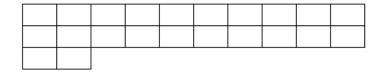
Psalm 31

Early Christians found in Psalm 31 the story of Jesus' Passion foreshadowed.

Actually Jesus quotes Psalm 31 when he dies – at least in the Gospel of Luke:

(Not included in the portion of the psalm we're using today...)

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Palm Sunday / Passion Sunday April 2, 2023

On this Sunday we remember the last days of Jesus' life, from his triumphant reception by the people of Jerusalem to his death on the cross when everybody has turned their backs on him.



Today's lessons:

Matthew 21:1-11 In the Processional Gospel we reenact how the

people celebrated Jesus when he came to Jerusalem. Playing the people of Jerusalem poses the question: will we also act like them when it

comes to the crucifixion?

Isaiah 50:4-9a The Servant of the Lord, sent to teach the people

about God, comes to grips with the fact that his mission seems to have little success and people abuse him instead. But he knows he's doing God's

work and it's all up to God.

Psalm 31:9-16 Left alone by neighbours and friends and his life

threatened, the person in this psalm wonders whether his life has any meaning. This resembles

closely Jesus' own fate.

Philippians 2:5-11 Paul uses an early Christian hymn. describing

Christ's way from Heaven to the cross and back again. Only because Christ did not insist on any

privileges God made him the ruler of all.

Matthew 26:14-27:66 Like all of the four gospels, Matthew culminates in

the account of the Passion of Jesus Christ; this is what the life of Jesus leads to and what it aimed at from the beginning, the fulfilment of his mission.



The Servant of the Lord

Our Old Testament Lesson today is the third of four 'songs' in the book of Isaiah describing the fate of someone called 'the servant of the Lord' from different perspectives: Isaiah 42:1-9 (God's plan) and Isaiah 49:1-7 (the Servant's perspective) were lessons in the Epiphany season, and Isaiah 52:13—53:12 (the view of the people) will be read on Good Friday.

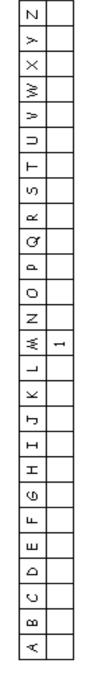
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The Most Faithful

Peter seemed pretty sure of himself, when Jesus announced that all the disciples would leave him.

But Jesus gives Peter a warning. Do you get it?



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