

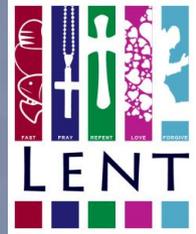


*[There are a few different Gospel Readings given for Palm Sunday. This one is read at the beginning of Mass.]*

## **Mark 11:1-10:**

**When they were approaching Jerusalem, in sight of Bethphage and Bethany, close by the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples and said to them, 'Go off to the village facing you, and as soon as you enter it you will find a tethered colt that no one has yet ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone says to you, "What are you doing?" say, "The Master needs it and will send it back here directly".' They went off and found a colt tethered near a door in the open street. As they untied it, some men standing there said, 'What are you doing, untying that colt?' They gave the answer Jesus had told them, and the men let them go. Then they took the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on its back, and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, others greenery which they had cut in the fields. And those who went in front and those who followed were all shouting, 'Hosanna! Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David! Hosanna in the highest heavens!'**

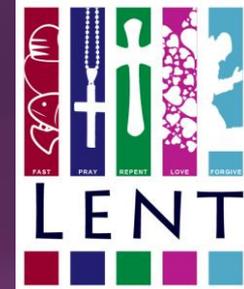
**This is the Gospel of the Lord**



# Prayer One

## The Sign of the Cross

Let us remember that everything we do is  
In the name of the Father, and of  
the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen



### ***Reflection***

***In Holy Week, we remember all of the things that happened between Palm Sunday, when Jesus came into Jerusalem, to Good Friday when Jesus died on the cross.***



**The things that happened in Holy Week are quite varied. It all starts with Jesus being cheered as he arrives in Jerusalem, and ends with his torture and death on the cross at the hands of the barbaric Roman army. One minute, Jesus is a hero who everybody loves and the next minute he is treated like a criminal and has nobody to help him.**

**Holy Week shows us two very important things about Jesus: firstly, that he was somebody very important and special and secondly, that it was his destiny to suffer a great deal for us.**

**All too often these days, our heroes are people who are rich and famous, or who have a certain talent that everybody admires. We almost never tend to make heroes out of people who are humble and who are willing to make huge sacrifices for others.**



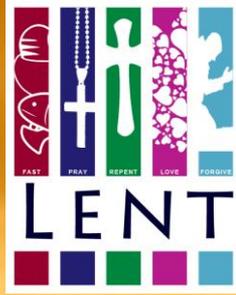
# Final Prayer

**God our Father,**

**In Holy Week you showed us your power and your love by suffering a great deal for us. In so doing, you showed us an amazingly powerful love, that we could never possibly earn or repay.**

**Help us never to forget that love. Help us to use Holy Week to be grateful**

**In the name of the Father and of the Son...**



# Prayer Two

## The Sign of the Cross

**Let us remember that everything we do is  
In the name of the Father, and of  
the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen**

### *Reflection*

*One of the most amazing characters of  
Holy Week is a man called Simon.*





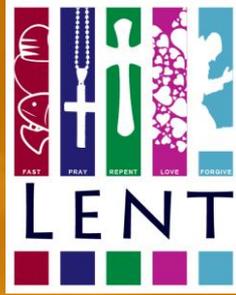
**Simon was a tourist in Jerusalem, who probably got caught up in all the crowds. All of a sudden the Roman soldiers grabbed him and told him to help Jesus carry his cross. Simon did as he was told, and in doing so, he became one of the most famous men who has ever lived.**

**Not a lot is known about Simon, but it is widely believed that he was in Jerusalem to celebrate the Passover. For Jews, the Passover was really important, and Jerusalem was the place to be when it was happening.**

**The Roman soldiers had a tight schedule to keep and so when Jesus started to get tired and slow down, they enlisted Simon to keep things moving. He was a fairly anonymous and unimportant person, but because of his small act of service, there is now an image of him in pretty much every Catholic Church and Chapel in the world.**

**Sometimes, small acts of kindness and service go a really long way!**





# **Final Prayer**

**God our Father,**

**In Holy Week, we see both small and great acts of kindness and we see the effects that they have. Help us to be people who never miss an opportunity to help others when they are in need.**

**In the name of the Father and of the Son...**





# Prayer Three

## The Sign of the Cross

Let us remember that everything we do is  
In the name of the Father, and of  
the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

***Reflection:***  
***One of the most striking images  
of Holy Week is the Way of the  
Cross - the journey Jesus made  
from his trial to his place of  
execution, being made to carry  
his own cross.***





To make Jesus carry his own cross, after he had already been tortured by the Roman soldiers, was a cruel thing to do. It made Jesus' suffering far worse, and made him look weak and humiliated in front of the crowds.

People often talk about *carrying crosses*. It's a phrase that has entered our language. You might have heard people talk about having *crosses to bear*, or something like that.

