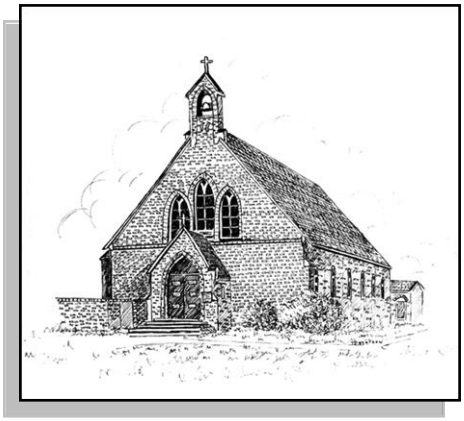

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Catholic Diocese of Richmond

Rev. J. Michael Breslin, Pastor
Deacon Donald T. Donovan

Sunday, March 21, 2021
5TH Sunday of Lent

MARCH 20th SATURDAY 5:00 P.M.:
- **Parish Family (Living and Deceased)**

MARCH 21st SUNDAY 10:00 A.M.:
- **Michael Mlodynia**

MARCH 24th WEDNESDAY 9:30 A.M.:
- **Roger Laliberte**

MARCH 25th THURSDAY 9:30 A.M.:
- **Anna Kelly**

MARCH 26th FRIDAY 9:30 A.M.:
- **Louise Hall**

MARCH 27th SATURDAY 5:00 P.M.:
VIGIL OF PALM SUNDAY
OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD
- **Parish Family (Living and Deceased)**

MARCH 28th SUNDAY 10:00 A.M.:
PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD
- **Robert Della Penna**

MARCH 28th SUNDAY 12:00 NOON:
PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD
- **Aremania S. Diaz**

Mass attendance February 27 & 28:
Saturday = 44, Sunday = 29
Sunday Spanish Mass = 39

Mass attendance March 6 & 7:
Saturday = 25, Sunday = 46
Sunday Spanish Mass = n.a.

Mass attendance March 13 & 14:
Saturday = 45, Sunday = 40
Sunday Spanish Mass = 45

HOLY WEEK INFORMATION
PALM SUNDAY THROUGH EASTER SUNDAY

All attendance for:

~Palm Sunday Masses*
Saturday at 5:00 p.m., Sunday at 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon;
4:00 p.m. in Spanish**
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~Holy Thursday Mass at 7:00 p.m.;
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~Good Friday Service at 7:00 p.m.;
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~Easter Vigil on Saturday at 7:00 p.m.;
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~Easter Sunday at 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 Noon;
4:00 p.m. in Spanish**

<u>will require you to make a reservation</u>.

Seating is very limited in our small church and Covid procedures and social distancing will be in effect.

Please visit our website at:
<u>www.stcharlesbcc.org</u>
<u>to make a reservation</u>.

You may also call the office at:
331-2040
or email at:
saintcharles545@gmail.com

<u>If you call or email</u>, you will be called back to complete the reservation process to ensure that you are on the list of attendees. Please be sure to <u>leave a phone number</u> where you may be reached.

***<u>A note on the distribution of Blessed Palms:</u>**
Father will bless the Palms at the beginning of each Mass on Palm Sunday. The ushers will bring the Blessed Palms to the back of the Church during the Preparation of the Gifts and <u>distributed AFTER MASS</u> as you leave the church.

****First come, first seated – No reservation(s) required.**

Currently, Bishop Knestout continues to grant a dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and holy days for all the faithful in the Catholic Diocese of Richmond until further notice.

Mass celebrated by Bishop Knestout will continue to be livestreamed from the **Cathedral of the Sacred Heart** on diocesan communication platforms Sunday mornings **at 9:00 a.m.:**

https://richmonddiocese.org/livestream/

Out of an abundance of care and caution, any individual who enters a diocesan facility, including parishes, are required to wear a face covering (ages 5 and older) and acknowledge their temperature is under 100.4 degrees, that they do not have COVID-19 symptoms with no alternative diagnosis, that they have NOT had a positive diagnostic test for the virus that causes COVID-19 in the prior 10 days, and they have NO known exposure to a COVID-19 case in the prior 14 days; exposure being less than six (6) feet for greater than a cumulative 15 minutes over a 24 hour period, without wearing the appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) as defined by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Additionally, cleaning and disinfecting protocols are in place in all diocesan facilities according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidelines.

