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. Gospel Reading

Mark 14:1—15:47 Jesus is sentenced to death and crucified. The centurion who witnessed his death declared, “This man was the Son of God.”

Background on the Gospel Reading

This Sunday, called Palm or Passion Sunday, is the first day of Holy Week. Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday are called the *Triduum*—three days that are the highlight of the Church year. There are two Gospels proclaimed at today’s Mass. The first Gospel, proclaimed before the procession with palms, tells of Jesus’ triumphant entrance into Jerusalem. Riding on a borrowed colt, Jesus was hailed by the crowds as they blessed God and shouted “Hosanna!” This event is reported in each of the four Gospels.

At the Liturgy of the Word on Palm Sunday, the events of Jesus’ passion are proclaimed in their entirety. In Lectionary Cycle B, we read the passion of Jesus as found in the Gospel of Mark. We will hear these events proclaimed again when we celebrate the Triduum later in the week. On Good Friday, we will read the passion of Jesus from the Gospel of John.

In Mark’s Gospel, Jesus’ passion and death are presented as the consequence of the tension between the Jewish authorities and Jesus that had been building throughout his public ministry. This tension reached its breaking point when Jesus drove the merchants and moneychangers from the Temple. After this event, the chief priests and scribes began seeking a way to put Jesus to death, and yet, this is only the surface explanation for his death.

When Jesus was arrested and brought before the Sanhedrin—the council of Jewish priests, scribes, and elders—he was charged with blasphemy, citing his threat to the Temple. When he was brought before Pilate, however, the religious authorities presented his crime as a political one, charging that Jesus claimed to be king of the Jews. In continuity with a theme of Mark’s Gospel, the messianic claim of Jesus is widely misunderstood.

In Mark’s Gospel, Jesus’ disciples are rarely models of faith and do little to invoke confidence in their capacity to continue his ministry after his death. They fare no better in Mark’s narrative of Jesus’ passion and death. At the Last Supper, the disciples insisted that none among them would betray Jesus. When Jesus predicted that their faith would be shaken in the events ahead, Peter and the other disciples protested vehemently. Yet in the garden of Gethsemane, Jesus returned three times to find them sleeping. Jesus prayed in agony over his impending fate while his disciples slumbered through the night. Just as Jesus predicted, Peter denied Jesus, and the disciples were absent during Jesus’ passion and death. Only the women who had been followers of Jesus in Galilee are said to have been present at the Crucifixion, but they remained at a distance.

Throughout this Gospel, Mark challenges the reader to consider the claim with which the Gospel begins: Jesus is the Son of God. When we read Mark’s account of the passion, we begin to comprehend the deeper theological statement being made about Jesus’ death. In Mark’s telling of the passion narrative, Jesus understood his death to have been preordained, and he accepted this death in obedience to God’s will. Jewish Scripture is quoted only once, but there are several references to the fulfillment of the Scriptures. Jesus understood his anointing in Bethany as an anticipation of his burial, and he announced that this story would be told together with the Gospel throughout the world. Jesus predicted his betrayal by Judas as well as Peter’s denial. At his arrest, Jesus acknowledged that the preordained time had arrived. Jesus was both confident and silent before his accusers. After he was sentenced to death, Jesus did not speak again until his final cry from the cross. The bystanders misunderstood and believed that he was calling for Elijah. The Roman centurion, however, affirmed what Mark has presented throughout this Gospel: Jesus is the Son of God. Nowhere was this revealed more fully than in his death on the cross.

During Holy Week, we prayerfully remember the events of Jesus’ passion and death. As we meditate on the cross, we ask again and anew what it means to make the statement of faith that Jesus, in his obedient suffering and dying, revealed himself to us as God’s Son.

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CHURCH OF THE HOLY NAME OF JESUS

TO TEACH, TO BUILD, TO SERVE, TO SANCTIFY

184 Midland Avenue, East Orange, New Jersey 07017

Palm Sunday April 13, 2025



Served by:
Rev. Frederick A. Pfeifer
Pastor

Rev. Severine Msigiti
Rev. Xavier Kassase
Priests in Residence

Deacon. Leo Woodruff
Retired Deacon

Henry Gehman
Music Director
CELEBRATION of the EUCHARIST:
Saturday Evening: 5:30 PM

Sunday: 9:00 AM and 11:30 AM

Weekdays: 8:00 AM Monday through Saturday in Church
SACRAMENT of RECONCILIATION:
Saturday: 4:30 PM – 5:00 PM

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION: Every First Friday of the month, 8AM-10am in Church

Divine Mercy Chaplet:
Saturday after the 8:00 A.M. Mass.

