

Supplication of Holy Week

(At the conclusion of the SENDING FORTH of Palm/Passion Sunday Mass, and presider begins to move toward the veneration of the altar with a view toward recessing very slowly, the keyboard begins, with all responding as noted:)

Instrumental, strophe 1

Presider, chant strophe 1 (Latin)

Congregation, chant strophe 1 (Latin)

Instrumental, strophe 2

Presider, chant strophe 2 (English)

Congregation, chant strophe 2 (English)



Almighty God, Father of us all:

may we be found worthy to follow after your Son.

During this solemn week which we call "Holy",

enliven our devotion and bolster our faith:

that we might seek to be united intimately with Christ's holy passion.

Instrumental, strophe 1

Presider, chant strophe 1 (Latin)

Congregation, chant strophe 1 (Latin)

Merciful Father, we witness our foolish apathy,
our failure to offer you our sincere love.

Rouse us from evil and lazy sleep;

that we may go out to receive our King who comes.

Let us behold our Master of Humility,

who does great and terrible deeds for us.

Instrumental, strophe 2

Presider, chant strophe 2 (English)

Congregation, chant strophe 2 (English)

Father, on that holy night, when the Lord undertakes a slave's task of foot-washing,
He again humbles Himself so that we might be exalted.

Lord God, you do not wish to trample on us;

rather you kneel down before us to give us your simple blessing:

we witness your greatness in the fact that you make yourself small.

Instrumental, strophe 1

Presider, chant strophe 1 (Latin)

Congregation, chant strophe 1 (Latin)

Most holy Father: on those frightful days, when death hides your Son in the grave,
we, too, enter into the abyss of our abandonment.
Where no voice can reach us, no arms can comfort us, no lips can caress us...there He is.
...and we wait...and long...with Him.

Instrumental, strophe 2

Presider, chant strophe 2 (English)

Congregation, chant strophe 2 (English)

Oh Father most divine, most loving:
in that dark night, you raise your Son in glorious splendor with the Light of New Days.
Yes, Christ Jesus shatters death and greets New Life.

As we draw near to Our Lord this week,
allow us to share in His suffering and death.

We beg You:

let us draw near to Him;

and let us—afresh—share in His victory;

let us rejoice, with full voice, in the Lord of all.

Instrumental, strophe 1

Presider, chant strophe 1 (Latin)

Congregation, chant strophe 1 (Latin)

Instrumental, strophe 2

Presider, chant strophe 2 (English)

Congregation, chant strophe 2 (English)

