

# Integral Faith

"Homily helps and liturgy resources highlighting care for our common home."



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## Homily Resources and Petitions for the Passion Sunday Cycle C (April 14, 2019)

### Homily Helps

#### † Scripture passages to note:

**[During the Procession] Luke 19:** So they brought the colt to Jesus, threw their cloaks over it, and helped Jesus to mount....

"I tell you, if they keep silent, the stones will cry out!"

**Isaiah 50:** The Lord God has given me a well-trained tongue, that I might know how to speak to the weary a word that will rouse them....

The Lord is my help, therefore I am not disgraced.

**Psalms 22:** My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

I will proclaim your name to my brethren; in the midst of the assembly I will praise you.

**Philippians 2:** He was known to be of human estate, and it was thus that he humbled himself, obediently accepting even death, death on a cross!

**Gospel of Luke 22:** "We found this man misleading our people; he opposes the payment of taxes to Caesar and maintains that he is the Christ, a king."...

Father, forgive them; they do not know what they are doing.

#### † Passages from *Laudato Si'* to note:

It has become countercultural to choose a lifestyle whose goals are even partly independent of technology, of its costs and its power to globalize and make us all the same (#108).

There needs to be a distinctive way of looking at things, a way of thinking, policies, an educational program, a lifestyle and a spirituality which together generate resistance to the assault of the technocratic paradigm (#111).

In the present condition of global society, where injustices abound and growing numbers of people are deprived of basic human rights and considered expendable, the principle of the common good immediately becomes, logically and inevitably, a summons to solidarity and a preferential option for the poorest of our brothers and sisters (#158).

When we ask ourselves what kind of world we want to leave behind, we think in the first place of its general direction, its meaning and its values. Unless we struggle with these deeper issues, I do not believe that our concern for ecology will produce significant results. But if these issues are courageously faced, we are led inexorably to ask other pointed questions: What is the purpose of our life in this world? Why are we here? What is the goal of our work and all our efforts? What need does the earth have of us? (#160).

Doomsday predictions can no longer be met with irony or disdain (#161).

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### † **Comment for the day:**

This solemn Sunday begins the week in which we walk with Jesus through suffering and death.

When Jesus enters Jerusalem as a king, a king riding on a donkey, he signals his solidarity with the poor and powerless, and he manifests his willingness to die for the good of all humanity. Isaiah's suffering servant has been attentive to the voice of God. He has not held back, even in face of hostility and opposition. Though he suffers for witnessing to the truth, he continues to hold out hope of God's mercy and love.

Jesus has spoken God's truth to power, and he accepts his suffering out of fidelity to the Father and the mission he received.

Pope Francis has the courage to call out "a relativism which sees everything as irrelevant unless it serves one's own immediate interests" (#122). His critiques of the technocratic paradigm, oppression of the poor through excessive consumerism, and the greed for power have engendered criticism and calls for him to restrict his remarks to faith and morals (as if these issues are not ones of faith and morals). Nonetheless, Pope Francis continues to advocate for an integral ecology that can guide us as we deepen our understanding of the relationship between faith in God and care for our common home.

### † **Related Prayers of the Faithful:**

**Option 1:** That as we proclaim the passion and death of Jesus, we too might commit ourselves to the same values that ultimately led to his suffering and crucifixion, let us pray to the Lord, ...

**Option 2:** The humility of the Word led Jesus to pitch his tent in our midst; that like Jesus we might humbly serve others, especially the impoverished and vulnerable, let us pray to the Lord, ...

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