

Hello,

The last two weeks of Lent are traditionally known as “Passiontide,” and the Fifth Sunday of Lent is traditionally known as Passion Sunday. This naturally creates confusion, because we read the Passion Narrative at Mass on the Sixth Sunday of Lent, which is Palm Sunday. The official name of “Palm Sunday” is “Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord,” and we sometimes refer to it as Passion Sunday, even though that’s never been an official name for Palm Sunday.

If all of that sounds confusing, it’s because it is. Fortunately, we don’t need to know it; we just need to celebrate Holy Week well :)

Love,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Fr. Hans".

Fr. Hans

March 21st — The Fifth Sunday of Lent

John 12:20–33

Some Greeks who had come to worship at the Passover Feast came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, “Sir, we would like to see Jesus.” Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus.

Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit. Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will preserve it for eternal

life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there also will my servant be. The Father will honor whoever serves me.

“I am troubled now. Yet what should I say? ‘Father, save me from this hour’? But it was for this purpose that I came to this hour. Father, glorify your name.”

Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it and will glorify it again.” The crowd there heard it and said it was thunder; but others said, “An angel has spoken to him.”

Jesus answered and said, “This voice did not come for my sake but for yours. Now is the time of judgment on this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And when I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself.” He said this indicating the kind of death he would die.

Questions for Reflection:

- Do I want to see Jesus?
- What is Jesus’ definition of “glorified”?
- Am I willing to follow Jesus to the Cross?
- Do I ever say “Father, save me from this hour”?
- Am I able to say with Jesus “Father, glorify your name”?