

PALM SUNDAY



ST MARGARET'S, DUNFERMLINE
AND
CHURCH OF THE HOLY NAME, OAKLEY

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RESPONSE FOR THE SUNDAY MASS AND MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK

PSALM	My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION	Christ 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 names

Day	Time	Date	Intention
SAT	4pm (SM)	27	Mgr Brian Halloran (Anniv)
	5.30pm (SM)		James Gavin R.I.P.
PALM SUNDAY	9am (SM)	28	Sick Person
	9.30am (HN)		Mary Bell R.I.P
	10am online		People of the Parish
	11am (SM)		Paddy Mitchell R.I.P.
	11am (HN)		Mary Bell R.I.P.
MON	10am (SM)	29	Thomas & Elizabeth Hutton (Anniv)
TUES	10am (SM)	30	Jim Campbell (Anniversary)
	10am (HN)		Freddie Solomon R.I.P.
WED	10am (SM)	31	Funeral Mass for Brian Kelly R.I.P (Not open to public)
HOLY THURS	10am (HN)	1	Funeral Mass for Frank McCormick R.I.P. (not open to public)
	7pm (SM)		Canon Armindo Garcia R.I.P (Ereceira, Portugal)
	7pm (HN)		Mary Bell R.I.P.
GOOD FRIDAY	10am (HN)	2	Funeral Service for Brian Clark R.I.P. (not open to public)
	3pm (SM)		Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion
	3pm (HN)		Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion
	7pm (SM)		Stations of the Cross
HOLY SAT	-	3	• No Morning Mass -
	4pm (SM)		Isobel (Robertson) Ardelino R.I.P.
	5.30pm (SM)		Irene (Campbell) Gavin
EASTER SUNDAY	9am (SM)	4	Thanksgiving
	9.30am (HN)		Catherine Ainslie (Birthday Remembrance)
	10am online		People of the Parish
	11am (SM)		Canon Armindo Garcia R.I.P.
	11am (HN)		Mary Bell R.I.P.

DEAR FRIENDS

Holy Week! The greatest week of the year for all Christians is here.

This year, some of us, will be able to celebrate it in Church and attend liturgies in person.

Please carefully read the times and places of services and note that for Sunday and the main Holy Week Services booking is essential.

Please also note that, although there is public Mass on Monday and Tuesday of Holy Week in St Margaret's, Mass on Wednesday is a Funeral and is therefore restricted to 20 closest family and friends.

As numbers attending are cut back, the length of our liturgical celebrations will also be reduced and some familiar and well-loved traditions such as kissing the cross on Good Friday will not be possible.

Don't we know the story of Holy Week so well?

It is a part of us.

We are so used to listening to the accounts of the Passion, once from one of the synoptic Gospels on Palm Sunday and from John on Good Friday, we pray the Stations of the Cross during lent, using one of the many beautiful versions available. We may watch a film depicting the Passion, such as Mel Gibson's, "The Passion of the Christ". We have been well exposed to the story of the Passion through prayer, worship, song and art. Sometimes, as with the Christmas story, we lose something of the specific focus of each of the Gospel writers as the details of the story meld together and some are lost in the process. Have you noticed the young man in St Mark's account? He is clothed in just a loin cloth and in his eagerness to get away from Jesus he leaves the little clothing that he has behind and runs off naked. At the start of the discipleship adventure we are told that they left everything in order to follow him, now they leave everything, including their clothes, in order to get away from him.

Mark's account of the Passion is bleak. Jesus is utterly alone: abandoned, abused and mocked –even by those criminals who are

crucified with him. It is all part of the self-emptying of Jesus; that downward movement into the darkness of desertion until the God breaks through definitively into our world with the rending of the Temple Veil.

As we begin our Holy Week journey this year, let's reflect on that isolated figure of Jesus, abandoned and mocked, alone and ignored, who communicates in the most effective and efficacious way the closeness of God and love of God for all humanity.

With best wishes and prayers for the coming week,

Fr Chris

Please remember in your prayers those who have died:

Brian Kelly
Frank McCormick
& Brian Clark.



May they rest in peace.

Brian's Funeral Mass will be in St Margaret's on Wednesday 31st at 10a.m; Frank's Funeral Mass will be in Holy Name on Thursday 1st at 10a.m and Brian's Funeral Service will be in Holy Name on Friday at 10a.m. In accordance with current restrictions only 20 people invited by the family may attend in person.

