

## **HOMILY ON PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD – APRIL 13, 2025**



*Luke 19: 28- 40 (Procession), Isaiah 50: 4- 7, Philippines 2: 6- 11, Luke 22: 14- 23: 56*

**My dear friends in Christ, with Palm Sunday, we begin the great week of the liturgical year called the Holy Week. It is a time for remembering not only the betrayal of the crowd but also that of the apostles.**

**It is the time for looking into the heart of Judas who sells Jesus off for thirty pieces of silver.**

**We should not forget Peter and the rest, who in good times swear unswerving loyalty to Jesus, only to run, hide, and deny knowing him when he is on trial, suffering and is dying on the cross.**

**If we are honest with ourselves, can we readily put ourselves in the place of the crowd and the apostles? Like them, we change our attitude toward God, as per our convenience. We say "yes" to him, to his word, but at the slightest provocation we are ready to betray him. We are obedient to his will one day and quite rebellious the next day.**

**We, too, welcome Jesus lavishly only to crucify him again and again when we sin. Undeniably, we are in need of salvation.**

**By ourselves, we are slaves of our nature. With Jesus, we are strong, true and steadfast.**

**Holy Week is also the time to remember that God remains faithful despite our inconstancy. Though he is saddened by our unfaithfulness, he continues to wait for the moment when we will voluntarily accept him as our Saviour.**

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