

**MARCH 28, 2021**

**PALM SUNDAY**

**GOSPEL**

**As soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council. They bound Jesus, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate.**

**Pilate asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" He answered him, "You say so."**

**Then the chief priests accused him of many things.**

**Pilate asked him again, "Have you no answer? See how many charges they bring against you."**

**But Jesus made no further reply, so that Pilate was amazed.**

**Now at the festival he used to release a prisoner for them, anyone for whom they asked.**

**Now a man called Barabbas was in prison with the rebels who had committed murder during the insurrection.**

**So the crowd came and began to ask Pilate to do for them according to his custom.**

**Then he answered them, "Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?"**

**For he realized that it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed him over.**

**But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release Barabbas for them instead.**

**Pilate spoke to them again, "Then what do you wish me to do with the man you call the King of the Jews?"**

**They shouted back, "Crucify him!"**

**Pilate asked them, "Why, what evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more, "Crucify him!"**

**So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.**

**Then the soldiers led him into the courtyard of the palace (that is, the governor's headquarters); and they called together the whole cohort.**

**And they clothed him in a purple cloak; and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on him.**

**And they began saluting him, "Hail, King of the Jews!"**

**They struck his head with a reed, spat upon him, and knelt down in homage to him.**

**After mocking him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to crucify him.**

### **The Gospel of Christ**

**Mark 15: 1-20**