blood saves us from death. We recognize Christ as the Light in the wilderness, the manna from heaven, and the water from the rock.

This year, Jews celebrate Passover on Tuesday of Holy Week. As we recognize what Rabbi Luzatto called “ultimate redemption” happening for us as Christians. Passover is an event that embraces two separate traditions. It calls us to the roots of our Faith in God’s deliverance of His people. It sounds notes of liberation and life. Enter this week with awe. Participate in the Triduum. Know why this week is different from all others.

-Fr. Luczak

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ŚWIENCONKA



JEWISH SEDER

EASTER HALLOWFARE

In many parishes throughout America, there is a special blessing of Easter food called **Świenconka** or **Hallowfare**. It usually takes place on Holy Saturday morning or early afternoon. A time honored custom among Catholic and Easter Orthodox Christians, **Hallowfare** can also be a lesson in Christian symbolism.

Each year, Polish Ukrainian, Lithuanian, and other Eastern European parishioners bring their Easter Baskets to Church. What each basket contains varies, but all are richly and carefully laden with food. Food conforming to custom - - richly sweet yeast cakes and bread, butter lambs, garlic sausage, smoked ham, brightly colored eggs, horseradish, salt and wine - - is brought in baskets covered with embroidered cloths and sprigs of boxwood. Less traditional baskets are piled high with colored bunnies, marshmallow chicks and cream filled candy eggs. Such "glorious indulgence" recalls former times when Lent required heroic sacrifice and fasting which excluded meat, eggs and dairy products. The contents of "Easter Baskets" seem to say: "Let the feast begin!"

But traditional baskets proclaim a good deal more. They are a Christian counterpart of the Jewish Seder Plate. The parallel is real "food for thought."

JEWISH SEDER	EASTER BASKET
Shank Bone of the Lamb (Passover Lamb)	Ham on the Bone or Sausage (Pork recalls the freedom from Kosher Laws)
Roasted Egg (new life)	Colored Eggs (glorified life)
Horseradish Root/Bitter Herbs (bitterness of slavery)	Ground Horseradish & Pepper (bitterness of the Lord's Passion - sorrow for sins)
Salt Water (tears of bondage)	Salt (wisdom/tears of the Virgin Mary)
Matzah (unleavened bread of haste)	Yeast Bread or Cake (the transforming power of the Resurrection)
Charoset (chopped fruit seen as mortar for the Pharaoh's monuments)	Lamb Cake or Butter (Jesus understood as the Paschal Lamb of the New Covenant)
Wine (joy/happiness blood of the lamb)	Wine (Blood of the "Lamb of God")

The correspondence between the Jewish and Christian ritual foods is not coincidental. Both reflect an interpretation of a faith experience through a meal that celebrates freedom. The Christian use of symbolic foods seems strongest where the Jewish population was large - - Poland, Russia, Lithuania, and Ukraine. From this it seems likely that traditional Easter Baskets consciously reflect Jewish Passover customs with Christ's Paschal Mystery as their fulfillment.

The **Hallowfare (Świenconka)** will take place on Holy Saturday, April 19th at 1:00 p.m. in Church.

THE FEAST OF DIVINE MERCY: APRIL 27



In 1931 Our Lord appeared to Sister Faustina Kowalska in a vision and gave her the mission of spreading His message of Mercy to the whole world. Jesus said to her: *"Paint an image according to the pattern you see with the signature: 'Jesus, I Trust in You' - 'Jezu, Ufam Tobie.'* This Feast emerged from the very depths of My mercy, and it is confirmed in the vast depths of My tender mercies (420...It is My desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fountain of My mercy (600)."

On the first Sunday after Easter 2000, Blessed Pope John Paul II announced that Sister Faustina was to join the ranks of Saints. On that same day the Pope formally announced that the Sunday after Easter would henceforth be known as Divine Mercy Sunday.

(And it will be on Divine Mercy Sunday 2014 that Pope Francis will canonize Blessed Pope John Paul II and Blessed Pope John XXIII and they will also join the ranks of Saints!)

We will celebrate The Feast of Mercy beginning with the Noon Mass on Sunday, April 27th. It will be followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 3:00 p.m. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available from 2:00 – 3:00 p.m. with confessions being heard in English and Polish. The Chaplet of Divine Mercy will be prayed in English, Polish and Tagalog at 3:00 p.m. and conclude with Benediction. All are invited to conclude the Octave of Easter with praise and thanks to God in Christ for His Divine Mercy.

