

PALM Sunday Gospel
10th April 2022. Cycle C



A SIMPLE PATH



THE LIFE GIVEN

SETTING

Palm Sunday, triumphal entry for some, for you simply, your way. Being this way portends a near end.

Yours is to contemplate in detail the life that is around you, that looks at you and acclaims... accompany with your bouquets the sacred step of the man who gives everything.

We begin the week in which life itself gives, making its way before the empty appearance and clamor which only noise and noise present.

Life becomes life in everyone, shut up and pray, silence fills the earth. Be presence, give and give yourself in everything.

SONG. BTHE KING OF GLORY COMES THE NATIONS REJOCES: Catholic mission Zurich.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lEyjtGBiRAw>

GOSPEL – Luke 22, 14 - 23, 56

“Simon, I have prayed for you, that your faith will not waver. You, therefore, when you return, strengthen your brothers. (22, 32).

"The Lord turned and looked at Peter." (Lk 22, 61)

"Father forgive them, they do not know what they are doing" (Lk 23:14)

"Today, you will be with me in Paradise." (Lk 23, 43)

"The lights of Saturday were already shining" (Lk 23, 54).

Today we are called to contemplate and deepen the Passion of Jesus of Nazareth. For practical reasons we do not present the voluminous text of that story, but yes, some of Luke's own phrases. That is right, every year on Palm Sunday we read the Passion story in one of the three Synoptic Gospels. This year we are given to contemplate the Passion in the Gospel of Luke. It is true that, in what is important, the four accounts of the Passion are very similar, but if we observe them carefully, we perceive that each of the Evangelists has its own nuances. Here then, some episodes and some phrases that only Lucas proposes. **1. The episodes:** After the last supper, Jesus announced to Peter his triple denial. This, the three gospels tell him, but Luke is the only one who speaks of what Jesus said to Peter at that time:

"Simon, I have prayed for you so that your faith does not falter and that, when you return one day, you comfort your brothers" (22,32).

Luke is also the only one to highlight how Jesus looked at Peter after he disowned him: **(Lk 22,61).** "The Lord turned and looked at Peter. In the text of Isaiah that we read this Sunday we find the explanation: "The Lord has given me the language of a man who allows himself to be instructed so that I know how to comfort those who can no longer" This is what Jesus tries to do with his disciple: to comfort, in advance, the one who will have disowned him and who runs the risk of becoming discouraged. Another episode, typical of the Gospel of Luke in the Passion of Jesus, is the appearance before Herod Antipas: "Knowing that Jesus relieved Herod of authority, Pilate sent him to him who, at that time, was in Jerusalem. From that day on, Herod and Pilate became friends, because before they were declared enemies."

Luke's own three phrases in the Passion narrative: Two of them were pronounced by Jesus and, if Luke picks them up, it is because they reveal, in his eyes, what is important: « **"Father, forgive them because they do not know what they are doing.** That is right, they kill the Lord of Life. Yes, in the name of God, the Sanhedrin condemns God. And what does Jesus do? His only word is an expression of forgiveness! And it is precisely there, in that Christ forgiving his enemy brothers that we discover how far God's love reaches. **Second sentence: "Today, you will be with me in Paradise"** Everyone attacks Jesus: **"If you are the Messiah..."** And that is when the one we call "good thief" intervenes. He begins by saying a great truth: **What happens to us is fair. After we have done**

what we have done, we deserve it." **Third sentence, which only Luke says: "Already the lights of du Sabbat are shining!" (23, 54).** Luke ends the account of the Passion and death of Christ with an insistent evocation of the Sabbath. Luke specifies that the women who accompanied Jesus from Galilee went to see the tomb and to verify how the body of Jesus had been deposited. Having prepared the ointments and perfumes beforehand, they retired to observe the Sabbath. The story of those terrible hours ends on a note of light and peace. Isn't it curious? "Already the lights of the Sabbath shine": And how right Luke is in insisting on this fact! In the Passion and death of Jesus of Nazareth, the new humanity is born: the kingdom of grace has begun. From now on, our crucifixes show us the path to follow: the path of love towards others and, whatever the cost, the path of forgiveness.

Clues for the Prayers:

1. How have I lived this season of Lent-conversion? How do I perceive myself to prepare to celebrate the most important Week of the Liturgical year?
2. What phrases from today's reading questions me; reveal to me some trait of the person of Jesus, of my person?
3. What does the ceiling of the Passion of Jesus invite me to?

BLESSED IS HE WHO COMES IN HIS NAME _____

AMBIENTAL MUSIC.

Jami Sieber - Benediction (live recording)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8UHLwqZnB-E>

WHEN LIFE IS DELIVERED...

Everything is possible for the one who gives everything
and so little has.

when you just live
to love.

when simply
the gift received is appreciated.

when simply
consequence is accepted.

when simply
he looks at himself and almost without answering,
everything is welcomed.

when simply
touch down to the bottom.
when simply
pain is experienced and
suffering of so many.
when simply
the right word is shared.
when simply
silent before the
injustice caused by others.
when simply
the pain of so many is assumed.
when simply
have God for Father,
Simply the Word is silent,
The gesture is delivered,
life is step,
the gift is celebrated,
shared and finished.
Silence invades everything.
Life invades harmony.
The voice becomes word.
The experience is narrated by all.
The path meets.
Let us walk with our eyes open,
In search of light
That opens into the eternal.
Completed is life and meaning.
eyes set high,
feet in low mud.
Way, hope, eternal dream.
Easter in the meeting.

SONG: JERUSALEM MY DESTINY – Catholic choir

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mG6thyHErVc>

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