



Fifth Sunday in Lent
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St. Paul's Lutheran Church

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Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: “Beloved Jesus”

Johannes Brahms

The Ten Commandments *Please stand.*

The Lord is God, our God, and has brought us out of bondage to sin and death, commanding us to observe our conduct before him and our neighbor.

¹You shall have no other gods before me.

**²You shall not take the name
of the Lord your God in vain;
for the Lord will not hold guiltless
those who take his name in vain.**

**³Remember the Sabbath day
to keep it holy.**

**⁴Honor your father
and your mother,
that your days may be long
in the land which the Lord
your God is giving you.**

⁵You shall not kill.

⁶You shall not commit adultery.

⁷You shall not steal.

**⁸You shall not bear false witness
against your neighbor.**

**⁹You shall not covet
your neighbor’s house.**

**¹⁰You shall not covet your neighbor’s wife,
his workers, his livestock,
or anything that is your neighbor’s.**

Confession and Absolution

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Hymn: "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"

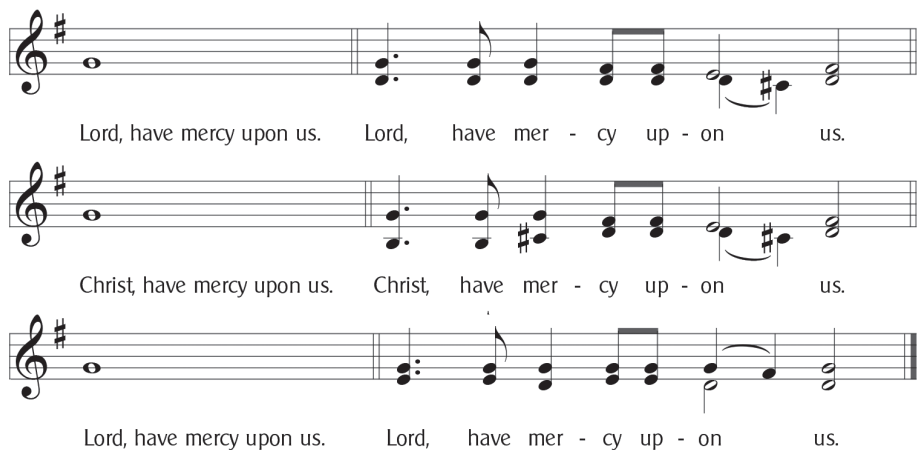
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Greeting and Kyrie Eleison

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The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.



Lord, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Christ, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us.

Lord, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Gloria in Excelsis

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Leader:



Glory be to God on high!

Congregation:



And on earth peace, good will toward all. We praise you, we bless you,

we worship you, we glorify you, we give thanks to you for your great glory,

O Lord God, heaven - ly King, God the Father Al - mighty.

O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God,
 Son of the Father: You take away the sin of the world, have mercy
 on us. You take away the sin of the world, re - ceive our prayer.
 You sit at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy on us.
 For you are holy; you on - ly are the Lord; You only, O Christ, with the
 Ho - ly Spirit, are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

Salutation and Prayer of the Day

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Leader: The Lord be with you. *Congregation:* And with your spirit

Almighty God, look favorably upon your family. Graciously rule our bodies lest we are enticed to love the world; and guard our spirits lest we fail to recognize your love. Grant this, we pray, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, forever one God.

Please be seated.

A - men.

First Lesson: Jeremiah 31:31-34

³¹[Thus says the LORD,] “Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, ³²not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the LORD.

³³For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, ‘Know the LORD,’ for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.”

The word of the Lord.

Psalm 119:9-16

⁹How shall a young man | cleanse his way?

By keeping | to your words.

¹⁰**With my whole | heart I seek you;**

let me not stray from | your commandments.

¹¹I treasure your promise | in my heart,

that I may not | sin against you.

¹²**Blessed are | you, O LORD;**

instruct me | in your statutes.

¹³With my lips will | I recite

all the judgments | of your mouth.

¹⁴**I have taken greater delight in the way of | your decrees**

than in all man- | ner of riches.

¹⁵I will meditate on | your commandments

and give attention | to your ways.

¹⁶**My delight is | in your statutes;**

I will not for- | get your word.

Second Lesson: Hebrews 5:1-10

¹For every high priest chosen from among men is appointed to act on behalf of men in relation to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. ²He can deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is beset with weakness. ³Because of this he is obligated to offer sacrifice for his own sins just as he does for those of the people. ⁴And no one takes this honor for himself, but only when called by God, just as Aaron was. ⁵So also Christ did not exalt himself to be made a high priest, but was appointed by him who said to him, “You are my Son, today I have begotten you”; ⁶as he says also in another place, “You are a priest forever, after the order of Melchizedek.”

⁷In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to him who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence. ⁸Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered. ⁹And being made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him, ¹⁰being designated by God a high priest after the order of Melchizedek.