Booklets for the Divine Mercy Novena, which begins on Good Friday, are available at the doors of the church TODAY and throughout this week. Please join in praying this novena which our Lord also entrusted to St. Faustina.

MASS OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK

The Spring Mass of the Anointing of the Sick will be on Saturday, April 26th, at 1:30 p.m. in the church.

Anyone who desires the grace of the sacrament because of illness, aging, grief or other circumstance is welcome, as are your caregivers and families. A reception will follow in the Holy Family Room.

BIBLE STUDY



A reminder to the Bible Study group that we will not meet on Wednesday, April 16 nor April 23. Our new study on the parables begins April 30th 9:30 a.m., in Rm. 6.

New participants welcome!

THE ATTITUDE OF CHRIST JESUS

The Lenten cycle brings us to this "mixed" Sunday of palm branches and painful suffering. Our liturgy opens by recalling Jesus' triumphant entry along the main road into Jerusalem, then moves quickly to the back streets of betrayal and humiliation, the courtyards of torture and abandonment, the hill of execution.

Isaiah's strange and gripping "Song of the Servant of God" was to become the song of Jesus. It is the song of one who strides forward consistently in the face of criticism, even scorn: "I have not rebelled, have not turned back." It is to become our song, as faithful followers of Jesus Christ.

How are we to react when we hear the account of the passion and death of the Lord? Paul tells us that our attitude must be Christ's, who "emptied himself, taking the form of a slave." We pray that we may absorb the attitude of Christ, and face life squarely in its triumph and its pain.

Pepper and Egg Sandwiches

Come each Friday during Lent
to pick up

Pepper and Egg Sandwiches
that you have ordered.

They will be ready after 4:00PM.

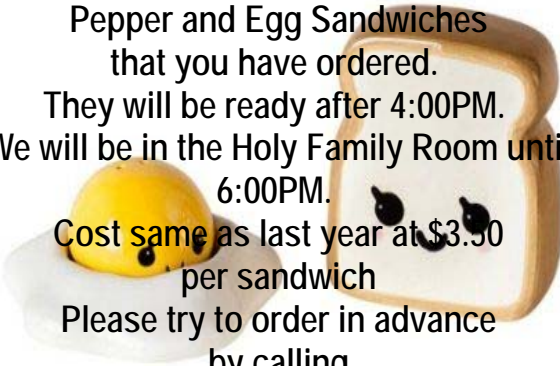
We will be in the Holy Family Room until
6:00PM.

Cost same as last year at \$3.50
per sandwich

Please try to order in advance
by calling

John at 847-966-9679

Walk ins also welcome.



HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Holy Thursday, April 17

8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer

7:30 p.m. – Mass of the Lord's Supper

9:00 p.m. -- Pilgrimage to nearby churches

9:00 p.m. – Midnight, Holy Family Room

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Good Friday, April 18

8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer

3:00 p.m. – Liturgy of the Passion of the Lord

7:30 p.m. – Liturgy of the Passion of the Lord

Holy Saturday, April 19

8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer

1:00 p.m. – Blessing of Easter Foods

8:00 p.m. – Easter Vigil followed by Agape in Hall

There is no 5 p.m. Mass on this day!

Easter Sunday, April 20

Church – 7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 10:45 a.m., & 12:30 p.m.

Holy Family Room – 10:45 a.m. & 12:30 p.m.



- RE Families and interested parishioners are invited to join with the students and faculty in praying the Stations of the Cross on Monday at 7:15 p.m. Both Fourth Grade Classes will be assisting our prayer.
- Permission slips for the Confirmation Year II Retreat on April 26th are to be handed in to the catechists or the RE Office by Monday, April 14th.
- The Kindergarten RE Class will not meet on Easter Sunday! We look forward to being back with them on April 27th!

EASTER VIGIL AGAPE



Immediately following the Easter Vigil Mass there will be a reception downstairs in the Parish Hall (stairs or elevator) to which all are invited as we continue to celebrate our community's joy in the Risen Christ. If you would like to bring little sandwiches or sweets and/or help serve and clean up, please call the RE Office, 847/966-1180, this week. We will appreciate your food donations and gift of time!

TRIDUUM COLLECTIONS

The collection on Holy Thursday will be given to our Sharing Parish, Maternity BVM for their fund which is used to help the poor and those in need. Your generosity will be greatly appreciated!

