

Prayer



Lord God,

I give you thanks, for you are good, and your mercy is endless. Here I stand, at the start of this holy week,

This week in which your church remembers Jesus' passion and death,

And I am distracted by many things.

Turn my eyes now to the One who comes in your name

The one who opens the gates of righteousness

The one who answers when we call.

I bless you, Lord, for shining your light upon me,

And for sending your son to us, in human frailty.

To walk the road we walk.

Open my eyes that I may see him coming,

And may praise him with a pure heart.

And may walk in the way of his suffering,

And share also in his resurrection.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever.

Amen.



VELIKI TEDEN - HOLY WEEK

Postni čas, ki ga začenjamo na pepelnično sredo in traja štirideset dni, sklenemo z večerno mašo velikega četrтка in tedaj nastopi sveto velikonočno tridnevje. Dnevom med četrtkom in soboto dodajamo pridevnik veliki, ker vsebujejo najgloblje sporočilo krščanstva.



CVETNA NEDELJA

Na cvetno nedeljo izstopajo trije simboli: **pot, zelenje in vzklik hozana**. Nomadsko ljudstvo Izrael je svojo zgodovino razumelo kot popotovanje, ki se je začelo s praočetom Abrahamom, ki se je po Božjem klicu odpravil na pot v obljubljeni deželo. Simbol poti nastopa tudi v Jezusovem življenju (prim. Mt 7,13 in sl.; 19,29; 22,16) in doseže vrhunec v izreku: »**Jaz sem pot, resnica in življenje**« (prim. Jn14,6a).

Jezusa so ob vhodu v Jeruzalem pozdravljali z zelenjem, ki je v naših krajih povezano s tradicijo izdelovanja butar oziroma s pripravo oljčnih vejic. Oljka je odporno sredozemsko zimzeleno drevo, ki je simbol miru in sprave (prim. 1 Mz 8,11), zelenje pa predstavlja rodovitnost in življenje. **Palmove veje**, ki jih v zapisu izrecno omenja le evangelist Janez, so **simbol zmagoslavja in kraljevanja**, zato so Jezusa pozdravljali kot kralja, ki prihaja v Jeruzalem. Ob vhodu v Jeruzalem so ljudje Jezusa, ki je jezdit na oslu, pozdravljali z vzkliki **hozana** s čimer so izražali vero v Kristusa kot v kralja in Odrešenika. Beseda hozana je sicer v vsakodnevni bogoslužni rabi pri maši, saj kristjani s to molitvijo pred povzdigovanjem izpovedujejo vero v Odrešenika v podobi posvečenega kruha in vina.

Evangeljsko poročilo o pasijonu in obredi cvetne nedelje uvedejo vernike v dogodke velikega tridnevja ter ponudijo panoramski pregled nad celotnim dogajanjem.

VELIKI ČETRTEK

Na veliki četrtek zvečer praznujemo postavitev dveh zakramentov: **evharistije in mašniškega posvečenja**. Jezus je pri zadnji večerji, ko je s svojimi učenci obhajal velikonočno (pashalno) večerjo, blagoslovil kruh in vino ter ju dal jesti in piti učencem. **Katoličani, verujemo, da je Jezus kruh spremenil v svoje telo in vino v svojo kri**. Omejeni prvini pomenita Jezusovo realno navzočnost med nami in ju častimo z vsem spoštovanjem. Veliki četrtek zato velja za ustanovitveni dan evharistije, ko je Jezus daroval prvo evharistično daritev ali mašo. Evharistija je zakrament Božje ljubezni do ljudi in zakrament edinosti Cerkve, z njo pa se uresničuje tudi edinost Božjega ljudstva. Pri evharistiji se spominjamo smrti in vstajenja Kristusa. Kristus je na veliki četrtek postavil **zapoved medsebojne ljubezni, kar je simbolično udejanjil z umivanjem nog učencem** (prim. Jn 13,1–20).



VELIKI PETEK

Ves današnji dan je bil že od vsega začetka za Cerkev **dan globoke žalosti**, hkrati pa tudi **dan velikega trpljenja**, ki ga je moral prestajati Kristus za odrešitev vsega človeštva.

