

**BIDDING PRAYERS:
PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD**

- Priest:** As we enter Holy Week, we remember the pain and the passion of Jesus; and we bring now before our heavenly Father our own pains and those of our world.
- Reader:** For our priests; that, as they renew their commitment to the office of priesthood at the Chrism Mass this week, they will be strengthened by God's grace and supported and encouraged by those they seek to serve.
Lord in your mercy Hear our prayer
- Reader:** For the world; that civil authorities may listen to the voices that cry out for food, for dignity and for the sanctity of life.
Lord in your mercy Hear our prayer
- Reader:** For peace in our world; may the ceremonies of this Holy Week inspire all people to stand up against war, especially in the Holy Land and the Middle East
Lord in your mercy Hear our prayer
- Reader:** For those who face insult and persecution because of race, religious belief or political opinion; may they join their struggles to those of Our Lord Jesus and discover strength and life through faith in Him.
Lord in your mercy Hear our prayer
- Reader:** For our Parish as we enter Holy Week and the Triduum; may we experience a unity and strength on our personal journeys through suffering and death to the fullness of life.
Lord in your mercy Hear our prayer
- Reader:** Let us remember the intentions for which our Masses are offered this weekend. Aalso, all the faithful departed, especially Patricia Long, Marie Baron, Sheila Allsop, Mary Lawson, Magdalena Denby, Valerie Jeffrey, and Ann Barnes who have died recently; may they be raised up on the last day.
Lord in your mercy Hear our prayer
- Reader:** Let us pray for our own private intentions; (pause). Mary witnessed all the events of Holy Week and we ask her to join with us in our prayers: **Hail Mary ...**
- Priest:** Heavenly Father, hear our prayers with love and compassion, for they are made in the name of the one whose life, death and resurrection brings salvation and hope to the whole world, Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord. **Amen.**