

SERMON NOTES

Palm Sunday, Year A * March 29, 2026

Sermon by the Reverend Tom Rutherford

Liturgy of the Palms: Matthew 21:1-11

Isaiah 50:4-9a * Psalm 31 * Philippians 2:5-11 *

Matthew 26:14-27:66

The Centurion

(A Centurion is a Roman soldier in charge of a hundred men.

“Centurion” comes from the Latin for “100” – like a Century.)

DISCLAIMER: THIS SERMON INCLUDES BITS OF HOLY IMAGINATION.

NEXT WEEK'S LESSONS

Acts 10:34-43 * Psalm 118 * Colossians 3:1-4 * Matthew 28:1-10

Chewing on Our Daily Bread

Questions for conversation with your family, small group, or a friend

1. Here we are at the end of Lent. Did you give anything up or take anything on for Lent? If so, did it help you get closer to God? And if so, how?
2. It's Holy Week. What parts of this week are meaningful to you? And why? If you're not sure what Holy Week is, it's okay! But, please, come to the events this week and find out.
3. On the cross, Jesus prayed for the people who put him there: “Father, forgive them. They don't know what they're doing.” He was praying that for YOU as well. Is there anything in your life right now that you'd like the Father to forgive you for?
4. Is there anyone in your life right now you need to forgive?
5. PRAY:
 - ✦ Thanking God for what he did in and for you this Lent.
 - ✦ Asking him to forgive you.
 - ✦ For that person you thought of whom you need to forgive, and pray for them: “Father, forgive them. They don't know what they're doing.”
 - ✦ For any needs in your group.