Resources for viewing Mass on TV are:
EWTN
Direct TV Channel 370 and
DISH Network Channel 261

On Your Computer/Phone or Tablet:
<u>www.catholictv.org/schedule</u>

We are suggesting $15.00 per plant. You may request your plant "In Honor Of…" or "In Memory Of…" your loved one(s). Thank you for your continued generosity in making our Altar and Sanctuary so beautiful this Easter.

CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF RICHMOND

The Most Reverend Barry C. Knestout, D.D.

Information for the Faithful A Breakdown:

What You Need to Know

RETURN TO MASS GUIDELINES – EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

FOR THE SAFETY OF ALL

• If you have a fever or symptoms of COVID-19, you will not be permitted to enter the building.

• Individuals attending Mass must be at least six feet apart when seated and must practice proper social distancing at all times. Household members may be seated together.*

• Until further notice, Bishop Knestout continues to dispense all of the faithful from the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and holy days.

• Additional time will be given between the celebration of Sunday Masses. This allows for worship space to be cleaned and disinfected.

• All those aged 5 and up and those to receive Communion must wear a cloth face mask or face covering. Be sure the mask covers your nose and your mouth.*

• Communion will not be distributed by the cup until further notice.

• The faithful are strongly encouraged to receive holy Communion in the hand.

• Upon presenting themselves for Communion, the faithful must wear their cloth face covering, place one hand under the other while keeping fingers together and receive the host.*

• After receiving the host, the faithful steps aside, lowers/lifts their cloth face covering, consumes the host, lifts/lowers their face covering, and returns to their seat.*

• Those who wish to receive on the tongue are asked to receive after all those have received in the hand, and too, receive only from the priest.

• All ministers must disinfect their hands prior to distributing Communion, i.e., using Purell.

• All ministers must wear a cloth face covering for the distribution of Communion.*

• If the minister's hand or the instrument comes into contact with the faithful's hand, disinfectant wipes or a clean, unused cloth and a bowl of disinfectant should be available for the minister to sanitize his fingers or the instrument before continuing with the distribution of Communion.

• The parish must take any steps necessary to ensure people in line to receive Communion maintain social distancing between themselves, which could include tape lines on the floor.

• Parishes are to continue the practice of refraining from holding hands during the Lord's Prayer and shaking hands during the Sign of Peace. A bow or verbal gesture is appropriate.

• There is to be no presentation of the offertory gifts.

• Collection baskets are not to be passed person-to-person. With an usher present, large baskets into which people may drop envelopes or donations could be placed at church exits.

• Parishes are to suppress the distribution of paper bulletins at this time. They may continue to be available online.

• Due to the gathering limit established by the governor of Virginia, no social gatherings may occur before or after Mass.

• Baptismal and holy water fonts with running water may be filled at this time at the discretion of the pastor. However, any font with stagnant (non-running) water are to remain empty until further notice.

• All hymnals, worship aids, Bibles, prayer cards or other paper resources must be removed from pews.

• All those as defined by the Virginia Health Department as more vulnerable, i.e., 65+ years of age, those with compromised immune systems, those with underlying health conditions, etc., should be encouraged to stay at home.

• Parishes should advise the faithful to arrive at least 30 minutes prior to Mass so they can be directed to their seats.

• Parishes are strongly encouraged to avoid asking those in a vulnerable category to volunteer as ministers at Mass.

• Parishes are encouraged to consider suspending the ministry of altar server at this time. If there are servers, they must wear a face covering at all times.

• Parishes should continue livestreaming/recording Mass for the faithful unable to attend, i.e., those in a vulnerable category.

• Priests should continue posting written or videotaped homilies and reflections from the readings of the Mass of the Day on the parish website.

* Note changes effective to the Executive Summary November 16, 2020.

