

Who Is this Man?

He is a convicted criminal. He is a threat to the sovereignty of Rome, because he might be a rival king; a challenge to Jewish religious tradition, for he interprets the law by his own authority. Still, he is just a common carpenter; a sometimes preacher and healer like many others; a man whose friends and followers have deserted him and are in hiding. At least this is how some might describe Jesus. But we know better.

He fits well the Isaian image—a man with “a well-trained tongue” who knows “how to answer the weary” (Isaiah 50:4). He also resembles the Psalm 22 sketch of one to scoff at and mock, one whose hands and feet are pierced, an image also found in the Gospel account of his suffering and death. This is a man rejected, beaten, and nailed to wood like a piece of flimsy material. Who is this man and why was he so hated?

The hymn in Philippians 2 probably offers the best likeness of him. He was in the form of God, but out of love for others he took on the form of a slave so that he might serve them. What about this was so objectionable? Does he represent an idea of God that is too different from the one with which we have grown comfortable? As a man for others, does he put our own selfishness to shame? Does his desire to serve challenge our propensity to control? Is this why he has been rejected?

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR *Reflection*

- ★ What does Jesus' self-emptying tell us about God?
- ★ How would your world change if you chose to serve others rather than control them?



He emptied himself, taking the form of a slave [and]... humbled himself, becoming obedient to death, even death on a cross.

PHILIPPIANS 2:7-8

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Baptism: On Sundays after Mass. Please contact the pastor for scheduling a meeting with him; a preparation program may be needed. Parents must be registered parishioners of St. Joseph, Cyclone or Sts. Cyril & Methodius, Marak.

Confessions: Before Mass on the weekend and anytime by appointment.

Marriage: Couples planning to be married should contact the pastor at least six months in advance before you set the date of the wedding. Completion of required paperwork and a preparation program needed.

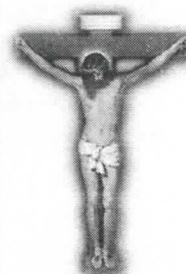
APRIL 5, 2020— PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

"All this has come to pass that the writings of the prophets may be fulfilled," Jesus says in today's Gospel (see Matthew 26:56). Indeed, we have reached the climax of the liturgical year, the highest peak of salvation history, when all that has been anticipated and promised is to be fulfilled.

By the close of today's long Gospel, the work of our redemption will have been accomplished, the new covenant will be written in the blood of His broken body hanging on the cross at the place called the Skull.

In His Passion, Jesus is "counted among the wicked," as Isaiah had foretold (see Isaiah 53:12). He is revealed definitively as the Suffering Servant the prophet announced, the long-awaited Messiah whose words of obedience and faith ring out in today's First Reading and Psalm. The taunts and torments we hear in these two readings punctuate the Gospel as Jesus is beaten and mocked (see Matthew 27:31), as His hands and feet are pierced, as enemies gamble for His clothes (see Matthew 27:35), and as His enemies dare Him to prove His divinity by saving Himself from suffering (see Matthew 27:39-44).

He remains faithful to God's will to the end, does not turn back in His trial. He gives Himself freely to His torturers, confident that, as He speaks in today's First Reading: "The Lord God is My help. . . I shall not be put to shame." Destined to sin and death as children of Adam's disobedience, we have been set free for holiness and life by Christ's perfect obedience to the Father's will (see Romans 5:12-14, 17-19; Ephesians 2:2; 5:6).



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Thank you for Your Generosity!

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Ministries for April 12—EASTER SUNDAY

Rosary: Raymond Tomek

Offertory: Marguerite Michalka & Family

Ushers: Trey Richter & Sam Richter

Eucharistic Minister: Misty Green

Lector: Greg Hoelscher



Altar Servers: Sam Richter, Will Richter, Brady Barton

Sanctuary Light: April 6th– 12th : Jerry & Mary Ann Plachy by Robert & Vicki Plachy

Prayer Chain...Please remember in your daily prayers the faithfully departed, those souls in purgatory, those of our community that are in special need of prayer, those who are homebound or in nursing homes, all those in the military and the following: JoLeen Cayhill. Prayers are powerful!