V znamenje globokega žalovanja ta dan **ne obhajamo evharistične daritve**, saj veliki in večni duhovnik Jezus Kristus sam na oltarju križa daruje Bogu svoje življenje. To nam hočeponazoriti tudi prazen oltar: brez križa, brez sveč in brez prtov. Obred je sestavljen

iz treh delov: iz opravila **Božje besede, češčenja križa in obhajila**. Začetni obred besednega bogoslužja se bo začel v tišini, brez petja. Duhovniki bodo z ministranti pristopili k oltarju, kjer bo duhovnik legel na tla in nekaj časa tiho molil. To je dejanje najvišjega češčenja, ki ga človek lahko s svojim telesom izkaže Bogu, je pa tudi znak velike žalosti. Naš pogled naj bo v teh trenutkih tišine uprt na Kalvarijo, kjer Jezus umira za nas, za rešenje sveta. **Trenutki tišine naj ne bodo le čakanje na to kaj bo, ampak zbranost, da čimgloblje začnemo nocojšnje opravilo. Danes je strogi post.** Pomislimo, kako se je Jezus odpovedal vsega, prav je, da začutimo tudi mi fizično žejo in lakoto na ta dan...

Holy Week

We enter into a week made "holy" forever by the self surrendering love of Jesus - for us all.

EACH MONTH

322 CHRISTIANS ARE **KILLED** FOR THEIR FAITH



214 CHURCHES AND CHRISTIAN **PROPERTIES** ARE **DESTROYED**



772 FORMS OF **VIOLENCE** ARE COMMITTED AGAINST CHRISTIANS (SUCH AS BEATINGS, ABDUCTIONS, RAPES, ARRESTS AND FORCED MARRIAGES)



All week, we remember how he loved us. Whatever we do, no matter how busy or "distracted" we might be, we can let the power of this week be in the background of our daily reflections. He entered into our life - with its profound joys and its punishing evils - that we might never experience those struggles alone. So no matter what we experience this week, we can let it become a "holy" week, letting it all be touched by the graces of this week. From the humble, yet triumphant, entry into Jerusalem, to our standing together at the foot of his cross, this can be a week which helps us bring all of the elements of our lives, all our experiences of sin and death, into the font of his redeeming, liberating death resurrection.

- **Holy Thursday** – The Mass of the Lord's Supper, it is the celebration of the first Eucharist in the upper room. This is when we have the annual washing of feet. Usually there is no other Mass celebrated on this day. Extra hosts are consecrated and then all of the Blessed Sacrament are taken from the Church and the tabernacle is left open to signify our longing for Christ. We have adoration after this mass as our last act of worship before the sorrow of Good Friday.



- **Good Friday** – Celebration of the Lord's Passion. There is no Mass this day. Usually there are Stations of The Cross and a Communion service. This is when we have veneration of the Cross and the entire Passion of Christ is read.
- **Holy Saturday (during the day)**– the Church is, as it were, at the Lord's tomb, meditating on his passion and death, and on his descent into hell, and awaiting his resurrection with prayer and fasting. It is highly recommended that on this day the Office of Readings and Morning Prayer be celebrated with the participation of the people.

BOŽJA BESEDA

Jn 4, 5-42

Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Saint John

Jesus Jesus came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of land that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there. Jesus, tired from his journey, sat down there at the well. It was about noon.

A woman of Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink."

His disciples had gone into the town to buy food.

The Samaritan woman said to him, "How can you, a Jew, ask me, a Samaritan woman, for a drink?" (For Jews use nothing in common with Samaritans.)

Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him and he would have given you living water."

(The woman) said to him, "Sir, you do not even have a bucket and the cistern is deep; where then can you get this living water?"

Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us this cistern and drank from it himself with his children and his flocks?"

Jesus answered and said to her, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again; but whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst; the water I shall give will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life."

The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may not be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."