Psalm 91

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High and abides in the shade of the Almighty says to the Lord: "My refuge, my stronghold, my God in whom I trust!"

It is he who will free you from the snare of the fowler who seeks to destroy you; he will conceal you with his pinions and under his wings you will find refuge.

You will not fear the terror of the night nor the arrow that flies by day, nor the plague that prowls in the darkness nor the scourge that lays waste at noon.

A thousand may fall at your side, ten thousand fall at your right, you, it will never approach; his faithfulness is buckler and shield.

Upon you no evil shall fall, no plague approach where you dwell. For you has he commanded his angels, to keep you in all your ways. (1-7, 4c, 10-11)

Let us pray, may the leaders elected be guided by the Holy Spirit as they fulfill their positions…

Our Father…
Hail Mary…
Glory to the Father…

Pray for Peace and Protection
of Members of Our Uniformed Services

PFC Marisol Surran – deployed to Germany. Granddaughter of Dick and Marge Surran.

Navy Chief Nick Swanson – Great Nephew of Michael Flanagan.

2nd Lieutenant Samuel Davis McQuitty – Grandson-in-law of Peggy and Rip Phillips. Stationed at Fort Hood, Texas.

Major T. Martin – Son-in-law of Bob and Sue Panek.

2nd Lieutenant Katherine Lee – Daughter of Patricia and Robert James.

Staff Sergeant Dustin Goard, SERE Specialist – Son-in-law of Mike and Deirdre Purcell.

2nd Lieutenant Kevin Rech – Son of Kevin and Judy Rech.

Navy Corpsman Tyler Rippley – Great Nephew of Michael Flanagan.

Captain Clay Lewin – Son of Kurt and Sally Lewin and Grandson of Maureen and Don Donovan.

Captain Sean Mitcham – Son of Denise Mitcham.

Please let us know the name of your loved one serving in the Armed Forces. E-mail to: bulletinscc@gmail.com

Knights of Columbus Scholarship

The Msgr. Mickle Council of the Knights of Columbus, Cape Charles will present a Scholarship Award of $1,000 for college to a deserving High School Senior. Applicants must be residents of the Eastern Shore and confirmed members of St. Charles, St. Peters or St. Andrews Catholic Churches. Applications are due April 30, 2021. To receive an application, please contact:

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Healing Prayer

LORD, You invite all who are burdened to come to You. Allow Your healing hand to heal me. Touch my soul with Your compassion for others. Touch my heart with Your courage and infinite love for all. Touch my mind with Your wisdom, that my mouth may always proclaim Your praise. Teach me to reach out to You in my need and help me to lead others to You by my example. Most loving Heart of Jesus, bring me health in body and spirit that I may serve You with all my strength. Touch gently this life which You have created, now and forever. *Amen*

Megan Thurston, Grace Buczny, Judy Adams, Matthias Ronning, Art and Eleanor Tross, David Price, Pat Buckley, Bob Gleason, Denise Kladis, Jon Antal, Val Evans, Jeanette Scott, Andrew Porche, Colanthia Carignan, Tom Plaschke, Angelo Collins, Jr., Liam Scott, Mark Nunez, Judy Calistri, Bonnie Wilhelm, Theresa Brady, Al Orlick, Kristin Huggins, Frank Cullen, Dorothea Rose and Elizabeth Grace Hubbard, Diane Cioffi, Sarah Stansberry, Marjorie Briden, Roberta Romeo, Andrea Price, Jennifer Eder

Whenever a parishioner is sick or in the hospital, please call the rectory or send e-mail to: bulletinscc@gmail.com for inclusion in our bulletin.

If a person is no longer in need of our ongoing prayers, please let us know.

Prayer During An Epidemic

Lord Jesus,

Hear our pleas, our Good Shepherd and Divine Physician. We implore your mercy in the wake of an outbreak of serious illness and disease.

Guide our efforts to prevent contagion and make preparations to care for those most vulnerable. Assist all professionals and volunteers who work to eradicate the epidemic now spreading. May our actions be marked by your steadfast love and selfless service and never by panic or fear.