On Good Friday please place your envelopes for the Holy Land Collection in the alms boxes at the doors of the church. We will not take up a collection during the Good Friday services. Thank you for your generous support of the people, churches and shrines of the Holy Land.

LENTEN PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Scripture: ...*Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord...*

Reflection: How has the Lord changed you this Lent? Does your love for, and trust in, Jesus outweigh the fears, disappointments, and sufferings you face? How will you serve others in imitation of Jesus in the weeks and months ahead? (Our Sunday Visitor, c2013)

Prayer: O most gentle Jesus, by your precious blood, deliver us from all evils. By your most bitter death give us a lively faith, firm hope and perfect charity, so that with our whole hearts we may love you with all our soul and strength. Make us persevere in your service, firm and steadfast in good works, so that we may be always able to please you. (St. Clare of Assisi) **Action:** Read the Passion and Resurrection in St. John's Gospel, Chapters 18-20. Share with another person your belief that Jesus died and rose for you and for the whole world. Pray for those to be baptized and received into full communion at the Easter Vigil.

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"Jesus wept." This short verse in John's Gospel always moves me. Because Jesus is both God and man, he reveals the nature of God in a way we humans can witness and understand. When Jesus learned of the death of his dear friend Lazarus, he was overcome by tears and revealed the compassionate nature of God. God feels our pain and accompanies us in our sorrows.

Life in a family involves moments of sadness, loss, or grief. Sometimes we may feel alone in our sorrow, but God is always close. As Jesus revealed and the mystic Meister Eckhart proclaimed, "Whatever God does, the first outburst is always compassion." Bring your sadness, loss, or grief and offer it to God who knows your heart and longs to comfort you in your sorrow. —Tom McGrath

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THIS WEEK'S LENTEN CALENDAR

Sunday – Alms recipient is CRS Rice Bowl Project. Practice for both Good Friday services, 2 p.m.

Monday – RE Stations of the Cross, 7:15 p.m.; Practice for Holy Thursday, 8 p.m.; Passover begins at sundown. Please pray for our Jewish neighbors during their holy season.

Tuesday – Chrism Mass at Holy Name Cathedral.



SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday:** Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord; Julian Calendar Palm Sunday
- Monday:** Monday of Holy Week; Passover (Jewish celebration) begins at sunset
- Tuesday:** Tuesday of Holy Week; Income Tax Day
- Wednesday:** Wednesday of Holy Week
- Thursday:** Holy Thursday; The Sacred Paschal Triduum
- Friday:** Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday); Fast and Abstinence; Julian Calendar Good Friday
- Saturday:** Holy Saturday; The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night

TTWCI CAMPAIGN INFORMATION PACKETS

If you were not able to pick up your To Teach Who Christ Is Stewardship Campaign Information Packet last week, please come to the Holy Family Room after Mass today to receive one. We are trying to save postage, so it will help us to give out as many of the packets as possible.

HOLY WEEK PRACTICES

- For both Good Friday Services: TODAY, Sunday, April 13, 2:00 p.m.
- For Holy Thursday (including those having their feet washed): Monday, April 14, 8 p.m.

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FOOD DONATION BIN HOLY FAMILY ROOM

Donations needed-you may donate canned food and other non-perishable food items for the needy by placing them in the St. Vincent de Paul Ministry Food Donation Bin located in the Holy Family Room.

We appreciate all items, but we are always in need of fruit, cereal and hot chocolate. Donations can be made all year long.

Thank you for your generosity,
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PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

Loving God, hold all who serve and protect our country in your hands. Bless them and their loved ones. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. Amen.

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| • United States Marines | Aisha Fernando, Lance Renner, Gian Patrick Reyes |
| • United States Navy | William B. Dexter, Timothy Kelly |
| • Illinois National Guard | Nathaniel Janzen |
| • Iowa National Guard | Christopher Dexter |



If you have a loved one or friend whom you would like our parish community to pray for as they serve our country, please contact the RE Office, 847/966-1180 or sjre2004@yahoo.com with their name and branch of military service to the RE Office. Thank you!