Please remember all in your prayers.

MASS INTENTIONS

If you would like a Mass celebrated for a particular intention please get in touch by email, phone or drop a note through the letterbox or, if at a service, pop into the box for offertory collections.

If you wish a Mass card, write your name and address and one will be posted.

ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

'My Jesus, I Believe that You are in the Blessed Sacrament.
I love You above all things, and I long for You in my soul.
Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
Although You have already come,
I embrace You and unite myself entirely to You;
never permit me to be separated from You.'



PRAYER TO SAINT JOSEPH, PATRON OF THE UNIVERSAL CHURCH

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.

Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father
and guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage,
and defend us from every evil.

Amen.

BOOKING LINES FOR PUBLIC WORSHIP

To book for Sunday Masses at St Margaret's please call the parish on (01383) 625611 on a Thursday between 3 and 6p.m.

For Holy Name please call Barbara on 07711703927

For both weekday and weekend Masses at 10am livestream access from St Margaret's (as well as prior recordings) please go to <https://stmargaretsdunfermline.co.uk/stream/> or at <https://mcnmedia.tv/camera/st-margarets-rc-church>

FOR LENT, THE LIVE EVENTS INCLUDE:

Monday evenings	Parish Scripture Study Group by Zoom. For further details please contact Tom Scott at tom.scott0711@gmail.com
Tuesdays at 7pm	Rosary and Benediction from St Margaret's via the Livestream

PARISH ZOOM GROUP

On Sunday's at 11am there is a gathering for coffee after Mass and on Thursday evenings starting at 7:30pm there is a social quiz evening. These events are open to **all** parishioners. To find out how to join them please email Tom Scott on tom.scott0711@gmail.com.

OTHER LIVE SOURCES OF MASS

Sunday Mass is available from the **Archdiocese** via the **YouTube** channel (see below for Holy Week Services).

St Joseph's, Clarkston are continuing to offer the **Dial-A-Mass** service. Mass is recorded **every** morning and is available to listen to any time from around 10:30am daily. Please share this number with friends and neighbours who do not have internet access.

Dial: 01414734869.



Visit <https://archedinburgh.org/childrens-liturgy-at-home-get-ready-for-sunday-42/> for some great ideas to celebrate and explain this Sunday.

[More resources can be found at <https://cafod.org.uk/Education/Children-s-liturgy> and at https://www.rpbooks.co.uk/_uploads/www.rpbooks.co.uk/FMfrom3rdOrdinary.pdf]

This weekend is Passion (Palm) Sunday. We remember when Jesus was welcomed into Jerusalem by crowds and hailed as King, which led to the Chief priests and the Pharisees demanding His death by crucifixion. We reflect on the account of His Passion and death on the cross.

We are now preparing to enter Holy Week, a time when we have the Easter Triduum: **Holy Thursday** where we remember the Last Supper where Jesus began the Eucharist. **Good Friday** when Jesus was crucified and died on the cross.

Easter Sunday when we celebrate Jesus' Resurrection and victory over death.

Let us think about our Lenten journey and consider the things we have done over the past weeks that have brought us closer to Jesus.



PARISH CHARITIES



SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

Our SVP conference has been working hard to meet the needs of those in difficulty at this time. If you can help, the Bank Details are:

Account Name	SSVP AEO2044
Sort Code	800655
Account Number	00768139

A massive *Thank You* to all who have donated!



ST. MARGARET'S ONE WORLD GROUP

SUPPORTING MARY'S MEALS, HAITI HELP, EMMS AND PEAS.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING REPORT

In case you missed highlights from AGM: In the last year donations were made as follows: Geveh Fanchee School in Liberia for Mary's Meals £3819; SCIAF Beirut Appeal £600; EMMS £100; Haiti Help £800; PEAS £300 and Tigray emergency appeal £500. With the collapse of our normal fund-raising methods due to Covid, we are really grateful to parishioners who have been making donations, some of which were gift-aided. We received £907 under gift aid from HMRC. At the meeting a further donation of £500 was agreed for Haiti Help, a charity working in Haiti but run locally by three nurses from Lochgelly. We remain committed to a monthly charge of £309 for Mary's Meals to encourage poor children to attend school in Liberia so they can get meals. To help us continue our work, while our fundraising is restricted during lockdown, please make a donation if you are able.

