



TODAY'S READINGS

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

Myeongdong
Catholic Cathedral
Archdiocese
of Seoul
March 29th, 2026

1st Reading: IS 50:4-7

**Reader: A reading from the book of
the prophet Isaiah**

The Lord GOD has given me
a well-trained tongue,
that I might know how to speak to the weary
a word that will rouse them.

Morning after morning
he opens my ear that I may hear;
and I have not rebelled,
have not turned back.

I gave my back to those who beat me,
my cheeks to those who plucked my beard;
my face I did not shield
from buffets and spitting.

The Lord GOD is my help,
therefore I am not disgraced;
I have set my face like flint,
knowing that I shall not be put to shame.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm: PS 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24

**R: My God, my god,
why have you abandoned me?**

1. All who see me scoff at me;
they mock me with parted lips,
they wag their heads:
"He relied on the LORD; let him deliver him,
let him rescue him, if he loves him." **R.**

2. Indeed, many dogs surround me,
a pack of evildoers closes in upon me;
They have pierced my hands and my feet;
I can count all my bones. **R.**

3. They divide my garments among them,
and for my vesture they cast lots.
But you, O LORD, be not far from me;
O my help, hasten to aid me. **R.**

4. I will proclaim your name to my brethren;
in the midst of the assembly I will praise you:
"You who fear the LORD, praise him;
all you descendants of Jacob, give glory to him;
revere him, all you descendants of Israel!" **R.**

2nd Reading: PHIL 2:6-11

**Reader: A reading from the letter of
St. Paul to the Philippians**

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
something to be grasped.

Rather, he emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
coming in human likeness;
and found human in appearance,
he humbled himself,
becoming obedient to the point of death,
even death on a cross.

Because of this, God greatly exalted him
and bestowed on him the name
which is above every name,
that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
of those in heaven and on earth
and under the earth,
and every tongue confess that
Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation: PHIL 2:8-9

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ,
King of endless glory!**

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Gospel: MT 27:11-54

**Priest: A reading from the Holy Gospel
according to Matthew**

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus stood before the governor,
Pontius Pilate, who questioned him,
"Are you the king of the Jews?"

Jesus said, "You say so."

And when he was accused
by the chief priests and elders,
he made no answer.

Then Pilate said to him,
"Do you not hear how many things
they are testifying against you?"
But he did not answer him one word,
so that the governor was greatly amazed.

Now on the occasion of the feast
the governor was accustomed to release
to the crowd one prisoner whom they wished.
And at that time they had a notorious prisoner
called Barabbas.

So when they had assembled,
Pilate said to them,
"Which one do you want me to release to you,
Barabbas, or Jesus called Christ?"
For he knew that it was out of envy

that they had handed him over.

While he was still seated on the bench,
his wife sent him a message,

"Have nothing to do with that righteous man.

I suffered much in a dream today
because of him."

The chief priests and the elders
persuaded the crowds
to ask for Barabbas but to destroy Jesus.

The governor said to them in reply,
"Which of the two do you want me
to release to you?"

They answered,

"Barabbas!"

Pilate said to them,

"Then what shall I do with Jesus
called Christ?"

They all said,

"Let him be crucified!"

But he said,

"Why? What evil has he done?"

They only shouted the louder,

"Let him be crucified!"

When Pilate saw that he was not
succeeding at all,

but that a riot was breaking out instead,

he took water and washed his hands
in the sight of the crowd,

saying, "I am innocent of this man's blood.
Look to it yourselves."

And the whole people said in reply,

**"His blood be upon us and upon
our children."**

Then he released Barabbas to them,
but after he had Jesus scourged,
he handed him over to be crucified.

Then the soldiers of the governor
took Jesus inside the praetorium
and gathered the whole cohort around him.
They stripped off his clothes

and threw a scarlet military cloak about him.
Weaving a crown out of thorns,
they placed it on his head,
and a reed in his right hand.
And kneeling before him,
they mocked him, saying,
"Hail, King of the Jews!"
They spat upon him and took the reed
and kept striking him on the head.
And when they had mocked him,
they stripped him of the cloak,
dressed him in his own clothes,
and led him off to crucify him.

As they were going out,
they met a Cyrenian named Simon;
this man they pressed into service
to carry his cross.

And when they came to a place
called Golgotha
— which means Place of the Skull —,
they gave Jesus wine to drink
mixed with gall.
But when he had tasted it, he refused to drink.
After they had crucified him,
they divided his garments by casting lots;
then they sat down
and kept watch over him there.
And they placed over his head
the written charge against him:
This is Jesus, the King of the Jews.
Two revolutionaries were crucified with him,
one on his right and the other on his left.
Those passing by reviled him,
shaking their heads and saying,
"You who would destroy the temple
and rebuild it in three days,
save yourself, if you are the Son of God,
and come down from the cross!"
Likewise the chief priests

with the scribes and elders
mocked him and said,
"He saved others; he cannot save himself.
So he is the king of Israel!
Let him come down from the cross now,
and we will believe in him.
He trusted in God;
let him deliver him now if he wants him.
For he said, 'I am the Son of God.'"
The revolutionaries who were crucified with him
also kept abusing him in the same way.

From noon onward,
darkness came over the whole land
until three in the afternoon.
And about three o'clock
Jesus cried out in a loud voice,
"Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?"
which means,
"My God, my God,
why have you forsaken me?"
Some of the bystanders who heard it said,
"This one is calling for Elijah."
Immediately one of them ran to get a sponge;
he soaked it in wine,
and putting it on a reed,
gave it to him to drink.
But the rest said,
'Wait, let us see if Elijah comes to save him.'
But Jesus cried out again in a loud voice,
and gave up his spirit.

[Here all kneel and pause for a short time.]

And behold, the veil of the sanctuary
was torn in two from top to bottom.
The earth quaked, rocks were split,
tombs were opened,
and the bodies of many saints
who had fallen asleep were raised.
And coming forth from their tombs

after his resurrection,
they entered the holy city
and appeared to many.
The centurion and the men with him
who were keeping watch over Jesus
feared greatly when they saw the earthquake
and all that was happening,
and they said,
"Truly, this was the Son of God!"

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.
All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Blessing of Palm Branches

Please bring in the palm branches located in front of the main door, there will be blessing during the mass. If you need blessed ones after the mass, please visit the office.

Second Collections for the Needy

There will be additional collections for the people in need today. Let us reflect the sacrifice of Jesus made for all people and his merciful love.

Lenten Confessions (Feb 18 - Apr 1)

All confessions during this period will be considered Lenten confessions.

Confession for Internationals

is available in English, Spanish, Italian.

Day	Time	Place
Saturday	16:00 - 17:00	Spirituality Center, 1 st floor
Sunday	08:30 - 08:55	Front left side of the Church

Those who need the sacrament of confession or other sacraments can contact Father Isaac directly via email: isaacseoul@gmail.com

Please note that there will be no confession available from April 2nd to 6th

Today's Hymns

Entrance	347	THE GLORY OF THESE FORTY DAYS
Offertory	773	THE GOD OF ALL GRACE
Communion	774	THE SUPPER OF THE LORD
	799	BREAD OF LIFE
Recessional	591	LET ALL MORTAL FLESH KEEP SILENCE

"Truly, this was the Son of God!"

MT 27:54