

**Passion Sunday**  
**Is 50:4-7/Phil 2:6-11/Mk 14:1-15:47**

**Theme: Let us journey with our Lord Jesus into Jerusalem.**

Today we commemorate the triumphant entry of our Lord Jesus Christ into Jerusalem. Our Lord knew that the hour had come for him to bring to completion the purpose of His coming into the world. That is, the salvation of the world, which is going to be achieved through his suffering death and resurrection.

To manifest His love for us, Jesus boldly entered Jerusalem amidst shouts of praise and adoration. As he rode mounted on a donkey, people spread their cloaks and palm leaves along the road, singing "Hosana, Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord, Hosana to the Son of David."

When Jesus was brought to Pilate for questioning, the same crowd who had been shouting and singing His praises, turned against Him and started shouting "Crucify him, crucify him." At this stage Christ was abandoned and left alone by those He came to save. And some of those who were so close to Him stood far away looking helplessly.

Our Lord accepted and endured all these insults and the suffering and later died on the Cross to bring us salvation.

In our lives as Christians, sometimes we witness this kind of situation like Christ. We receive insults, bad treatment and humiliation from those whom we love. Some times we are wrongly accused, rejected and abandoned by those whom we trust. At times, also, we encounter hardships and sufferings as we try to help others.

In moments and situations like these, let us also keep our faith and trust in our God like our master, Jesus Christ. May we continue to stand firm, pray and not lose heart for victory shall be ours at the end, like our master Jesus Christ (Mt. 12:26)