Please also think if you would like to gift aid it.

We are a charity in our own right so any gift aid agreement you already have for the parish collection does not cover OWG donations.

Account Name	St Margarets One World Group
Sort Code	83-33-00
Account Number	10191867

If you prefer to send a cheque, please contact our treasurer Maureen Japp on 01383 725967 or by email at maureenjapp17@gmail.com

PARISH FINANCES

Please only donate if you can do so; do not put yourself into any hardship. If you are a tax-payer and don't Gift Aid your offering already please complete a form and return to Fr Heenan.

1. Contactless

If you wish, you can donate by the contactless machine. You need only choose the amount you wish to donate and hold your card against the machine.

2. The old way (real money)

The plastic box is back! [on your way out after Mass]

3. Standing Order

Standing order forms are available on the parish website or you can set up on online via your bank.

4. Online ad hoc donations

If you have internet banking you can use this too. There are two ways:

- using the following bank account details:
for St Margaret's: sort code: 80 06 55 Account 00720303.
for Holy Name: sort code 83 33 00 Account number 00176355.
- using the link via the Archdiocese (archedinburgh.org) online secure 'donate' links:

https://donor.secure-operations.com/detailed/donate?charity_id=1086319&type=2&reference=DUNMA&amount=
https://donor.secure-operations.com/detailed/donate?charity_id=1086319&type=2&reference=OAKLE&amount=

OTHER NEWS AND EVENTS

• SAFEGUARDING TRAINING:

ONLINE INDUCTION PART 2 TRAINING VIA ZOOM

Trainer: Callum Timms - callum.timms@staned.org.uk

Sunday 25 April 2021 at 1.30pm

Sunday 16 May 2021 at 1.30pm

Please book direct with Callum via the email address above. 100 places are available for each session and must be pre-booked to obtain the joining details.

Online Induction Part 2 Training via Zoom

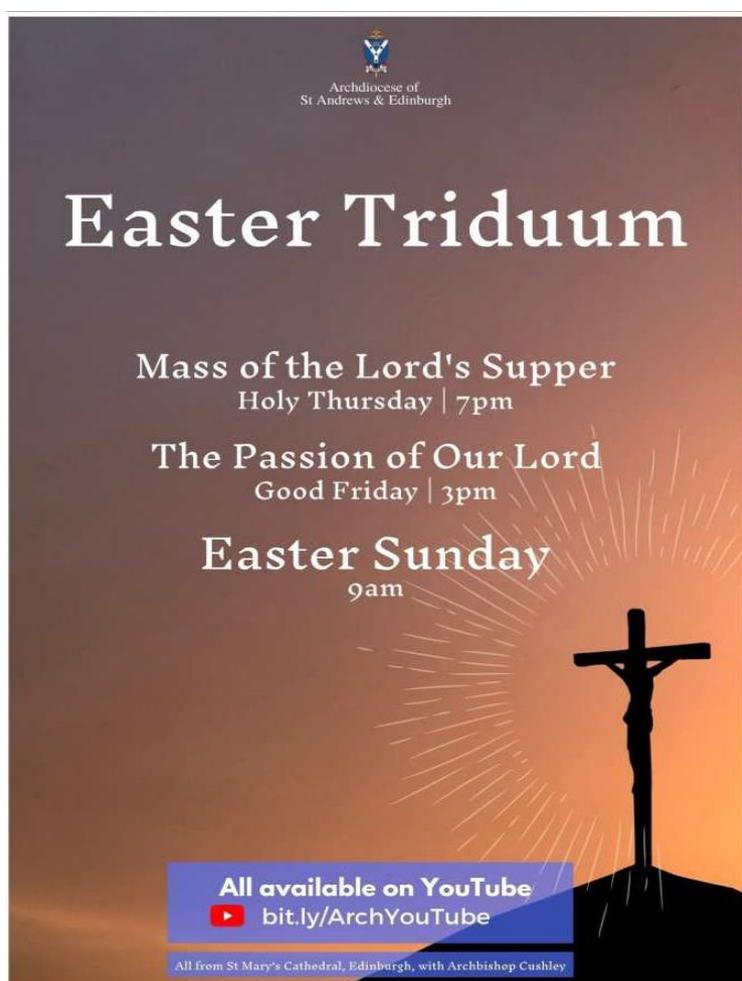
Trainer: Scott Mackenzie - Scott.Mackenzie@staned.org.uk

Saturday 24 April 2021 at 1.30pm

Saturday 15 May 2021 at 1.30pm

Please book direct with Scott via the email address above. 100 places are available for each session and must be pre-booked to obtain the joining details.

