



committed murder during the uprising. When the crowd went up and began to ask Pilate the customary favour, Pilate answered them,

O. Do you want me to release for you the king of the Jews?

N. For he realised it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed Jesus over. The chief priests, however, had incited the crowd to demand that he should release Barabbas for them instead. Then Pilate spoke again,

O. But in that case, what am I to do with the man you call king of the Jews?

N. They shouted back,

C. Crucify him!

N. Pilate asked them,

O. Why? What harm has he done?

N. But they shouted all the louder,

C. Crucify him!

N. So Pilate, anxious to placate the crowd, released Barabbas for them and, having ordered Jesus to be scourged, handed him over to be crucified.

The soldiers led him away to the inner part of the palace, that is, the Praetorium, and called the whole cohort together. They dressed him up in purple, twisted some thorns into a crown and put it on him. And they began saluting him,

C. Hail, king of the Jews!

N. They struck his head with a reed and spat on him; and they went down on their knees to do him homage. And when they had finished making fun of him, they

took off the purple and dressed him in his own clothes.

They led him out to crucify him. They enlisted a passerby, Simon of Cyrene, father of Alexander and Rufus, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross. They brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha, which means the place of the skull.

They offered him wine mixed with myrrh, but he refused it. Then they crucified him, and shared out his clothing, casting lots to decide what each should get. It was the third hour when they crucified him. The inscription giving the charge against him read: 'The King of the Jews.' And they crucified two robbers with him, one on his right and one on his left.

The passers-by jeered at him; they shook their heads and said,

C. Aha! So you would destroy the Temple and rebuild it in three days! Then save yourself: come down from the cross!

N. The chief priests and the scribes mocked him among themselves in the same way. They said,

C. He saved others, he cannot save himself. Let the Christ, the king of

Israel, come down from the cross now, for us to see it and believe.

N. Even those who were crucified with him taunted him.

When the sixth hour came there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour. And at the ninth hour Jesus cried out in a loud voice,

J. Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?

N. This means 'My God, my God, why have you deserted me?' When some of those who stood by heard this they said,

C. Listen, he is calling on Elijah.

N. Someone ran and soaked a sponge in vinegar and, putting it on a reed, gave it to him to drink saying,

O. Wait and see if Elijah will come to take him down.

N. But Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last.

All kneel and pause a moment

And the veil of the Temple was torn in two from top to bottom. The centurion, who was standing in front of him, had seen how he had died, and he said,

O. In truth this man was a son of God.

The longer form of this passion narrative may be read: Mk 14:1-15:47

FIRST READING

Isa 50: 4-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

I did not cover my face against insult and I know I will not be ashamed.

The Lord has given me a disciple's tongue. So that I may know how to reply to the wearied, he provides me with speech. Each morning he wakes me to hear, to listen like a disciple. The Lord has opened my ear. For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle. The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed.

■ **The word of the Lord.**

RESP PSALM

Ps 21: 8-9, 17-20, 23-24. R. v. 2

R. My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

1. All who see me deride me. / They curl their lips, they toss their heads. / 'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him: / let him release him if this is his friend.' **R.**

2. Many dogs have surrounded me, / a band of the wicked beset me. / They tear holes in my hands and my feet, / I can count every one of my bones. **R.**

3. They divide my clothing among them. / They cast lots for my robe. / O Lord, do not leave me alone, / my strength, make haste to help me! **R.**

4. I will tell of your name to my brethren / and praise you where they are assembled. / 'You who fear the Lord give him praise; / all sons of Jacob, give him glory. / Revere him, Israel's sons.' **R.**

SECOND READING

Phil 2: 6-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

He humbled himself to become like us and God raised him on high.

