

2 April 2023 PASSION SUNDAY [PALM SUNDAY]

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 21(22):8-9,17-20,23-24

MY GOD, MY GOD, WHY HAVE YOU FORSAKEN ME?

All who see me deride me.
They curl their lips, they toss their heads.
'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him;
let him release him if this is his friend.'

*Reflect on the way people scoffed and scorned Christ in his Passion and Crucifixion
How do we and the world today deride innocent and good people for what they do, who they are?*

Many dogs have surrounded me,
a band of the wicked beset me.
They tear holes in my hands and my feet
I can count every one of my bones.

*Reflect on the pain Christ suffered in his Crucifixion
How are we and the world today responsible for physical suffering in any way, even by climate change?*

They divide my clothing among them.
They cast lots for my robe.
O Lord, do not leave me alone,
my strength, make haste to help me!

*Reflect on the loneliness and humiliation Christ suffered in his Crucifixion.
How do we respond to people who are humiliated, and abandoned to loneliness today?*

I will tell of your name to my brethren
and praise you where they are assembled.
'You who fear the Lord give him praise;
all sons of Jacob, give him glory.
Revere him, Israel's sons.

*How do we help people who are feeling down and sad know the strength God can give them?
How will we reflect God's glory to others as we journey through Holy Week?*