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Pán, Boh, mi dal jazyk učeníka, aby som vedel milým slovom posilniť unaveného. Každé ráno prebúdza môj sluch, aby som počúval ako učeník. Pán, Boh, mi otvoril ucho.

The Lord God has given me a well-trained tongue, that I might know how to speak to the weary a word that will rouse them. Morning after morning he opens my ear that I may hear.



Slovenský kostol Sv. Cyrila a Metoda

Sts. Cyril and Methodius Parish

Nedeľa utrpenia Pána

Passion Sunday

Bože môj, Bože môj, prečo si ma opustil?
My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

Čo myslíte, má dnes kazateľ po vypočutí pašií dôvod povedať homíliu? Nebolo by lepšie sadnúť si a v tichosti meditovať nad tým, čoho sme boli svedkami? Preto v tejto chvíli otvorme svoje srdcia pre niekoľko myšlienok, ktoré nás majú sprevádzať Veľkým týždňom:

– Mám natoľko citlivé srdce, že ma dojíma utrpenie Božieho Syna?

– Chápem, prečo Ježiš, hoci mal Božskú prirodzenosť, uponižil sa a stal sa poslušným až na smrť, až na smrť na kríži?

– Uvedomujem si, že Ježiš trpel aj moje hriechy a zrady?

– Dokázal som moje zrady a hriechy oplakať ako Peter?

– Dokážem z lásky ku Kristovi niesť svoj kríž?

– Je môj vzťah ku Kristovi natoľko silný, že ho nedokáže zlomiť ani verejná mienka, ani strach?

– Nepatrím do zmanipulovanej masy z pašií, ktorá raz kričí „Hosana“ a inokedy zasa „Ukrižuj ho“?

– Uvedomujem si, že všetko zlo, ktoré sa dnes vo svete deje, je neustálym pribíjaním Božieho syna na kríž?

– Som človek, za ktorého vylial Kristus svoju krv. Vzdávam mu vďaka za to svojím životom? Viem sa obetovať za dobro druhých?

Prežívajme Veľký týždeň v tieni Ježišovho kríža, aby sme mohli na Veľkú noc pocítiť radosť z jeho víťazstva.

Blood is life-giving; it is the essential element in sustaining us in life. Babies the womb receive oxygen and nutrients from their mothers' blood. When natural disasters occur the Red Cross appeals for blood donors. During surgeries donated blood sustains patients in life. In many cultures the bonding of people is sealed in rituals that mingle blood. In all cultures blood has a deeply religious significance.

When God brought the Hebrew people out of their slavery in Egypt, the blood of sacrificed lambs marked the doorposts of their homes and they were spared the punishment that fell upon their Egyptian captors. Later, on Mt. Sinai, when God bound Himself to His people, Moses offered animal sacrifices and then took half of the blood and put it in basins, and half of the blood he threw on the altar if sacrifice. Then he took the book of the covenant, and read it in the hearing of the people; and they said, "All that the Lord has spoken we will do, and we will be obedient." Moses then took the blood in the basins and sprinkled it upon the people and said, "Behold the blood of the covenant which the Lord has made with you in accordance with all these words." (Exodus 24:6-8) Blood sealed covenants.

As we now enter into Holy Week, blood and the cup of suffering are the centerpieces of God the Son's saving and life-

giving actions. In the blood of Christ which flowed from His crucified body we are liberated from the ultimate consequences of our sins if we follow in the footsteps of Peter and not in the way of Judas. God offers, we respond, and everything depends upon our response.

The importance for us of St. Matthew's account of Our Blessed Lord's passion, suffering, and death cannot be overstated. Today and this week our Church takes us to the core of God's forgiving and self-emptying love for us. At the Last Supper as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed, and broke it, and gave it to the disciples and said, "Take, eat; this is my body." And He took a cup, and when He had given thanks He gave it to them, saying, "Drink of it, all of you; for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins."

How will we respond to Him? Can we and will we accept God's forgiveness? Judas did not. Peter at first could not but later he did. Pontius Pilate tried to wash his hands of Christ's bloody crucifixion, thereby denying responsibility for it. The Jewish leaders, however, accepted responsibility. "His death is upon us and upon our children," they declared. Many people in Jerusalem at that time simply didn't care; they couldn't be bothered.

