HOLY WEEK REFLECTION

Hello. This is Bishop John LeVoir with a reflection for Holy Week.

St. Paul writes in his letter to the Philippians: “Christ became obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Because of this, God greatly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name.” This quote from St. Paul encapsulates the meaning of Holy Week.

This is the week that we travel with Jesus from his triumphal entrance into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, recline with him at table at the Last Supper on Holy Thursday, accompany him in his passion and death on Good Friday, and experience with great joy his resurrection from the dead on Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday.

Jesus did experience death on the cross in obedience to the will of his Father and in union with the will of his Father. But, the Father exalted Jesus by raising him from the dead, and seating him at his right hand.

We are called to be with Jesus during Holy Week in a way different from other weeks. This week, we celebrate and remember the events that saved us from sin and death, and opened for us the ways and means of eternal life.

By travelling with Jesus through Holy Week, we ask him to immerse us more deeply into the mystery of human salvation. We implore him to help us to live the Gospel ever more faithfully and to tell others of the Good News that we have discovered.

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