Liturgical Ministers Mass Preparation Guide –

**Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord – Year A**

**Readings:**

* + Matthew 21:1-11 (procession) – ***Lectors do not process up with the priest***
  + Isaiah 50:4-7
  + Philippians 2:6-11
  + Matthews 26:14 or 27:66

**Lector’s instructions:**

* Deacons read Gospel before opening procession
* Lectors read 1st & 2nd readings
* 2 Lectors help priest with Passion narrative by covering Narrator and Voice parts
* Narrator stands at main ambo

**Servers: 5 Total**

* Crucifer
* 2 Torches
* Incense
* Boat

**Decorations:**

* NO flowers decorating the altar. Palm decorations are allowed.
* Optional Palm decorations for server’s crucifix.
* Leave enough room in front of altar for priest and deacon to pass during the Liturgy.

**Music:**

* NO Gloria
* NO Alleluia
* Lenten Gospel Acclamation
* Opening Hymn will follow the first Gospel reading during the procession.
* Some music at sprinkling of Palm branches at the beginning

**Ushers:**

* Hand out palm branches at the entrances

**Sacristans:**

* Liturgical Color: Red
* Aspergillum for the blessing of the branches
* Palms laid on table under choir loft in back for reading, opening Gospel and blessing of palms
* Portable podium for priest reading Passion narrative
* 3 notebooks for reading Passion: Priest, narrator and voice