The word of the Lord.

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Anthem: “When Jesus Wept”

Adult Choir

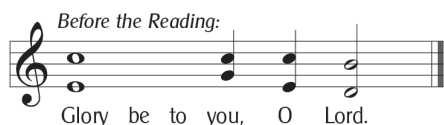
Gospel Acclamation *Please stand for the Gospel.*

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Musical notation for the Gospel Acclamation, consisting of two staves in G major (one sharp). The first staff contains the melody for the first line of text, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are: "Christ has hum - bled him - self, and be - come o - be - dient un - to death: even the death of the Cross." The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a final cadence on the word "Cross."

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un - to death: even the death of the Cross.

The Holy Gospel is written in the third chapter of John.

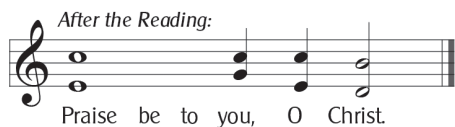


Gospel: Mark 10:32-45

³²[The disciples] were on the road, going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was walking ahead of them. And they were amazed, and those who followed were afraid. And taking the twelve again, he began to tell them what was to happen to him, ³³saying, “See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be delivered over to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death and deliver him over to the Gentiles. ³⁴And they will mock him and spit on him, and flog him and kill him. And after three days he will rise.”

³⁵And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came up to him and said to him, “Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.” ³⁶And he said to them, “What do you want me to do for you?” ³⁷And they said to him, “Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.” ³⁸Jesus said to them, “You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?” ³⁹And they said to him, “We are able.” And Jesus said to them, “The cup that I drink you will drink, and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized, ⁴⁰but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.”

⁴¹And when the ten heard it, they began to be indignant at James and John. ⁴²And Jesus called them to him and said to them, “You know that those who are considered rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. ⁴³But it shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, ⁴⁴and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. ⁴⁵For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.” The Gospel of the Lord.



Apostles Creed

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I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen

Children's Chat

Sermon: "Take and Drink"

Hymn: "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

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Prayers of the Church

Following each prayer:
Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray,
trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen

Exhortation

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Preface and Sanctus

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Leader *Congregation*

The Lord be with you. And with your spir - it

Leader

lift up your hearts.

Congregation

We lift them to the Lord.

Leader

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Congregation

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to you, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God—through Jesus Christ, your dear Son, our Lord and Savior, who ascending above the heavens and sitting at your right hand, poured out the Holy Spirit upon the chosen disciples as he had promised, causing the whole earth to rejoice.

Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify your glorious name, evermore praising you, and saying:



Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry, Ho - san - na
in the high - est Bless - ed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est

The Lord's Prayer

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Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray.

Our Father, who art in heaven,

¹hallowed be thy name,

²thy kingdom come,

³thy will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

⁴Give us this day our daily bread;

⁵and forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us;

⁶and lead us not into temptation,

⁷but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,

and the power, and the glory,

forever and ever. Amen

Words of Institution

Our Lord Jesus, on the night in which he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples saying: Take, eat; this is my body, which is given for you; do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying: Take, and drink of it, all of you. This cup is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Agnus Dei

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O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin
of the world, have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sin of the world, have mer - cy on us.
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world,
grant us peace. A - - - - - men.

Distribution of Communion

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If you need a gluten-free wafer, please hold up your index finger in front of you as the server approaches you at the rail.

May the body and precious blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in true faith to everlasting life.

Thanksgiving

We thank and praise you, almighty and loving Father, for feeding us with the body and blood of your beloved son, Jesus Christ. Having received this holy Sacrament with our mouths, may our faith in you apprehend and enjoy your grace, the forgiveness of sins, unity with Christ and his Church, and everlasting life. Send your Holy Spirit to remind us of these promises throughout the week, and keep us in the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Nunc Dimittus

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Lord, now let your servant de- | part in | peace,
ac- | cording to | your | word.
For my eyes have | seen your sal- | vation,
which you have prepared before the | face of | all | people:
A light to | lighten the | Gentiles
and the | glory of your | people | Israel.
Glory | be to the | Father,
and to the | Son, and to the | Holy | Spirit,
As it | was in the be- | ginning,
is now, and ever shall be, | world without | end. | A- | men

Benedicamus

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The musical notation for the Benedicamus section is presented in two staves. The first staff is divided into two parts: 'Leader:' and 'Congregation:'. The Leader's part consists of a single note (G4) followed by a whole rest. The Congregation's part consists of a half note (G4) followed by a whole note (G4). The second staff is also divided into 'Leader:' and 'Congregation:'. The Leader's part consists of a single note (G4) followed by a whole rest. The Congregation's part consists of a half note (G4) followed by a whole note (G4). The lyrics are written below the notes.

Leader: Congregation:

The Lord be with you. And with your spirit.

