

Passion of the Lord - 2025

Journey of Hope

Song: Lord of All Hopefulness by Jan Struther

Scripture: Luke 19, 40

I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.

Reflection:

The Pharisees were jealous and were asking Jesus to order the disciples to stop while people were praising, celebrating, and overjoyed to welcome Jesus as they spread their cloaks on the road, singing, "*Hosanna in the highest!*" You can feel the joy in the

air. But Jesus said that if they were silent, the stones would shout out. What kind of miraculous expression would it be for the rocks and stones to sing?

Besides that, their hope was Jesus would do something for them—for a better life—because He understands the sufferings, the troubles, and the challenges. It was a great hope for those who believed and trusted in God, especially the lonely, the poor, the forgotten, and those with simple and humble hearts.

Sometimes, in the midst of hard times, a smile to a stranger can lift up their soul, or a hug for someone who is lonely and sad—even just sitting quietly beside them—can release his/her pain.

We are now entering Holy Week. I invite you to reflect on the past few weeks of Lent: What are your hopes and what are you willing to die for? Who in your life needs hope right now? What brings you joy, and what will you celebrate on the day that is to come? *(Pause)*

Gift of God

The Lord takes us
blesses, breaks
and gives us.

Lord, help us to be generous as
Your bread broken
Your wine poured out
Your grain ground fine
Your grapes trodden dry.

Tears, joy,
leavening, baking,

straining, fermenting ...
so much tender care

To make us
light and nourishing
clear and stimulating
satisfying and delicious.

Lord, help us to be generous.

(Sr. Winifred Brown Rndm)

Song: Per crucem

Lyrics: Per crucem et passionem tuam Libera nos domine, domine

Translation: By Your Cross and Passion Deliver us, Lord, Lord



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