

MARCH 29 2026 FATHER TOMASZ SKIBINSKI

Dear friends, with this Sunday, Palm Sunday, which we have been waiting for throughout the time of Lent, we begin the most holy of weeks which will be crowned by the Paschal Triduum, and that will be really the moment, you know, that is the heart, the centre of our entire Christian life.

And today, we come together, we, on one hand, you know, rejoicing because Christ enters the holy city of Jerusalem, but right away, we hear the Passion of Christ and, you know, everything that Christ has to go through, and there is such a striking contrast because it's through that Christ enters Jerusalem as a king, but not as a warrior on a war horse to win political power, anything like this.

But He comes humble. He comes as the one who takes upon Himself everything that we deserved. And that is the paradox that, you know, the one who was supposed to be sentenced and receive their punishment was released, and Christ, who was innocent, took upon Himself our sins. The sins of all humanity, but also my sin, your sin.

And this is not so much that, you know, a moment to be sentimental or anything like this, but rather, to be grateful. That God Himself wanted to make Himself one of us, that He came for this, exactly for this, that He came to give His life to show us what true love is all about. It is not so much about sentiments. It is not something romantic, but something that profoundly touches us, touches our very being, touches our body.

And this is often scandalous for us. You know, how come that God has done that? That He allowed Himself to be rejected, spat upon, tortured, and eventually crucified. But we know that all this was necessary. It was necessary, as Christ would say later on to the disciples. He says, "Was it

not necessary?” And we know this is exactly necessary for us today so that we may truly be touched by love, so that we may be truly saved.

Saved from many of our ideas, saved from many of our plans, knowing that the will of God is truly what gives life, as it has happened in the life of Christ and is meant to happen also for all of us. So with faith, we enter into this holy week, awaiting the resurrection.