

# Reflection for Passion Sunday



Fr Michael says:

## Reflection for Passion / Palm Sunday – Year C

We enter the Sacred Time of Holy Week, where Jesus came to fulfil His Mission of love and service to us, His Brothers and Sisters, He is going to renew the Covenant with us, by giving us Himself totally and without restriction and accepting us as who we are and what he have done and will do now and into the future, to transform us into Himself: the glorious reading from the first verses of chapter two of Paul's Letter to the Church of God at Philippi – a text that we should pray and reflect constantly in this week which is starting.

The following Poem comes from the Aotearoa Psalms, created in New Zealand by Joy Cowley and is a reflection based on that Reading:

Jesus, dear Brother, how well you knew the seasons of your life!  
God planted in flesh, you grew and flowered for thirty years,  
For three years of seeding and that , final emptying of yourself.  
Jesus, I need your sense of timing, I am so keen to grow, that I want all seasons at once,  
To flower, bear fruit, die to self, before self is fully grown.  
I know that only the mature plant can come into fruiting and yet here I am,  
Reaching out for tomorrow, ignoring the small plant which needs nurturing,  
Which constantly calls out: "What about me?"  
Gift me, Jesus, with the wisdom of those thirty years of growing and waiting  
And show me the importance of loving myself, I need to know that the hungry ego  
Is not an enemy to be destroyed! It is a manifestation of my need for growth.  
I must draw life into myself and mature to the fullness God has planned for me.  
When my time is come, my ego will split wide open, like the ripened seedpod it should be –  
And empty itself for others.

We need to be other Christs in the dynamism of our daily lives, so that by dying to ourselves, we raise up others and ourselves "...so that at the Name of Jesus all knees should bend, in heaven and earth and among the dead, and all tongues proclaim that Christ Jesus is the Lord to the glory of God the Father" (Philippians 2 / 10 – 12)