

YEARS A, B, C  
PASSION SUNDAY

# JESUS' WAY OF LOVE

## VISUAL AIDS

- > Palm branches.
- > Set of Stations of the Cross (as detailed below) as either pictures or slides.

The Story of Jesus' Walk of Love given to us by Matthew, Mark and Luke.

**Glory to you, Lord.**

### 1. What is happening?

Pilate is asking

'What shall I do with Jesus?'

The people are shouting back, 'Crucify him!'

Pilate orders Jesus to be scourged and hands him over to be crucified.

*Pray for all who are bullied.*

### 2. What is happening?

The Roman soldiers are making a crown of thorns. They put it on Jesus. They dress him in a purple cloak. They kneel in front of him and make fun of him, saying

'Hail, King of the Jews!'

Now they dress Jesus in his own clothes. They lead him away to be crucified.

*Pray for those who have to accept hard things.*

### 5. What is happening?

They have reached a place called Golgotha. The soldiers set about crucifying Jesus. They have stripped off his clothes. They are nailing Jesus to the cross. They gamble to see who would have Jesus' clothes.

*Pray for those who are poor, who have nothing of their own.*

### 6. What is happening?

Jesus is nailed on the cross. The passers-by are making fun of him.

They say,

'If he really is the King, why can't he get down off the cross?'

The chief priests and the Pharisees join in,

'He saved others, now let him save himself!'

*Pray for the helpless and the handicapped.*



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### SHARING

The children should have taken part in the procession of palms, only coming to their own place for the Liturgy of the Word.

Begin by talking about the palms, the procession and what they mean.

Lead on to explaining that today is Passion Sunday, when we remember

how much Jesus loves us; we remember in particular the way in which he showed that love.

Today we are going to follow him on that walk of love.

*Say/sing together:*

**Praise to you, O Christ, our Saviour.**

**Jesus gave himself for us,**

**even accepting death.**

**Praise to you, O Christ our Saviour.**

#### 3. What is happening?

Jesus is carrying his cross to Calvary. He is very weak. The soldiers grab a man from the crowd. His name is Simon, and he has just come to Jerusalem from Cyrene. The soldiers make Simon help Jesus to carry the cross.

*Pray for all helpers; especially those who have no choice about helping.*

#### 4. What is happening?

The women are crying. They have been following Jesus. Jesus turns to them and says,

'Don't cry for me. Cry instead for yourselves and your children.

If they do this to me, what might they do to you?'

*Pray for all who are sad; for all we meet as we make our way through life.*

#### 7. What is happening?

Though it is still afternoon, the whole land is covered in darkness. Jesus calls out loudly the words of the psalm,

'My God, my God, why have you deserted me?'

With a loud cry, Jesus dies.

*Have the children kneel and pray silently.*

#### 8. What is happening?

It is evening now. Jesus' friends take Jesus' body from the cross, wrap it in a clean shroud, and carry it to a new tomb cut in the rock. They put Jesus in the tomb. They roll a large stone across the entrance of the tomb, and go away.

*Pray with thanks for Jesus, who has given himself to us completely; pray that we will love and give as Jesus has.*