What Jesus went through that day reminds us that there are times in life when we have to put up with things we don't like. Sometimes, there are duties and burdens put on us that we have to struggle with because it's the right thing to do.





# Final Prayer

**God our Father,**

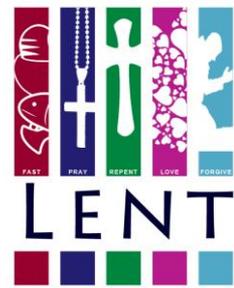
**As we remember your kindness and your strength, we pray for all those who have particular burdens to bear. Give them courage and comfort.**

**We also pray for ourselves. Give us the wisdom and the kindness to always remember that sometimes important things just aren't that easy.**

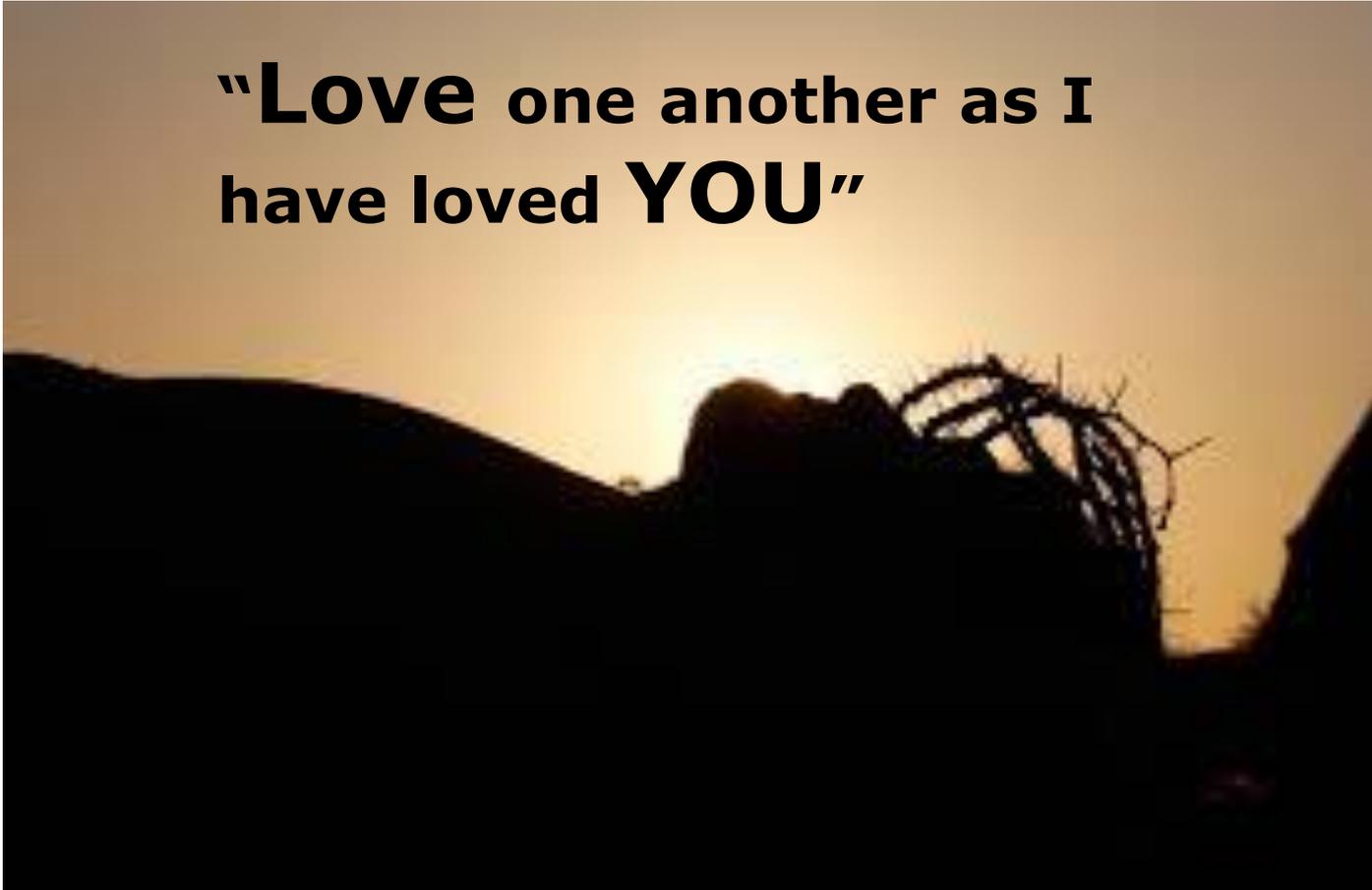
**In the name of the Father and of the Son...**



# Final Thought...



**“Love one another as I  
have loved YOU”**



*After the Break: Peace*