

Palm Sunday

(Isaiah 50.4-7, Philippians 2.6-11, Matthew 26.14-27.66)

THEME: Let us Make Sacrifices For The Common Good Of All.

Beloved brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus; the celebration of Passion Sunday ushers us into Holy Week. As we participate in this celebration today, we joyfully journey with our Lord Jesus Christ into Jerusalem for the celebration and fulfilment of the Paschal mystery of our salvation.

Our Lord Jesus knows that this journey today into Jerusalem will lead to His suffering or passion and death. Yet, He joyfully embraces it for the sanctification and salvation of humankind. It is a journey that will culminate on the passion and death of our Redeemer on the cross at Calvary. But our Saviour, Jesus Christ, accepts this shameful death on the cross so that we may be freed from our sins and have eternal life.

The events of the Passion and death of Christ, our Saviour, is an example of sacrifice one makes for those whom he or she loves and cares for. It is a sign to us that Jesus loves us and that He is ready to sacrifice His life that we may be saved from our sins. Jesus suffered and died on the cross not for His own good but for the common good of all creation. This is why, anywhere and at any age, Jesus' name is mentioned; Jesus is remembered for His unconditional love for humanity that moved Him to accept the shameful death on the cross.

As Christians and children of God, this is our time to deny ourselves certain pleasures for the good of all. We need to make sacrifices in our lives, that our families and communities may become better. Let us stop thinking and working only for ourselves; may we live and sacrifice so that others may also share our joys and blessings that we have in God.