Bestow your comfort and healing to the sick, sustain and strengthen them by your grace. May they know your closeness as they carry the cross of illness.

And may all who have been called from this life come to worship you eternally with all the saints as you grant consolation and peace to their mourners.

Amen.

Holy Mary, Health of the Sick, pray for us.
St. Joseph, Hope of the Sick, pray for us.
St. Rocco, protector against epidemics,
pray for us.

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are as nothing compared with the glory to be revealed for us.... We know that all creation is groaning in labor pains even until now.... But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait with endurance.

-Romans 8:18, 22, 25

My Gift to You Candles

Sanctuary Light – Month of March

Those we love don't go away.
They walk beside us every day.

My Gift to You Candles

The form to request "My Gift to You" candles is available on our website **www.stcharlesbcc.org**. Please print and fill out your request(s) and mail the form(s) to St. Charles Church, 545 Randolph Avenue, Cape Charles, VA 23310. If you are unable to print the form, please call the Parish Office and we will mail a form to you.

Welcome
to our Parish:

Brian, Kimberly & Rachel Heath
and Jayden Talbott
of Cape Charles

The Altar Flower Request Book is in the Parish Office. Please email bulletinscc@gmail.com, stop by or call the office (331-2040) any Wednesday to submit your request(s) for Altar Flowers. We ask $30.00 for each request. Please note that during Lent/Easter time (February 20 through April 18) we do not have flower requests available.

Nuestra misa en español se celebra todos los domingos a las 4 p.m. ¡Todos son bienvenidos!

Our Spanish Mass is celebrated every Sunday at 4:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome!

Stations of the Cross

The Hispanic community is doing Stations of the Cross in Saint Charles Church at 7:00 p.m. on Fridays during Lent. All are welcome to attend.

LITANY OF COMPASSION FOR THE SICK

We pray with special love and concern for all those who are ill or infirm, asking the Lord for his consoling grace to strengthen the sick in times of trial.

(Response after each line)
LORD, BE CLOSE TO GIVE YOUR COMFORT.

When pain or distress is overwhelming. ℟
When the healing process goes slower than hoped. ℟
When terrified by treatment or therapy. ℟
When it's hard to let go of long-held plans. ℟
When the feeling of alienation arises. ℟
When worn out and weary. ℟
When troubled by impatience and negativity. ℟
When loneliness adds to anxiety. ℟
When sickness makes it difficult to communicate. ℟
When discouragement or despondency sets in. ℟
When fear makes it impossible to face the future. ℟
When the ravages of disease attack self-esteem. ℟
When anger and resentment assail. ℟
When beset by worry or fretfulness. ℟
When it's hard to rely on others for care. ℟
When envy arises toward those who are healthy. ℟
When pessimism or cynicism holds sway. ℟
When anguish is intensified by the need for reconciliation. ℟
When sickness is mistaken for punishment. ℟
When loved ones are far away. ℟
When sickness causes financial hardship that leads to worry or despair. ℟
When afflicted by the feeling of nothing to hope for. ℟
When weakness makes it impossible even to think. ℟
When friends draw back fearful of disease. ℟
When illness makes those who are suffering moody or irritable. ℟
When haunted by regret and the shame of past sins. ℟
When it's difficult to sleep. ℟
When there's loss of appetite. ℟
When there's resistance to necessary change. ℟
When tempted by denial. ℟
When nobody seems to understand. ℟
When bound to home or when restricted in movement. ℟
When listlessness and apathy threaten. ℟
When medication seems to make things worse. ℟
When all that's needed is a caring touch. ℟
When it's impossible to maintain familiar routines. ℟
When it's hard to find the strength to go on. ℟
When it becomes difficult to pray. ℟
When suffering of any sort becomes hard to bear. ℟
When death draws near. ℟

Our Father…

Most merciful Father, your beloved Son showed special compassion to lepers, tenderness to those long sick, and healing to the infirm laid before him. We place before you all those who are ill and in need of healing grace. May the love and mercy of the Divine Physician raise up all who suffer from sickness and restore them to health and peace. We ask this in the name of Jesus. ***Amen***.