- **ONLINE HOLY WEEK MASSES WITH THE ARCHBISHOP**



ARCHDIOCESAN CORONAVIRUS UPDATES

Go to <https://archedinburgh.org/update-coronavirus/> to keep up to date with what is happening in the area.

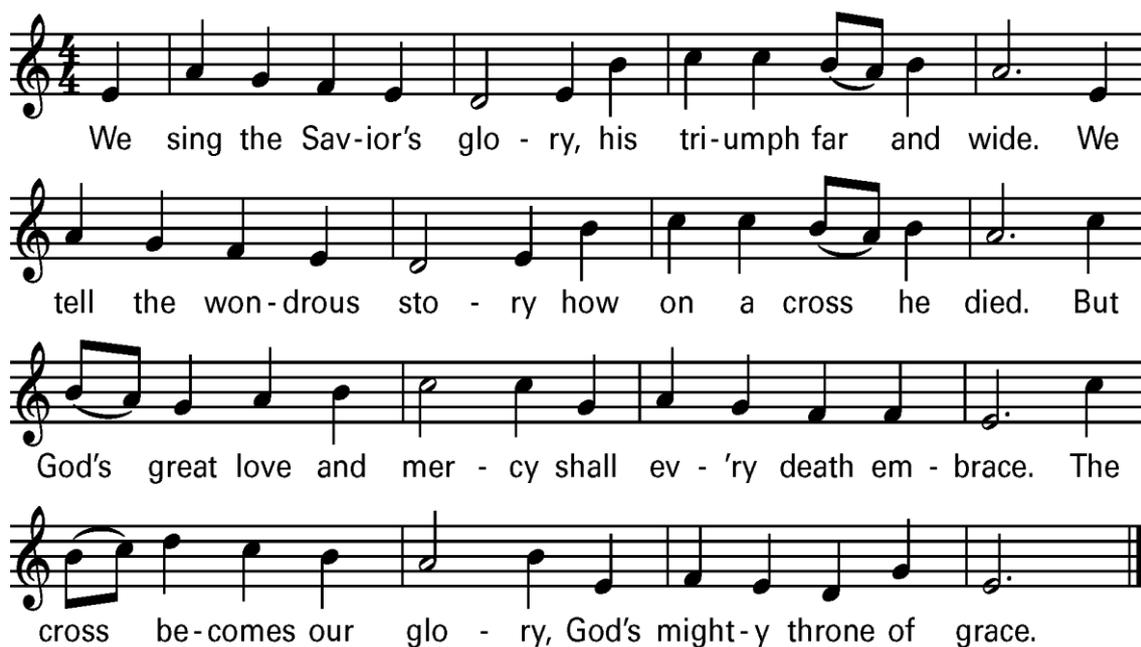
You can also sign up to the [e-newsletter](#) on the 'news and events' page.

All previous events such as the [Lenten Inspire Talks](#) are available on the YouTube channel which can be found at the top of the Archdiocesan webpage – just look for the  button.

REFLECTING ON HOLY WEEK IN HYMNS

WE SING THE SAVIOR'S GLORY

PASSION CHORALE



We sing the Sav-ior's glo - ry, his tri-umph far and wide. We
tell the won-drous sto - ry how on a cross he died. But
God's great love and mer - cy shall ev - 'ry death em - brace. The
cross be-comes our glo - ry, God's might-y throne of grace.

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REFLECTION

Ride on, ride on, the time is right: the roadside crowds scream with delight; palm branches mark the pilgrim way where beggars squat and children play.

