



CONSOLATA SHRINE
PALM SUNDAY
13TH APRIL 2025



FIRST READING

Isaiah 50:4-7

I hid not my face from shame, and I know I shall not be put to shame.

The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of those who are taught, that I may know how to sustain with a word him that is weary.

Morning by morning he wakens, he wakens my ear to hear as those who are taught.

The lord God has open my ear, and I was not rebellious, I turned not backward. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I hid not my face from shame and spiting.

For the Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been confounded; therefore I have set my face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be out to shame.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24

R. My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

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, for in him he delights" R.

For dogs have surrounded me,
a band of the wicked besets me;
They tear holes in my hands and my feet;
I can count every one of my bones. R

They divide my clothing among them, they cast lots for my robe.
But you, O LORD, do not stay afar off;
my strength, make haste to help me. R.

I will tell of your name to my kin;
and praise you in the midst of the assembly :
"You who fear the LORD, give Him praise;
all descendants of Jacob, give Him glory ;
revere him, all you descendants of Israel!"

SECOND READING

Philippians 2:6-11

He humbled Himself, and God has highly exalted Him

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God,
did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied
himself,
taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men.

And being found in human form, He humbled Himself and became
obedient unto death, even death on a cross.

Therefore, God has highly exalted him and bestowed on Him the name
which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee
should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every
tongue confess that Jesus is Lord, to the glory of God the father.

The word of the Lord.

Verse before the Gospel

Philippians 2:8-9

Glory and praise to you, O Christ

Christ became obedient for us even to death,
even death on a cross.
Therefore, God has highly exalted him
and bestowed on him the name which is above every name

Glory and praise to you, O Christ.

Reflection: by Scott Hahn, ph.d

“What is written about Me is coming to fulfillment,” Jesus says in today’s Gospel (see Luke 22:37).

Indeed, we have reached the climax of the liturgical year, the highest peak of salvation history, when all that has been anticipated and promised is to be fulfilled.

By the close of today’s long Gospel, the work of our redemption will have been accomplished, the new covenant will be written in the blood of His broken body hanging on the Cross at the place called the Skull.

In His Passion, Jesus is “counted among the wicked,” as Isaiah had foretold (see Isaiah 53:12). He is revealed definitively as the Suffering Servant the prophet announced, the long-awaited Messiah whose words of obedience and faith ring out in today’s First Reading and Psalm.

The taunts and torments we hear in these two readings punctuate the Gospel as Jesus is beaten and mocked (see Luke 22:63–65; 23:10–11, 16), as His hands and feet are pierced (see Luke 23:33), as enemies gamble for His clothes (see Luke 23:34), and as three times they dare Him to prove His divinity by saving Himself from suffering (see Luke 23:35, 37, 39).

He remains faithful to God’s will to the end, does not turn back in His trial. He

gives Himself freely to His torturers, confident that, as He speaks in today's First Reading: "The Lord God is My help . . . I shall not be put to shame."

Destined to sin and death as children of Adam's disobedience, we have been set free for holiness and life by Christ's perfect obedience to the Father's will (see Romans 5:12–14, 17–19; Ephesians 2:2; 5:6).

This is why God greatly exalted Him. This is why we have salvation in His Name. Following His example of humble obedience in the trials and crosses of our lives, we know we will never be forsaken, that one day we too will be with Him in Paradise (see Luke 23:42).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Today is the Palm Sunday; this year's Lenten campaign contributions will be channeled to support the Church projects and activities in Campi Garba Mission in Isiolo Diocese. Kindly pick an envelope from the blue boxes and return with your offering.
2. Easter envelopes are available at the entrances of the Church. Please pick and return with your Easter dues in the blue boxes or at the parish office.
3. The missionary youth movement (MYM) will have their annual Archdiocese formation in preparation for commissioning from Monday 22nd to Friday 25th April. All young people from 14 to 17 years are invited. Registration details are in the blue tent.
4. The parish offices will be closed from Thursday 17th at 1 o'clock to resume on Wednesday 23rd April
5. The priests will be available for confession during the Holy week except on Holy Thursday.
6. The Holy Week Mass program is available on the tables near the blue boxes. Kindly pick a copy or visit the parish notice boards for more information.
7. The pastoral team wishes you a fruitful Holy week.

Wedding Bans

There is a promise of marriage between:

1. *Godwin Mwebaze Asimwe and Jacinta Akoth Okwako (2nd Announcement)*
2. *Simon Munyao Munguti and Annastacia Nduku Maweu (2nd Announcement)*

Kindly visit the parish notice board for more information. If anyone of you has an objection, notify the parish Priest