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"A Prayer when Wearing a Mask"

by Cameron Bellm

Each time we put on a mask,
May it be an invitation
to remembrance,
A communal call to pause
and grieve
All those we have lost,
A number so high it
defies imagination.
Apart though we are
and must be,
May we recognize
that we are linked,
All of us held together by these
bits of fabric and elastic,
Stitched into a beautiful quilt
of shared humanity,
Wrapping all the way
around the globe.
To put on a mask is
to light a candle,
And may our light
be bright indeed,
Bright enough to comfort us
in our mourning,
Bright enough to dare us to hope,
That our love will lead us
to a better future.
Amen.

Our Parish COMMUNITY

March 21, 2021
Fifth Sunday of Lent (B)
Jer 31:31–34
Heb 5:7–9
Jn 12:20–33

Do I Have to Die?

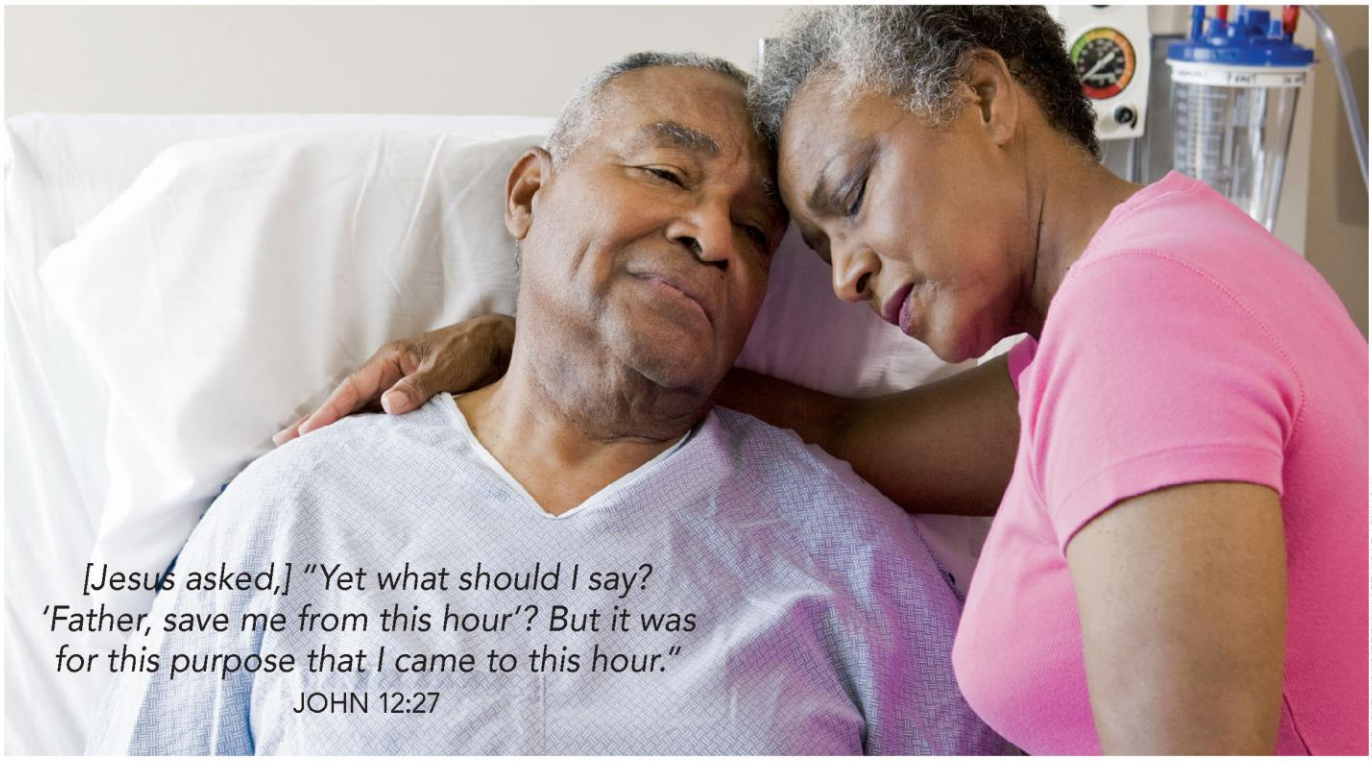
Who has not asked this question, at least to oneself? It's a valid question, because at the core of every living being is the drive to live. Jesus also must have asked this question. Today's Gospel account implies this in John 12:27. ("I am troubled now.") Despite his passion for living, Jesus was more passionate about the transformation that would take place later. The example of the grain that must die if a harvest of wheat is to be produced is a perfect metaphor to make this point. Just as the grain is insignificant compared with the possible harvest, so—our faith assures us—there is no comparison between this life and the wondrous transformation that awaits us. And yes, in order to move from this life to that splendorous future, we will have to die.