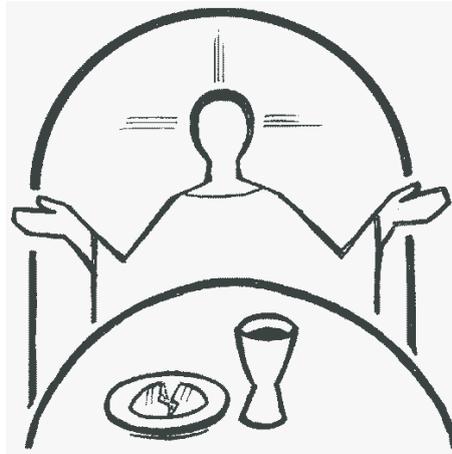
Ride on, ride on, your critics wait, intrigue and rumour circulate; new lies abound in word and jest, and truth becomes a suspect guest.

Ride on, ride on, while well aware that those who shout and wave and stare are mortals who, with common breath, can crave for life and lust for death.

Ride on, ride on, though blind with tears, though dumb to speak and deaf to jeers. Your path is clear, though few can tell their garments pave the road to hell.

Ride on, ride on, God's love demands; justice and peace lie in your hands. Evil and angel voices rhyme:
this is the man and this is the time.

John Bell and Graham Maule WGRG



FAITH, HOPE AND LOVE

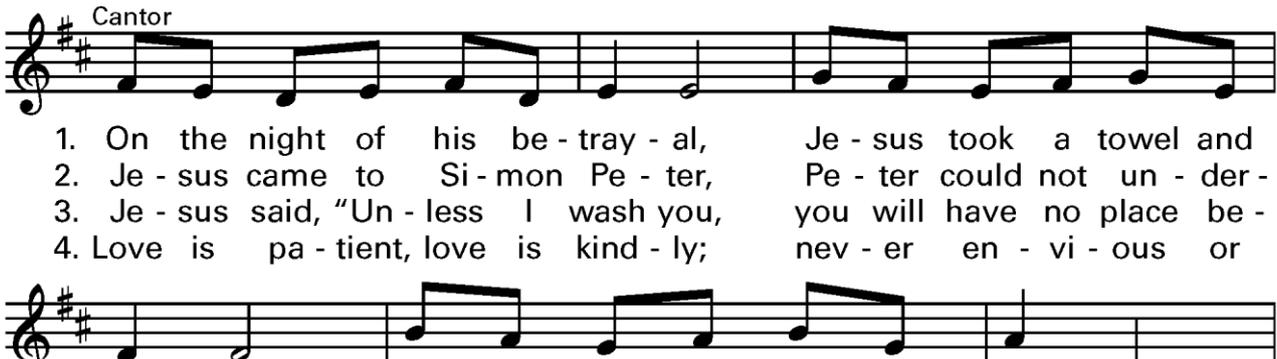
Stephen Dean

Refrain



Faith, hope and love, these three shall re - main,
but the great - est of all is love.

Verses
Cantor



1. On the night of his be - tray - al, Je - sus took a towel and
2. Je - sus came to Si - mon Pe - ter, Pe - ter could not un - der -
3. Je - sus said, "Un - less I wash you, you will have no place be -
4. Love is pa - tient, love is kind - ly; nev - er en - vi - ous or



1. wa - ter, washed the feet of his dis - ci - ples,
2. stand him; said that Je - sus was his mas - ter,
3. side me; now you do not see the rea - son,
4. boast - ing; love lays down its life for oth - ers;

- to Refrain
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1. faith-ful and be - tray - er like-wise; this is how God loves.
2. "And a mas - ter should not do this, on - ly ser - vants kneel."
3. la - ter you will un - der-stand me, why I choose to kneel."
4. this is what the Mas - ter taught us when he washed our feet.

Text: Refrain: 1 Corinthians 13:13; *Mandatum* verses 1–3: John 13: 4–11; *Mandatum* verse 4: 1 Corinthians 13:4–6;
Ubi Caritas verses: based on text of *Ubi Caritas*, 9th cent. Text and music © 2000, 2007, Stephen Dean.
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WERE YOU THERE

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1. Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? Were you
2. Were you there when they nailed him to the tree? Were you
3. Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? Were you



1. there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? Oh!
2. there when they nailed him to the tree? Oh!
3. there when they laid him in the tomb? Oh!



- 1-3. Some - times it caus - es me to trem - ble, trem - ble, trem - ble.



1. Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?
2. Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
3. Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

Text: 10 10 14 10. Text and music: African American Spiritual

REFLECTION

While Mary was watching, they hung Jesus high.
His feet hung beyond her; his hands reached the sky.
His blood and his sweat soaked and matted his hair.
She wished she could touch him and show him her care.