Leader: Congregation:

Bless the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Postlude: “O Sacred Head Now Wounded”

Robert Lau

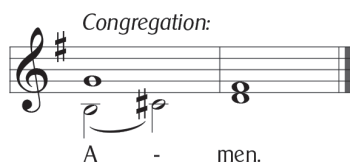
We remain seated, worshiping silently during the postlude, standing at the end of the postlude to face the processional cross, now at the rear of the sanctuary.

Benediction

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face to shine upon you
and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift his countenance upon you, and give you peace.



Recent Prayer Needs

- Perry Bernhardt – recovering from surgery
- Carolyn Canup – health concerns
- Barbara Deese – Novant/Rowan Hospital
- Emerson Holder – health concerns
- Becky Lyerly – health concerns
- James Lyerly – health concerns
- George Reese – health concerns

Please see the monthly Epistle for a complete list of prayer needs for members, homebound, family, and friends.

Friendship Club

The Friendship Club will meet at 10:30am, on Thursday, March 21, in the Fellowship Hall. We will play Bingo and then enjoy a covered dish meal. Please bring an inexpensive gift and your favorite covered dish. Hope to see you on Thursday. Everyone is invited.

Sunday, March 17

- Autumn Care chapel service, 2pm
- Men's Choir practice, 4pm
- Handbell practice, 5pm
- Vespers at the parsonage—fellowship at 6pm; prayer at 6:30pm

Monday, March 18

- Afterschool program, Faith Academy, 1-3pm
- Council meeting, 6:30pm
- April Newsletter articles due this week

Tuesday, March 19

- Bible study class, 10am and 6pm
- Staff meeting, 5pm
- Girl Scouts, 6:45pm

Wednesday, March 20

- Homeschool meets, 8:30am-3:30pm
- Lenten meal, 6pm
- Lenten Service, 7pm
- Adult Choir practice, 7:30pm

Thursday, March 21

- Friendship Club, 10:30am

Sunday, March 24

- Palm Sunday
- Men's Choir practice, 4pm
- Handbell practice, 5pm
- Vespers at the parsonage—fellowship at 6pm; prayer at 6:30pm

Breakfast Set-up and Egg Hunt

On March 30th, at 10:30am, the middle and high school youth will set up tables, chairs, and decorations for the Easter breakfast. They will also help with the egg hunt for the younger children, which starts at 1pm. Lunch will be served before the egg hunt.

Each youth's family—please bring a dozen eggs that morning.

Lenten Suppers and Services

Lenten Suppers continue for the next two Wednesdays. The suppers are at 6:00pm in the fellowship hall, each followed by a brief Lenten service at 7:00pm in the sanctuary.

Maundy Thursday service is at 7:00pm, March 28th. Good Friday service is the next day at 7:00pm, with no meals on Thursday or Friday—services only.

The last two suppers will be provided by the following:

March 20

Youth & Family Committee—soup and sandwiches

March 27

Bible Study Classes—soup and sandwiches

*Special thanks to all the groups who have volunteered their time to prepare meals for our Wednesday suppers during Lent.
Our thanks to Helen Gordon for organizing the meals.*

Kitchen Refrigerator Use

If you use the kitchen, please do not leave food from your event in the kitchen refrigerator. Please remove items that do not require refrigeration (bottled water, soft drinks, etc.) so there is room for the next group using the kitchen.

If food items need to be stored for more than a day before or after your event, please use the refrigerators in the picnic shelter.

Stewardship

General Fund Offering (3/10)	\$4,794
Other Offering (3/10).....	\$3,411
Sunday School Attendance (3/10).....	69
Worship Attendance (3/10).....	191

Children’s missions change collections for the first quarter of 2024 will go to the Department of Lutheran Studies at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary in Charlotte.

Last Sunday: \$143.50 First quarter so far: \$1,471

It's Raffle Time

Raffles for the Cruise 'n Barbecue were a great success last year with 31 baskets. We hope to continue it this year with the congregation's help. Our women's circles have been asked to donate baskets again this year. Also, there are some families who get together to donate baskets. If you would like to donate a basket, or some items for a basket (gift cards are always a hit), please contact Terri Powlas or Susan Bernhardt.

