

Palm Sunday, Week of April 17

Entrance with Palms: Matthew 21: 1-11

Reading I: Isaiah 50: 4-7

Reading II: Philippians 2: 6-11

Gospel: Matthew 26:14 - 27:66 or 27:11-54

Dear Friends in Christ:

As we hear the Passion reading this weekend and enter the most solemn week of our church calendar; it seems to me Lent has flown by. It does not seem like March 9th was 5 weeks ago.

As we begin Holy Week it is a time to reflect on how we have spent our Lent and take time to contemplate the events of the coming week. How have we used the gift of this time of Lent to build our relationship with our God? How will we spend this coming week to continue building that relationship as we look to Easter Sunday?

Have you had a good Lent? As we listen to the readings of Palm Sunday it is a good time to reflect on the life and example to be found in Jesus' life. We hear in scripture no matter what was going on, Jesus always found a quiet place to pray.

It is hard to find the quiet time these days to really let God in.

Elaine and I just took some time away to a quiet place and had some very relaxing time. Our bodies, mind and spirit need that kind of time to rest and reflect now and then.

The coming week will be busy and intense preparing for the events of Holy Week and family gatherings on Easter. I encourage everyone to find a quiet place and spend some time with God and thank Him for the immeasurable gift of His love.

Deacon Jerry