



Passion Sunday

Isaiah 50:4-7
Ps 22:8-9,17-20,23-24
Phil 2:6-11
Luke 22:14 -- 23:56

Monday March 29

Isaiah 42:1-7
Ps 27:1-3,13-14
John 12:1-11

Tuesday March 30

Isaiah 49:1-6
Ps 71:1-6,15,17
John 13:21-33,36-38

Wednesday March 31

Isaiah 50:4-9
Ps 69:8-10,21-22,31,33-34
Matt 26:14-25

Thursday April 1

Holy Thursday

Exodus 12:1-8,11-14
Ps 116:12-13,15-18
1 Cor 11:23-26
John 13:1-15

Friday April 2

Good Friday

Isaiah 52:13 -- 53:12
Ps 31:2,6,12-13,15-17,25
Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9
John 18:1 -- 19:4

Saturday April 3

Easter Vigil

Genesis 1:1 -- 2:2
Genesis 22:1-18
Exodus 14:15 -- 15:1
Isaiah 54:5-14
Isaiah 55:1-11
Baruch 3:9-15, 32 -- 4:4
Ezekiel 36:16-28
Romans 6:3-11
Luke 24:1-12

Today begins the highest holy week of the liturgical year. Will it also begin in your life a high holy experience of uniting yourself to Jesus?



There's a key phrase in the reading that we hear during the Procession with Palms, which sums up this experience of your union with God: "The Master has need of it."

Why do you think the Gospel writer spent time explaining how Jesus obtained the colt for his ride into Jerusalem? It's meant to teach us something in our current circumstances.

We each have a "colt" tied up somewhere in our lives. It's anything that belongs to us and is not yet being shared with Christ: It could be our possessions, money, skills, creativity, time, energy, etc. The Master has need of it! But sometimes we selfishly tie these up with our own agendas. They would be useful to Jesus if we let him have them. Like the colt that Jesus rode, they could glorify our Savior.

suffering? Jesus sacrificed his comfort and his body and blood to take the punishment that we deserve for our sins.

We should rejoice gratefully for this every Sunday with hosannas and admiration, for in the Eucharist we reunite ourselves to that tremendous love. In this communion, why aren't we grinning like lovers who have become joined to their beloved? The answer to that is: Our "colts" are still tied to the post.

Jesus has sent his disciples to you to ask you to share your "colt" with Jesus. They are at the altar consecrating the Eucharist for you. They are writing bulletin "help wanted" blurbs. They are interrupting you at work asking for your prayers or counsel or other assistance. They are the strangers who are in need of your charitable donations.

Who have you heard asking you to become more involved in the plans of God's kingdom?

Reflect & Discuss:

1. Make a list of the "colts" in your life. Which ones would you like Jesus to put to good use? Spend time in prayer imagining that you are untying them and handing them over to Jesus. See how pleased he is!
2. Why is it difficult to let go of the reins? How can giving control of it over to Jesus help him complete his Good Friday sacrifice in today's world?

Palm Sunday teaches us that he deserves to be glorified for his awesome love, which he made visible on the cross. Who else would die for you – with *that* much