She thought of the angel, before he began. She thought of the song of the faithful
old man. She thought of the day she delighted to find her boy in the temple, with
God in his mind.

She gazed at the Son, who the Father had sent;
and looking, and thinking, she saw what he meant.

Lord Jesus, our Saviour, with Mary we bow
to honour the death which gives life to us now.

Alison M Robertson

THE LAST WORD...

...from Father Isaac

CHRIST'S PASSION AND IT'S IMPLICATIONS FOR A CHRISTIAN IN TODAY'S WORLD.

I wish to quickly congratulate the Church in the UK, particularly in Scotland; for regaining her freedom of worship that was impeded by the covid19 restrictions, through the judiciary. "This is the Lord's doing, it is marvellous in our eyes" (psalm 118:23)

Today, the church begins the highest forms of Solemnity in her liturgy with the Passion Sunday which will culminate in the celebration of Easter Sunday. The evangelists do not report the passion and death of Jesus to play on our emotions. They show us Christ who gave up his life for love of all people.

Trying to live as a Christian in our world is very challenging. For we have many of the Pharisees and scribes, who are always jealous of one's gifts, achievements and successes in life, even the betrayal we receive from family and friends (the Judases in our midst) is heart aching. Besides, we have many Pontious Pilates at the helm of affairs who see the truth but refuse to administer justice because they want to please the crowd. We have the crowd of people who act as fans today but turn against you the next day. They shout hosannan today but crucify him tomorrow. If we receive praise from people we must be ready to receive condemnation when our foes use our fans against us. Man remains an enigma and living among human is one of the most difficult thing.

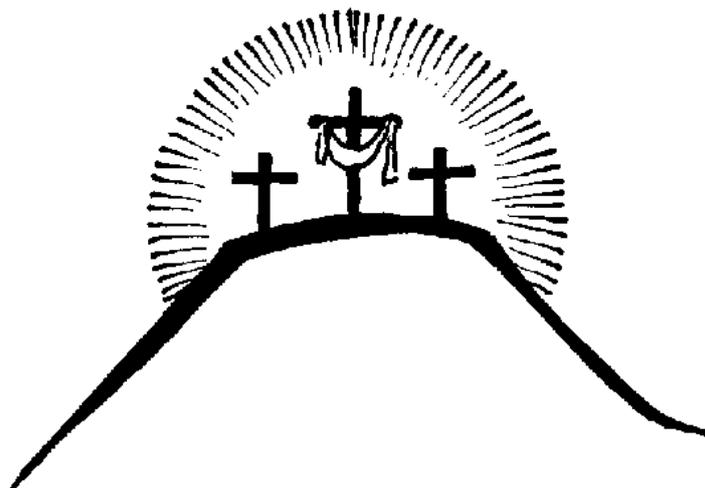
However, for love of God and humanity we need to strip ourselves of so many things; glory, position, wealth, right and privileges, etc. Just like Jesus did who though was in the form of God, did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself (left his glory above) and became like men and being humbler, he accepted death, even death on the cross. (Cf. Phil. 2:6-11) Struggling for social justice and human freedom sometimes involve lost of power, imprisonment, denial of position and privileges, and perhaps even physical death. But if our love of God and neighbour is deep and strong, we will be able freely to accept these sufferings as a way of sharing in Christ's redeeming love.

For Christ, our redemption was not wrought on a bed of roses."Not so easily was I remade as made. While he simply spoke in the making of me, in the remaking of me, he has to speak many words, work many wonders and suffered alot" (St. Bernardin)

One fact about life is that like Christ, all those who love God and neighbour must be ready to face conflicts, sufferings and even death. In the past, many have laid down their lives for the sake of love. We call them martyrs. There are thousands who are unjustly imprisoned at the moment for their Christian convictions. Victory comes through suffering. Passion was not the last word in the life of Christ, it reached its climax on Easter Sunday. No matter how low we fall or are humiliated, there is always the possibility of rising from it to the heights.

Lastly, in the words of Vima, "Palm Sunday should solidify our hope. Palms should be signs that we are willing to march with Jesus, not only in moments of triumph and glory, but also in times of fall and agony. For the passion and resurrection of Jesus prove that life will prevail over death, that when death has done even its worst, life will still be victorious".

Stay safe,
Remain Blessed,
Happy Sunday to you.



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