



Scripture Commentary by Dianna Bergant CSA



Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord

In the first reading, God provided the prophet with ears to hear God's word and a well-trained tongue to speak that word to others. This prophet suffers physical attack and personal insult. He is beaten; his beard is plucked; he is spat upon, but he does not recoil from his call. He willingly accepts the consequence of his prophetic ministry. He maintains that God is his strength. Although he has been assaulted, he insists that he is not disgraced; he is not put to shame. There are no grounds for making these claims other than utter confidence in God, certainty of the authenticity of his call, and a conviction of the truth of the words that he communicates.

The imagery in the psalm is both vivid and forceful. The opening verses describe the derision that the psalmist must endure from onlookers. Those who mock him part their lips to sneer at him, perhaps to hiss. They wag their heads in ridicule. He is reviled not only because he suffers but primarily because in his suffering he clings to God in confidence. Their taunt throws into question the value of such trust. Does God really care what happens to this pitiful man? Neither the mockery nor the brutality of these onlookers can undermine the devotion of the psalmist. In the face of all of his suffering, he still clings to hope.

The reflection on the nature and mission of Jesus describes his humiliation and his subsequent exaltation by God. Jesus did not cling to his divine dignity; he did not use his exalted status for his own ends. Instead, he relinquished it, emptied himself of it. Though in the form of God, he chose the form of a servant or slave. Without losing his Godlike being, he took on human likeness, humbling himself and becoming obedient. This opened him to the possibility of death. The exaltation of Christ is as glorious as his humiliation was debasing. While Jesus was responsible for his self-emptying, his superexaltation is attributed directly to God. Now every knee will do him homage and every tongue will proclaim his sovereignty.

The major events of the passion seem to be following some prearranged plan. The anointing of Jesus foreshadows the conclusion of the entire passion narrative. Jesus is identified as the Son of Humanity (14:21,41,62), the Son of God (15:39), the Christ, Son of the Blessed one (14:61), yet he associates with those relegated to the margins of society. He respects the authority of the religious and political leaders who seek to put him to death, but he does not cooperate with them. His eschatological preeminence is seen in his statements about the new reign of God (14:25), his resurrection (14:28) and exaltation (14:62), the renting of the veil of the temple curtain at his death (15:38), and the final recognition of his true identity (15:39).

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	Sun 9.00am	Nancy Eliezer	Nancy Eliezer
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	Sun 7.30am	David Jenaway	Easter roster
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Mar Tue 26	8.00am	Mass (Holy Week) - Church
Wed 27	8.00am	Mass (Holy Week) - Church
Thu 28	7.00pm	The Lord's Supper - Church
Fri 29	10.00am	Stations of the Cross - Church
	3.00pm	Lord's Passion - Church
Sat 30	7.00pm	Easter Vigil - Church
Sun 31	7.30am	Easter Sunday - Church
	9.00am	Easter Sunday - Church
	11.00am	Easter Sunday Chinese Mass - Church



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2024 Sacraments Schedules

Parents, if your child/children are attending State Schools you need to enrol for the Sacramental programs. Please contact the parish office to obtain an Enrolment Form or visit our website to get one - manningparish.org.au/sacraments - so that we can organise the preparation for them.


Confirmation
5.00pm Friday, 17 May 2024
Commitment Mass - To be notified
Parent/Child Workshop 5.30pm
Tuesday 30 April 2024

First Holy Communion
9am Sunday, 25 August 2024
Commitment Mass - To be notified
Parent/Child Workshop 5.30pm
Tuesday 6 August 2024

First Reconciliation
5.00pm Saturday
22 October 2024
Commitment Mass - To be notified
Parent/Child Workshop 5.30pm
Tuesday 8 October 2024

Sixth Sunday of Lent (Palm Sunday)



This year, we shared with you the story of three inspiring women from across the globe, who overcame challenges to complete their education, access water and find secure employment. With the support of compassionate people like you, they are now forging a path to a better future for their families and their communities.


Ronita from the Philippines has now graduated high school and secured a job at a call centre. This job was only possible because of a certificate she gained from completing her studies. Leaia and her family now have a water tank at their home in Samoa. She and her family now have a steady supply of clean drinking water. Next year, they will also have a toilet built, with the support of Caritas Samoa, which will further improve their health and living conditions.

Memory completed her vocational training course in carpentry and joinery. After completing a work contract at one of the largest electrical companies in Malawi, Memory now plans to return to her village and provide carpentry services to people in her community.

It's through the generosity of people like you that we can continue to support people like Ronita, Leaia and Memory.

There is still time to donate! Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow, for all future generations.

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First Reading

Isaiah 50:4-7

The Lord has given me a disciple's tongue. So that I may know how to reply to the wearied he provides me with speech. Each morning he wakes me to hear, to listen like a disciple. The Lord has opened my ear. For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle. The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 21:8-9. 17-20. 23-24. R. v.2

(R.) My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

1. All who see me deride me.
They curl their lips, they toss their heads.
'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him;
let him release him if this is his friend.' (R.)
2. Many dogs have surrounded me,
a band of the wicked beset me.
They tear holes in my hands and my feet.
I can count every one of my bones. (R.)
3. They divide my clothing among them.
They cast lots for my robe.
O Lord, do not leave me alone,
my strength, make haste to help me! (R.)
4. I will tell of your name to my brethren
and praise you where they are assembled.
'You who fear the Lord give him praise;
all sons of Jacob, give him glory.
Revere him, Israel's sons.' (R.)



Draw or write what happened on each of these special days during Holy Week.

CHILDREN'S CORNER



Passion Sunday



Holy Thursday



Good Friday



Easter Sunday

Second Reading

Philippians 2:6-11

His state was divine, yet Christ Jesus did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are, and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Gospel Acclamation

Philippians 2:8-9

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! Christ became obedient for us even to death dying on the cross. Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Gospel

Mark 14:1 – 15:47

Reflection for Young People By Lisa-Marie Calderone-Stewart

Jesus was in great agony and torture. He felt so alone, he even thought God had forsaken him. Have you ever been so upset, and in such pain, that you, like Jesus, felt as if God had forgotten you? What happened?

As children, we learned that Jesus died for our sins. What does that really mean? Why did Jesus have to die? Do you believe that Jesus dies again, every day, with the innocent victims of tragedy all over the world? Explain.

Next Sunday Readings

Sunday 31 March 2023

Easter Sunday

First Reading: Acts 10:34, 37-43

Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-4

Gospel: John 20: 1-9