SACRAMENTAL CELEBRATIONSSACRAMENT of BAPTISM:

Baptisms are scheduled on **Sundays** after the 11:30 a.m. Mass. Parents must first register at the Parish Center for confirmation of a date. Parents should be registered members of the church prior to making baptism arrangements. A copy of your child’s birth certificate must be presented as well as sponsor certificates for the godparents, if they are not members of the parish.

SACRAMENT of MATRIMONY:

Couples planning to marry should make arrangements with the priest **1 year** in advance of the wedding date.

MINISTRY to the SICK and HOMEBOUND:

If you are hospitalized and would like to be visited by your parish priest, please notify the parish directly. If you are sick or homebound and would like to be visited by a priest, deacon or a Eucharistic Minister to bring you Holy Communion, please call the Parish Center.

Parish Membership: We invite new parishioners to register at the Parish Center. If you are moving, or have an address or phone change, please notify the office.

Parish Website: www.hnjeo.org

Rectory and Parish Office Phone: 973-675-4444

E-mail: info@hnjeo.org

Social Services: 1-800-227-7413

Saturday , April 12, 2025

5:30 PM Victims of natural disasters

PalmSunday, April 13, 2025

9:00 AM Jesus Villanos Birthday Blessings

By Villanos Family

11:30 AM People of the Parish

Monday of Holy Week, April 14, 2025

8:00 AM Fe Villanos Birthday Blessings

By Villanos Family

Tuesday of Holy Week , April 15, 2025

8:00 AM

Wednesday of Holy Week , April 16, 2025

8:00 AM

CONGRADULATIONS TO OUR NEWLY CONFIRMED

*Nicholas Berge
Michaela Copeland
Kyairah Exil
Triston Farrier
Colby Frein
Drake Randolph
Samiere Victorin*

We will celebrate with them Sunday, April 13 11:30 Mass. A light reception followings in the vestibule of the church.

Please join us.

EASTER EGG HUNT!

Thank you to Aida and Woody Carmona for sponsoring the Easter Egg Hunt following the 11:30 a.m. Mass on Easter Sunday April 20 th . All children are welcome to hunt.

Volunteers are needs to hide the eggs between the 9:00 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Masses.

Refreshments will be available in the vestibule during the hunt.

MAY CROWNING



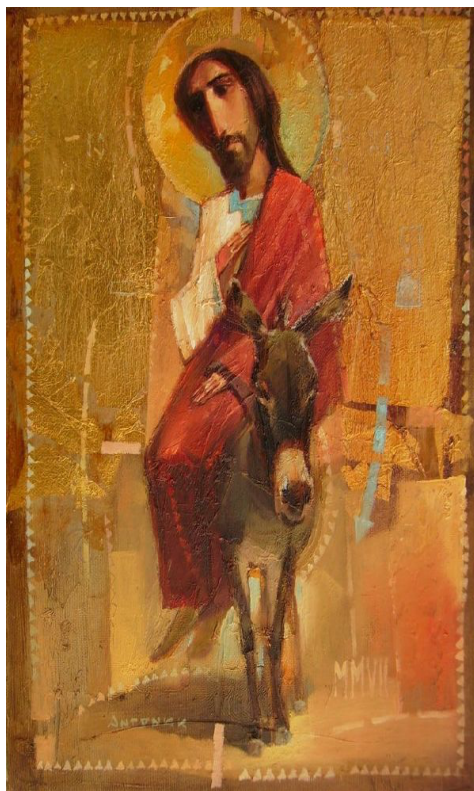
Sunday May 4 th

11:30 a.m. Mass.

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April 17 Holy Thursday:

8:00AM – Morning Prayer

7:00 PM – Mass of the Last Supper

April 18 Good Friday:

8:00 AM – Morning Prayer

2:00PM – Stations of the Cross

3:00 PM – Good Friday Service

April 19 Holy Saturday:

8:00 AM – Morning Prayer

8:00 PM - Easter Vigil Mass

April 20 Easter Sunday:

9:00 AM and 11:30AM Mass