Sunday, April 13	
7:00 a.m.	Lisowski Family
9:00 a.m.	Dreyfuss Family
10:45 a.m.	Thomas Affatati
12:30 p.m.	Eleanor Lutz, Doreen Dwyer, Hermelia Cobarde, Myrna Racela
Monday, April 14	
8:00 a.m.	<i>Purgatorial Society</i> Smith & Toohey Families
Tuesday, April 15	
8:00 a.m.	Robert & Virginia Luczak
Wednesday, April 16	
8:00 a.m.	Mary Drabik
Thursday, April 17	
8:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer
7:30 p.m.	Brady & Stanton Families
Friday, April 18	
8:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer
Saturday, April 19	
8:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer <i>For The Living and Deceased Members of SIJ</i>
8:00 p.m.	Stephen Lis
Sunday, April 20	
7:00 a.m.	Richard M. Arendt
9:00 a.m.	Ed Brezinski, Feliciano Yu
10:45 a.m. (Church)	Stanton & Brady Families
10:45 a.m. (HFR)	Giovanni Lazzara
12:30 p.m. (Church)	Patricia Hildebrandt
12:30 p.m. (HFR)	Feliciano Yu

Holy Week and Easter Sunday

April 17-20	
Holy Thursday April 17	
7:30 p.m.	Fr. Luczak/Deacon Paul
Good Friday April 18	
3:00 p.m.	Fr. Luczak/Deacon Paul
7:30 p.m.	Fr. Kalas/Deacon Rod
Easter Vigil April 19	
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9:00 a.m.	Fr. Kennedy/Deacon Rod
10:45 a.m. (Church)	Fr. Kalas/Deacon Paul
10:45 a.m. (HFR)	Fr. Luczak/Deacon Rod
12:30 p.m. (Church)	Fr. Janas/Deacon Rod
12:30 p.m. (HFR)	Fr. Kalas/Deacon Paul

Altar Servers

Holy Thursday: Rene Dumayas, Nelson Perumpel, Alfonso and Julie Hanson

Good Friday, 3 p.m.: Bryan and Marvin Roque

Good Friday, 7:30 p.m.: Mark Mangurali, Steve Livingston

Easter Vigil, 8 p.m.: Sabin and Kevin Thomas, Maya Gherman, Julia Jaroslowski

Easter Sunday,

7 a.m.: Vijay Thomas, T.J. Striblen, Alexandra and Christopher Wais

9 a.m.: Sam Ratner, Matthew and Mark Magno, Matthew Ledesma

10:45 a.m. (Church): Jane and Lawrence Escarez, Jeffrey Kurian, Anna Koziol

10:45 a.m. (HFR): Ged and Tara Vallo, Joanne Areno

12:30 p.m. (Church): Marco Lambo, Lawson

Mathew, Mark Malitz, Jonathan Piska

12:30 p.m. (HFR): Christina and Jude Jimmychan, Dennis George

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Eucharistic Celebrations:

Sunday: 7:30, 9:00, 10:30, & 12:00 Noon
Monday - Friday: 8:00 AM
Saturday: 8:00 AM & 5:00 PM

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday, 11:00 - 12:00 Noon or anytime by request.

Sacrament of Matrimony: Must be registered for six months prior to setting the wedding date with an additional six months for necessary preparation. Note: The following wedding times can be scheduled:

Friday at 5:00 p.m.;
Saturday at 1:00 and 3:00 p.m.;
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TODAY’S READINGS

Gospel at the Procession with Palms — Jesus’ entry into Jerusalem (Matthew 21:1-11).

First Reading — In spite of my sufferings I am not disgraced. I am not put to shame (Isaiah 50:4-7).

Psalm — My God, my God, why have you abandoned me? (Psalm 22).

Second Reading — Christ emptied himself, and God filled this emptiness with exaltation (Philippians 2:6-11).

Gospel — The account of Christ’s passion according to Matthew (Matthew 26:14 — 27:66 [27:11-54]).

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Most Christians today receive a bunch of palm fronds, olive branches, pussy willow, or forsythia (a relative of the olive) to carry in procession and to bear home in blessing. Some even offer sprigs of palm or other branches as a gesture of peace to those they have offended. The desire is to make a clean sweep of your spiritual house before the Easter feast.

Accepting the branch is a token of the bearer’s willingness to journey with the Church through a grateful remembrance of Jesus Christ’s passion, death, and life giving resurrection. Traditionally, the plants associated with today’s feast are planted in cemeteries as a sign of Christ’s victory over death and the promise of new life.

The joy of this day’s opening procession soon gives way to a solemn reading of the Passion, this year according to Matthew. The ritual is meant not only to strengthen us to hear this account, but to stir us up to accompany the Church on this journey through Holy Week. It also prepares us for next Sunday’s joyful renewal of our baptismal vows.

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