His state was divine, yet Christ Jesus did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are; and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

■ **The word of the Lord.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Phil 2: 8-9

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! / Christ became obedient for us even to death, / dying on the cross. / Therefore God raised him

on high / and gave him a name above all other names. / Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

GOSPEL

Mk 15: 1-39

(N. Narrator **J.** Jesus

O. Other single speaker

C. Crowd, or more than one other speaker)

N. The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

N. First thing in the morning, the chief priests together with the elders and scribes, in short the whole Sanhedrin, had their plan ready. They had Jesus bound and took him away and handed him over to Pilate. Pilate questioned him,

O. Are you the king of the Jews?

N. He answered,

J. It is you who say it.

N. And the chief priests brought many accusations against him. Pilate questioned him again,

O. Have you no reply at all? See how many accusations they are bringing against you!

N. But to Pilate's amazement, Jesus made no further reply.

At festival time Pilate used to release a prisoner for them, anyone they asked for. Now a man called Barabbas was then in prison with the rioters who had

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**Palm Sunday of the
 Passion of the Lord**



Reflection:

Despite the fact that Jesus' appearances were humble, this did not turn people off or drive them away from him. We tend to be impressed by splash and displays of power that fill us with awe. Jesus doesn't draw attention by such grandiose spectacles, but because his words and actions hold out hope to the weary and hopeless. Today we join the crowds who greet Jesus as he enters Jerusalem. and add our own "Hosannas" to theirs.

So we ask ourselves:

- What is there about Jesus that draws me to him and keeps me as his follower?
- What can I do to reflect his simplicity and humility in my daily actions?

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MASS THIS WEEKEND

The Rosary will be prayed 20 minutes before weekend Masses.

Sat 23 March 6pm St Dom
 Sun 24 March 8am OLG
 Sun 24 March 9.30am St Dom

MASS DURING THE WEEK

Tues 26 March 7pm St Dom
 Wed 27 March 9am St Dom

MASS NEXT WEEKEND

Sat 30 March 6pm St Dom
 Sun 31 March 8am OLG
 Sun 31 March 9.30am St Dom

Reconciliation will be celebrated before & after every weekend Mass or by appointment. Contact Fr Bernard 9245 3899 or parish office 9446 1666 to receive Communion at home if you can't attend Mass.

Easter Liturgies

Lenten Reconciliation: 25 March, 6pm, St Dom's

Holy Thursday: Lord's Supper 6pm OLG

Good Friday:

- Stations of the Cross 9am OLG
- Stations of the Cross 10.30am St Dominic's
- Liturgy of the Passion 3pm St Dominic's

Holy Saturday: Easter Vigil 6pm St Dominic's

Easter Sunday: 8am OLG & 9.30am St Dominic's

Condolences

The funeral service for Colin Gomm will be on 27th March, 2pm at Pinnaroo.

The funeral Mass for Peter Molan will be celebrated on 5th April, 10am at OLG.

The funeral Mass for Colleen Hall will be celebrated on 10th April, 1.30pm at OLG. Rosary 9th April, 7pm at Bowra & O'Dea Westminster chapel.

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Rosters this weekend	23 March 6pm St Dom	24 March 8am OLG	24 March 9.30am St Dom
Readers	P Truda	K Creasy	O Pilot
Acolyte	Boni		D Ee
Offertory Procession		C & R Zampagna	
Altar Society	Group 3	K Wear E Jeffery	
Morning Tea		L Howell D D'Souza	
EMHC	Pablo, Berly		Oliver, Darry

Rosters next weekend	30 March 6pm St Dom	31 March 8am OLG	31 March 9.30am St Dom
Readers		B Webb	
Acolyte			
Offertory Procession		W McC E Jeffery	
Altar Society		M Farmer	
Morning Tea		K Wear E Jeffery	
EMHC			

Senior's Group

Tuesday 26 March: Coach trip to RAAF Museum and cafe at Bull Creek. Wyn 0407 261 500/ Chris 0417 979 629

Good Friday Holy Land Collection

There will be a retiring collection on Good Friday for the support of the church in the Holy Land. Our donation is a direct way to make a difference in the lives of people who are keeping alive the Christian presence in the land of Jesus, often in the face of great difficulty in recent years.