Pripravil Fr. Leopold Charles Valant, CM, prispevek
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Na veliki četrtek se v Cerkvi zahvaljujemo tudi za zakrament mašniškega posvečenja, te prosimo v imenu tvojega Sina, našega

PAPEŠKA NEDELJA



Papeška nedelja je vezana na dan izvolitve aktualnega papeža. Pri sedanjem papežu Frančišku pa je to nedelja po 13. marcu.

Navedimo nekaj podatkov o sedanjem papežu Frančišku.

Njegovo krstno ime je Jorge (Jurij) Mario. Rojen je bil 17. decembra 1936 v Buenos Airesu v Argentini.

11. marca 1958 je stopil v noviciat Družbe Jezusove, 13. decembra 1969 pa je prejel duhovniško posvečenje. Od 1973 do 1979 je bil provincial argentinskih jezuitov. 27. junija 1992 je v Buenos Airesu prejel škofovsko posvečenje. Sprva je bil pomožni škof, nato pa od leta 1998 škof ordinarij. 21. februarja 2001 je bil imenovan za kardinala, od 2005 do 2011 je bil predsednik argentinske škofovske konference.

13. marca 2013 je bil izvoljen za rimskega škofa in 266. papeža. Kot prvi papež v zgodovini si je izbral ime Frančišek. Sv. Frančišek Asiški (1182–1226), po katerem si je nadel ime, je velik svetnik, rojen v italijanskem mestu Assisi. Znan je po svoji preprostosti in ponižnosti, ter doslednem življenju po evangeliju. Postal je navdih številnim ljudem, ki so se odločili, da bodo hodili za Kristusom. Med drugim je zaradi svojega načina življenja in mišljenja postal navdih tudi kardinalu Bergogliu ob izvolitvi za papeža.

Odrešenika, Jezusa Kristusa. Amen.

DISCERNEMENT

How many times has it happened to us? A day at work so difficult we're totally enervated; a conversation so uncomfortable we simply can't wait for it to be over; a highly charged confrontation that robs us of every ounce of physical and psychic energy. All we long for at such times is a place quiet, a place apart, a place where we can be alone and restored. And sometimes that's exactly the time, when our energy has left us, that there's a knock on the door, and unexpected visitor or someone needing out total attention.

Jesus was tired, and he sat down by himself. I suspect he was looking forward to a chance to recharge and be renewed. And yet, something about the Samaritan woman led him to draw her into conversation – and what a conversation it was!

May we, as Jesus did, clearly discern and balance our own needs and the needs of our neighbor. (Sr. C. Koellhoffer, I.H.M.)



Loving Father,

So many times I turn away from you and always you welcome me back. Your mercy and love gives me confidence
Thank you for the invitation to share, fast and pray so that you can form a new heart within me. Your powerful compassion for my weaknesses leads me to ask for mercy and await with great hope the Easter joy you share with us.

Why don't we sing alleluia during Lent?



Alleluia is a joyful word, and as we sing alleluia, we join in the heavenly worship of the choirs of angels. "Alleluia" reminds us that as we participate in Mass, we participate in God's kingdom established on earth.

ALLELUIA a Hebrew word that means "praise Yahweh"

During Lent we focus on the Kingdom coming, not on the Kingdom come. For this reason, we don't sing the Alleluia, but instead acknowledge our sins and repent so that we may one day worship God in heaven as the angels do.

Pope FRANCIS

on LENT 2017



- ✓ Fast from HURTING WORDS and say KIND WORDS.
- ✓ Fast from SADNESS and be filled with GRATITUDE.
- ✓ Fast from ANGER and be filled with PATIENCE.
- ✓ Fast from PESSIMISM and be filled with HOPE.
- ✓ Fast from WORRIES and TRUST IN GOD.
- ✓ Fast from COMPLAINTS and contemplate SIMPLICITY.
- ✓ Fast from PRESSURES and be PRAYERFUL.
- ✓ Fast from BITTERNESS and fill your heart with JOY.
- ✓ Fast from SELFISHNESS and be COMPASSIONATE to others.
- ✓ Fast from GRUDGES and be RECONCILED.
- ✓ Fast from WORDS and be SILENT so you can listen.