

PALM SUNDAY

We've just heard the most compelling story ever told: the story of the passion, suffering and death of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, the Saviour of the World who by laying down his life for us on the Cross has won for us salvation from sin, suffering and death. Today, we begin Holy Week. We enter with Jesus into Jerusalem. We follow Him over these days by which he achieved our salvation: his anointing at Bethany tomorrow, the gathering storm on Tuesday, his betrayal on Wednesday, on Thursday the Last Supper, his suffering and death on Friday, his descent onto hell on Saturday, and then early on Sunday morning, his glorious resurrection from the dead. Over the next few days, I'd like to encourage everyone everyday to spend some time in prayer reflecting on these events, to study the scripture readings from Mass, and here in the Cathedral to take part in the Sacred Liturgies. And if you've not yet had the chance, try to get to Confession as a help to your conversion, as a resolution to grow in holiness and as a prayer to become more like Him.

So in this Mass today, as the Lord enters Jerusalem to begin the work of our redemption, let us beseech Him to renew and deepen our faith.