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Homily Helps and Petitions for the Palm / Passion Sunday, Cycle C (March 29, 2026)

Homily Helps

† Scripture Passages to Note:

Matthew 21 A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted, “Hosanna to the Son of David!” “Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!” “Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

Psalm 22 I will proclaim your name to my brethren; in the midst of the assembly I will praise you.

Comments for the Day:

Today the crowds in Jerusalem cheer for their hero. Those who throw their cloaks on the ground and spread out palms ahead of Jesus’ entrance are sure that this is the Messiah - the one who will bring justice back to Israel and bring back the glory days of King David. Today this is the one they have been waiting for. He has come to save them. They shout their hosannas and wave their palms and they think that good times are coming.

People are fickle whether it is today or back in Jesus’ day. We cheer for our “heroes” one day and then turn our backs on them the next. It was a sad time for Jesus knowing that the very people shouting His name today will crucify Him the next. If you have ever been betrayed by those you love, you’ll understand what Jesus must have been feeling that Palm Sunday.

So let us shout “Hosanna” today with the crowds. Let us rejoice in His coming but let us also remember that this coming week we need to look at ourselves - deeply into ourselves and wonder if our Hosannas would have turned into “crucify Him” too. Were we there when they crucified our Lord? Today we may not easily connect the many ways we ravage creation with the suffering of Jesus, yet our destruction of creation is most certainly an affront to Jesus, the Incarnate One.

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† **Passages from *Laudato Si'* to Note:**

In the Christian understanding of the world, the destiny of all creation is bound up with the mystery of Christ, present from the beginning: “All things have been created through him and for him” (99)

At the end, we will find ourselves face to face with the infinite beauty of God and be able to read with admiration and happiness the mystery of the universe, which with us will share in unending plenitude. Even now we are journeying towards the Sabbath of eternity, the new Jerusalem, towards our common home in heaven. Jesus says: “I make all things new” (243)

Related Prayers of the Faithful

Option 1: Dearest Jesus, may we always greet you with joy. May we not turn our backs on you or on Your creation. We are thankful that Your peace will ultimately outshine the darkness of evil.

Option 2: That we will recognize our own part in the cheers of Palm Sunday which turned into derision only a day later. Forgive us for our part in Your death, Lord.

Further Resources

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