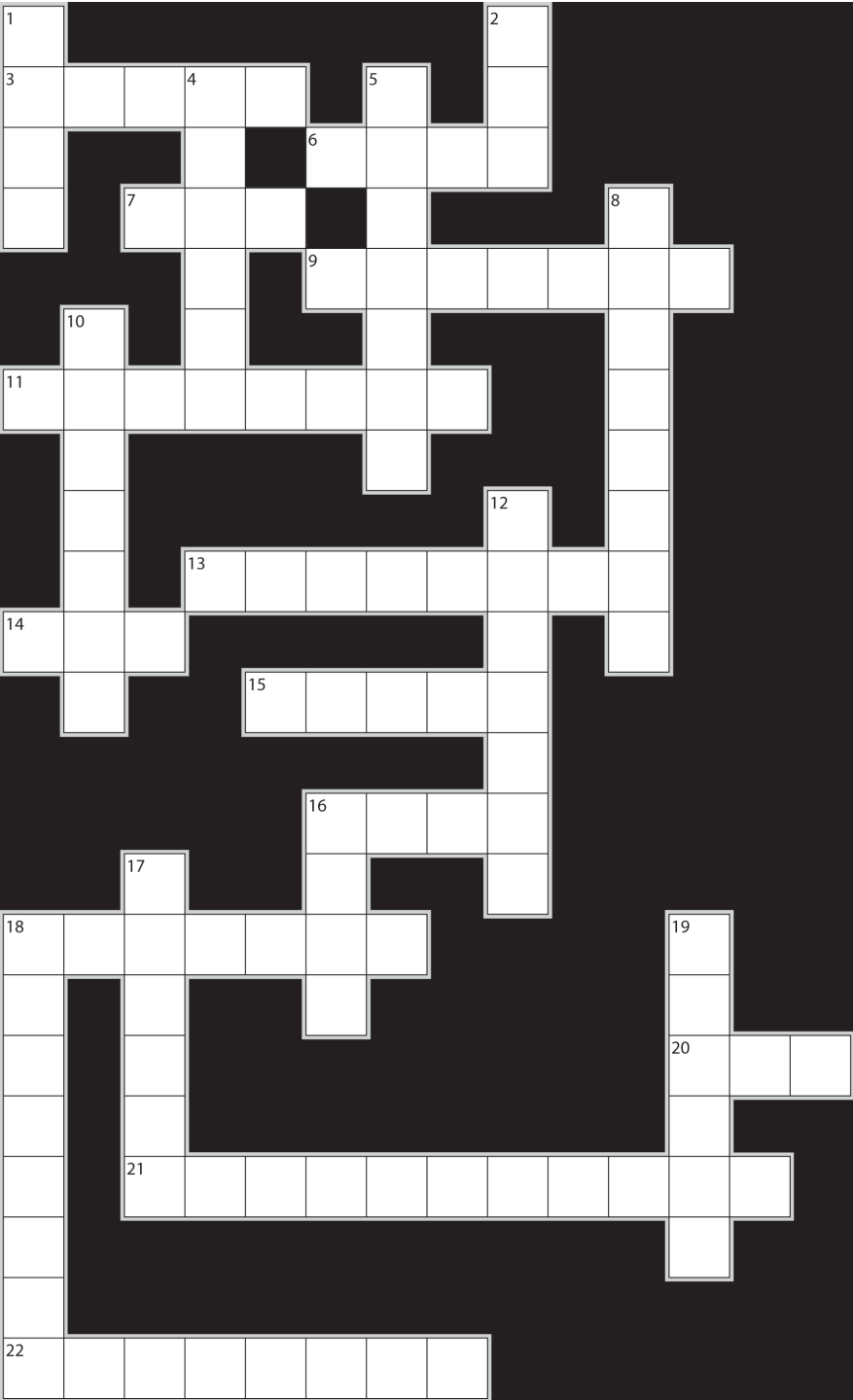
The Cruise 'n Barbecue is April 27th, so baskets need to be in the church fellowship hall by Thursday, April 25th. The raffle tickets will be \$1.00 each, or 30 tickets for \$20.00. Let's generate a lot of interest in buying those tickets for our Helping Hands Fund.

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**Create in me
a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit
within me.**

Psalm 51:10



Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

Find the answers in today's four Scripture lessons.

It may help with the Psalm if you use the English Standard Version instead of the Psalter in the bulletin.

ACROSS

3. God took his people by the hand and led them out of there.
6. The Ten were indignant with James and...
7. The Lord will remember this no more.
9. If you would be great, be one of these.
11. Delight in them.
13. The days were coming when the Lord would make a new one.
14. God puts it within his people.
15. God writes his law there.
16. Fix your eyes on God's...
18. Jesus offered up supplications and...
20. Are you able to drink this?
21. Jesus is a high priest of this order.
22. Jesus learned obedience through what he...

DOWN

1. Do this with your whole heart.
2. This son came to serve.
4. Christ was appointed by the Father to be a...
5. How long is the Son is a priest?
8. The Lord will forgive this.
10. Jesus became the source of this kind of salvation.
12. Are you able to be baptized with Christ's...?
16. Keep your way pure by guarding it according to God's...
17. Jesus gave his life as this.
18. Meditate on them.
19. Delight in God's testimonies as much as in...



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Next Sunday's Lessons: Zechariah 9:9-12; Psalm 118:19-29; Philippians 2:5-11; Mark 14:1-15:47

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