Bulletin Announcements

***Passion Sunday** - Jesus was welcomed into Jerusalem with a great deal of enthusiasm! It is easy to be enthusiastic, even to be carried away with zeal for brief periods of time. The challenge is to live each day in such passion for our Lord, because it means giving of ourselves. On the Cross, the Lord gave his all. In doing so, he invites us to make our life a living sacrifice so that His ministry of love and reconciliation may spread throughout the world. At the beginning of this Holy Week, let us make a covenant with God, and ourselves, to live lives of joyful generosity, and to be more giving.

***Two Popes, Two Saints!** - On Divine Mercy Sunday, April 27, Popes John XXIII and John Paul II will be canonized in Rome, and the Archdiocese of Vancouver will celebrate in a big way! Everyone is invited to our canonization celebration at PNE's Pacific Coliseum, starting at 2pm. Archbishop Miller and Canada's new nuncio Archbishop Luigi Bonazzi attending, with combined choir from all nine Catholic high schools. Special devotion to the Divine Mercy will take place as we pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet together. Be sure to bring your rosary and invite your friends and family to this wonderful free event. Tickets available at Parishes. rcav.org/two-popes *40 Days for Life Final Hour

***Pro-life Mass and Prayer Vigil** - Peaceful, prayerful vigil for unborn children and their parents. Mass on Saturday, May 3 at 9am at Sacred Heart Parish in Chapel, Delta. Followed by Rosary and Vigil in the Church.

*Catholic Charities Men's Hostel needs Socks & Underwear

The Chrism Mass will be held on **Wednesday April 16, 2013**, at 5:00pm at Holy Rosary Cathedral. All are welcome!

Na Zelený štvrtok – po sv. omši, ktorá je na pamiatku Pánovej večere, bude v našom kostole vyložená k poklone oltárna sviatosť až do polnoci.

Good Friday – start to pray the **Divine Mercy Novena; Veľký Piatok**—začína **Novéna k Božiemu Milosrdenstvu**.

Pozývame všetkých na detskú krížovú cestu so začiatkom o 2:15pm v piatok pred obradmi.

Možnosť spoločného pozerania filmu The Passion of the Christ od Mel Gibson v piatok v hale o 7:00pm

Holy Saturday—we invite you to spend time with Jesus as He reposes in the tomb on Holy Saturday. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed from 9 am. to 9 pm. Please spread the news to others.

Biela Sobota—Požehnanie veľkonočných pokrmov - po sobotňajšej vigílii.

Sunday's Collection from the Last Week		Sun 13 9:00am	Passion Sunday; Mt 21:1-11; Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11 Mt 26:14-27:66	+ Stanislav Lapiés	+ Stanislav Lapiés
Our Weekly Goal	\$1,500	Sun 13 11:00am	Nedel'a utrpenia Pána; Mt 21:1-11; Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11 Mt 26:14-	+ Stanislav Lapiés	+ Stanislav Lapiés
Sunday's Collection	\$997	Mon 14 8:00am	Monday of Holy Week; Isaiah 42:1-7; John 12:1-11	+ Cyril Lapore	Mrs. Ferenčík
Weekly (Shortfall) Excess	-\$503	Tue 15 8:00am	Tuesday of Holy Week; Isaiah 49:1-6; John 13:21-33, 36-38	+ Nicomedes Cruz Macavanaz	Angie
Fundraising	\$350.75	Wed 16 8:00am	Wednesday of Holy Week; Isaiah 50:4-9a; Matthew 26:14-25	+ Andrej	Rodina Eškutová
		Thu 17 7:30pm	Holy Thursday; Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; John 13:1-15	Za farníkov a dobrodincou	Fr. Juraj
		Fri 18 3:00pm	Good Friday—Mass in Slovak; Fast & Abstinence; Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15		
		Sat 19 9:00pm	Holy Saturday; Mass in Slovak	+ Júlia Shelling	Ed Starick
		Sun 20 9:00am	The Resurrection of the Lord	Maureen	Joanne
		Sun 20 11:00am	Veľkonočná nedel'a Pánovho zmŕtvychvstania	Za farníkov	Fr. Juraj

Thank You. Vďaka. God Bless Your Generosity.

*Tuto nedelu je modlitba prihovoru v kostole 12:30-13:30h
This Sunday is a prayer ministry between 12:30pm—1:30pm*