

March 28, 2021 – Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

The gospel of today shows us the Passion of Jesus. And it shows us how Jesus responded to what was done to him. He absorbed all the violence, transformed it, and returned it as love and forgiveness. This was the victory of love over all the powers of destruction. There was nothing but love in Jesus. He was full of love. Even when people nailed his hands and feet, he loved them.

Jesus saved us through his suffering. However, it was not by the power of suffering, but by the power of love. For the love for us, he accepted all the sufferings. Suffering is something that we'd like to avoid, if possible. Even Jesus wanted to avoid it. Nevertheless, he accepted it because of his love for us.

We are also glad to suffer for someone whom we love. Our love gives a meaning to our suffering. Therefore, it is not suffering but love that God wants us to have.

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