Our Lenten meditations will soon focus on the suffering and death of Jesus. However, to concentrate solely on suffering and death is like examining the death of the grain without any thought of its transformation and the bountiful harvest that will come. We must not minimize Jesus' suffering. However, it was precisely by means of his having been lifted up on the cross in suffering and death that he was lifted up in glory and exaltation. This is why we claim that death is not the end of life but the gateway to new life. So, as difficult as it might be to leave the life we love, like Jesus we have to die in order to enter that new life.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

For Reflection

- *Begin to place yourself in God's hands with little things so that you are better able to do so in bigger things.*
- *The second reading reminds us that Christ is the source of our eternal salvation. Spend a moment in gratitude for this great gift.*



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Dear Padre,

I'm a non-Catholic church secretary who receives questions about a Purgatorial Society. What is it?

"Those who die in God's grace and friendship imperfectly purified, although they are assured of their eternal salvation, undergo a purification after death, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of God" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church,* 1054). This process of purification is known as purgatory. Saint Gregory the Great (540–604) wrote "certain offenses can be forgiven in this age, but certain others in the age to come" (see *Dialogues* 4, 39). This forgiveness of sins granted after death is also suggested in Matthew 12:32 and 2 Timothy 1:18.

Because Catholics believe we're in communion with one another through an active relationship that transcends death, our prayers and sacrifices benefit the deceased (see 2 Maccabees 12:38–46). Thus, a Purgatorial Society is a formal association of Catholics who offer prayers, Masses, and other works of charity to benefit the souls in purgatory. Souls that get to heaven, in turn, offer their prayers to benefit the living. This mutual assistance affirms our belief in an earthly and heavenly Church forming one body in Christ.

Purgatorial societies were especially prevalent from the Middle Ages through the previous century, but they're currently seeing a revival in some church parishes and religious communities. Societies generally maintain a registry to enroll names of the deceased so that Masses are regularly offered for the holy souls in purgatory—especially during the month of November.

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A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

By visiting the tombs of our loved ones we remember that we have a multitude of saints who before God intercede for our needs. Let us not forget, however, that so many deceased also await our spiritual support. Let us remember them in our prayers…asking that they be welcomed into the ranks of the elect in heaven.

GENERAL AUDIENCE, OCTOBER 31, 2018

Calendar

Monday
MARCH 22
Lenten Weekday
Dn 13:1–9, 15–17, 19–30, 33–62
or 13:41c–62
Jn 8:1–11

Tuesday
MARCH 23
Lenten Weekday
Nm 21:4–9
Jn 8:21–30

Wednesday
MARCH 24
Lenten Weekday
Dn 3:14–20, 91–92, 95
Jn 8:31–42

Thursday
MARCH 25
The Annunciation of the Lord
Is 7:10–14, 8:10
Heb 10:4–10
Lk 1:26–38

Friday
MARCH 26
Lenten Weekday
Jer 20:10–13
Jn 10:31–42

Saturday
MARCH 27
Lenten Weekday
Ez 37:21–28
Jn 11:45–56

Sunday
MARCH 28
Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
Mk 11:1–10 or
Jn 12:12–16
Is 50:4–7
Phil 2:6–11
Mk 14:1—15:47
or 15:1–39

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