To be added to the prayer chain, please contact:

Contact Merlene Slavik—254-697-1247 or email—Slavik@farm-market.net

MARAK MASSES—April 5-12, 2020

Date	Time	Intentions
Today– 4/5	10:15am	+ Dorothy Klecka by Cecilia Marak + Eugene Marak by Cecilia Marak
4/8—Wednesday	5:30pm	+ August & Mary Hubnik by Liz & Arvell Jungmann + Marcella Dohnalik by Evelyn Richter
4/12—Sunday	10:15am	+ Fr. Walter Matus by Christa Wade + Albert Michalka by Robert & Debbie Vansa

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Today – 4/5	8:15am	+ Royella Roessler by Carol & Dennis Mauer
4/7—Tuesday	7:00am	+ Denise Posvar by Family
4/9—Thursday	7:00am	+ Randolph Green by Family
4/10—Friday—Stations of the Cross	3:00pm	
4/11—Saturday Vigil	5:30pm	+ Rosa Pechal by Nancy & Dewayne Mesecke
4/12—Sunday	8:15am	+ Dolores Motl by Donna McEntire

UPCOMING EVENTS AND INFORMATION

- **PLEASE CHECK OUR WEBSITE—MARAKCHURCH.ORG FOR ANY UPDATES DURING THIS CRISIS!**
- **ALL MASSES HAVE BEEN CANCELLED PER THE DIOCESE OF AUSTIN UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.**
- **ALL BOOKED EVENTS AT THE PARISH HALL HAVE BEEN CANCELLED UNTIL THE END OF APRIL.**
- **RCIA CANDIDATES:** The candidates will be welcomed into the Catholic church at a later date. Please Pray for them.

PRAYERS TO (2) SAINTS WHO MIRACUOUSLY DEFEATED PLAGUES: ST. ROCH AND ST. ROSALIE

“Father in heaven”, we thank You for the communion of saints so that we can draw near to You through the prayers of St. Rosalie. Through her prayers, help us to remember that our destiny is heaven. St Rosalie, confessor and virgin, we pray to God for our families and friends. Through your powerful prayers may we obtain health, life, and eternal salvation. AMEN

Dear Padre,

How can I use Jesus' entry into Jerusalem to find spiritual meaning for myself during Holy Week?

The Gospel tells us that Jesus goes to Jerusalem knowing he will suffer and die there. Jerusalem is the place where prophets have been killed in the past (Matthew 23:37). Jesus predicts his passion in the Gospel of Matthew three times (Matthew 16:21, 17:22, and 20:17). Jesus, the one sent by God, will meet the same fate as the prophets who had been sent by God to call Jerusalem to conversion. He goes to Jerusalem as a prophet, to preach God's saving word to the very people who will turn on the messenger.

Jesus isn't fooled by the enthusiastic crowd of people who throw him a welcome party and refer to him as the prophet coming in God's name. He tells them that he comes in humility, as the prophet foretold: "Your king comes to you, meek and riding on an ass" (Matthew 21:5).

He challenges their expectations by referencing the prophet Zechariah's humble

king. In the second reading we hear a hymn to Jesus' humility, which praises his willingness to give of himself, even unto death.

Jesus' hopes aren't based on the crowd's emotions. He has chosen to obey his Father's will, and if that obedience leads him to the place where prophets have gone before him, so be it. He is ready to suffer and die. We need Jesus' example and grace to remain faithful in the face of flattery, scorn, and threat. Live this week seeking to have the mind of Christ, to live his humility.

—Fr. Timothy McCanna
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A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

Jesus enters Jerusalem. The liturgy...somehow expresses the contradictory feelings that we too, the men and women of today, experience: the capacity for great love, but also for great hatred; the capacity for courageous self-sacrifice, but also the ability to "wash our hands" at the right moment.

—PALM SUNDAY HOMILY, MARCH 25, 2018

Calendar

Monday

APRIL 6

Monday of Holy Week

Is 42:1-7

Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday

APRIL 7

Tuesday of Holy Week

Is 49:1-6

Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday

APRIL 8

Wednesday of Holy Week

Is 50:4-9a

Mt 26:14-25

Thursday

APRIL 9

Holy Thursday

Ex 12:1-8, 11-14

1 Cor 11:23-26

Jn 13:1-15

Friday

APRIL 10

Good Friday

Is 52:13-53:12

Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9

Jn 18:1-19:42

Saturday

APRIL 11

Holy Saturday

Gn 1:1-2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a

Gn 22:1-18 or Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18

Ex 14:15-15:1

Is 54:5-14 / Is 55:1-11

Bar 3:9-15, 32-4:4

Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28

Rom 6:3-11

Mt 28:1-10

Sunday

APRIL 12

Easter

Acts 10:34a, 37-43

Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8

Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10

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