## "PALM SUNDAY, THE BEGINNING OF THE HOLY WEEK"

Today is the procession of the palms, with palms whose remnants burns and is then used as the ashes at the beginning of lent.

Today we contemplate the entry of Jesus to Jerusalem where he will be judged and sentenced to death on the cross, the worst death that could be expected for a person. We see how it is praised by the same as then they will ask for his death. Incredible! What changed is the human being!

The first reading is taken from the book of Isaiah, with this prophecy, which has several centuries before it happened: "the Lord God has opened me the ear; and I I've not revolted nor I have pushed back. I offered the back to which poured me, the cheek to those who kissed my beard. I did not hid my face to insults and spits. My Lord helped me, becuse of it I was not getting frightened; so I did harden my face like a Flint, and I know that I would not be disappointed." (Is 50, 4-7)

The salms are the prayer of the people of Israel. They are the expression of the human experience turned towards God. They are the expression of the life of a village dragged by God. Todays salm is recited by Jesus on the cross, when already reached his time: "my God, my God, why have you forsaken me? In it we see everything that happened to Jesus was during his passion and death, since long before it happened. It is the interesting thing about the old testament. We see in advance what was going to suffer the Messiah, The one that had to come into the world, and which gave compliance to the promise during his passion, death and resurrection.

In the second reading, St. Paul reminds us that "Christ, despite his divine status, did not boast of their category of God; on the contrary, he avoided his rank, and took the condition of slave, passing through one of many. And so, acting as any man, is it downgraded to submit even to death, and a death on a cross. For this reason, God lifted him above all, and granted him the name above every name; "so that at the name of Jesus every knee bending in the sky and the Earth, and every tongue proclaim: Jesus Christ is Lord!, for the glory of God father." (Phil 2, 6-11)

In today's Gospel, is read the passion of the Christ, complete.

It is time that move us in this great mystery. All have abandoned Jesus. We had left him alone. More than two thousand years of Christianity and even today, there are

people who don't know anything. There are still people who live as if Jesus had not come to the world. We have not been able to convey this reality even to our children. We are all responsible for that the world does not know the true God merciful Father. It seems that we are still living in the old testament. We have not known the true Jesús from Nazareth, because our life in the world of today, does not reflect it. We have not known to be true witnesses of Christ, which is what it means to be Christian.

They were only 12 Apostles, carrying the message, against time and tide. But yes, with faith and love in what they were doing. And spread the Kingdom of God on Earth, and us with more power and resources, but perhaps not much faith, have not been able to increase the harvest. Where are the Christians? Lord, In this Easter, we hope that we can even in the midst of the rest, live this Paschal mystery, along with our families. That we understand what you've done for us. In a world of so many abuses and injustices, we are able to show solidarity, and have the strength to fight to lead your Kingdom to all people of good will, and change this culture of death by a culture of life. Amen.