



Becoming obedient
to the point of death

Philippians 2:8

Palm Sunday

April 13, 2025 • 10:30AM

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

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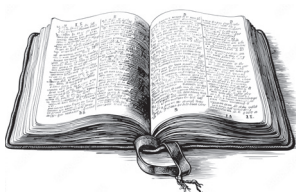
Acolyte: Rebecca Lombard • Crucifer: Sophie Hoffner

Cantor: Laura Brock • Lector: Susan Ryman

Communion Assistants: Bonnie Hinson & Grace Walker

This Week's Memory Verse

Watch and pray
that you may not enter into temptation.
The spirit indeed is willing,
but the flesh is weak.
(Matthew 26:41)



Memory Verse Aid

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Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: “Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

Mary McDonald

Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness

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Stand and face the processional cross at the rear of the sanctuary.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Reflection and self-examination

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.**

Most merciful God, **we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name. Amen**

Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. By Christ's authority alone, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen

Hymn: “All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

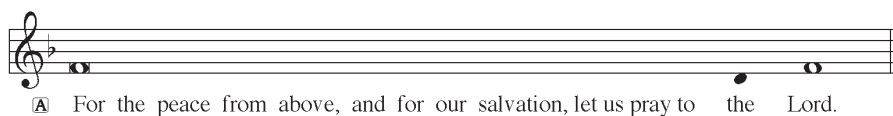
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Greeting

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.

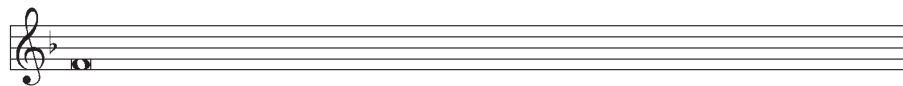
The Kyrie

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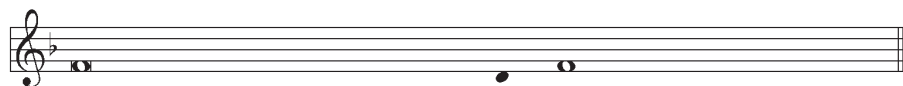




C Lord, have mer - cy.



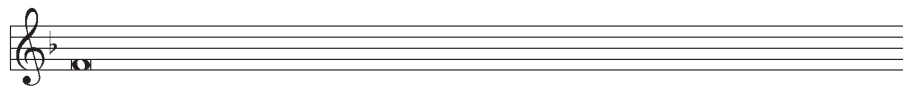
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra-cious Lord. **C** A - men

Hymn of Praise

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A Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



C Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and Fa - ther:



We wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



You are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men

Prayer of the Day



☐ The Lord be with you.

☑ And al - so with you.

Almighty and everlasting God, you have sent your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, to take upon himself our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross, that all of humanity should follow the example of his great humility. Mercifully grant that we may both follow the example of his patience and also be made partakers of his resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen

Please be seated.

First Lesson: Deuteronomy 32:36–39

³⁶“For the LORD will vindicate his people and have compassion on his servants, when he sees that their power is gone and there is none remaining, bond or free. ³⁷Then he will say, ‘Where are their gods, the rock in which they took refuge, ³⁸who ate the fat of their sacrifices and drank the wine of their drink offering? Let them rise up and help you; let them be your protection! ³⁹See now that I, even I, am he, and there is no god beside me; I kill and I make alive; I wound and I heal; and there is none that can deliver out of my hand.’”

The word of the Lord.

Psalms 118:19–29

¹⁹Open for me the | gates of righteousness;
I will enter them; I will offer thanks | to the LORD.

²⁰**“This is the gate | of the LORD;
he who is | righteous may enter.”**

²¹I will give thanks to you, for you | answered me
and have become | my salvation.

²²**The same stone which the build- | ers rejected
has become the chief | cornerstone.**

²³This is | the LORD doing,
and it is marvelous | in our eyes.

²⁴**On this day the | LORD has acted;
we will rejoice and be | glad in it.**

²⁵Hosannah, | LORD, hosannah!
LORD, send us | now success.

²⁶**Blessed is he who comes in the name | of the LORD;
we bless you from the house | of the LORD.**

²⁷God is the LORD; he has | shined upon us;
form a procession with branches up to the horns | of the altar.

²⁸**“You are my God, and | I will thank you;
you are my God, and I | will exalt you.”**

²⁹Give thanks to the LORD, for | he is good;
his mercy en- | dures forever.

Second Lesson: Philippians 2:5-11

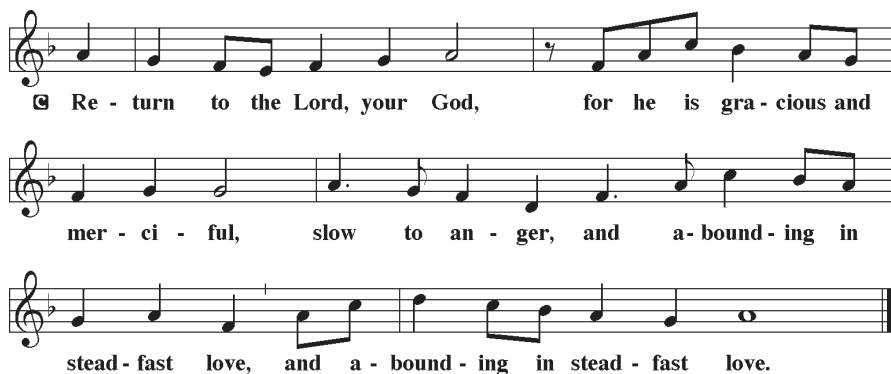
⁵Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

⁹Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The word of the Lord.

Please stand for the Gospel.

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The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 20th chapter.

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Gospel: Luke 22:1-23:56

¹Now the Feast of Unleavened Bread drew near, which is called the Passover. ²And the chief priests and the scribes were seeking how to put [Jesus] to death, for they feared the people.

³Then Satan entered into Judas called Iscariot, who was of the number of the twelve. ⁴He went away and conferred with the

chief priests and officers how he might betray him to them. ⁵And they were glad, and agreed to give him money. ⁶So he consented and sought an opportunity to betray him to them in the absence of a crowd.

⁷Then came the day of Unleavened Bread, on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed. ⁸So Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, "Go and prepare the Passover for us, that we may eat it." ⁹They said to him, "Where will you have us prepare it?" ¹⁰He said to them, "Behold, when you have entered the city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him into the house that he enters ¹¹and tell the master of the house, 'The Teacher says to you, Where is the guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?' ¹²And he will show you a large upper room furnished; prepare it there." ¹³And they went and found it just as he had told them, and they prepared the Passover. ¹⁴And when the hour came, he reclined at table, and the apostles with him. ¹⁵And he said to them, "I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. ¹⁶For I tell you I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God."

¹⁷And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he said, "Take this, and divide it among yourselves. ¹⁸For I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes." ¹⁹And he took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." ²⁰And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying, "This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood. ²¹But behold, the hand of him who betrays me is with me on the table. ²²For the Son of Man goes as it has been determined, but woe to that man by whom he is betrayed!"

²³And they began to question one another, which of them it could be who was going to do this. ²⁴A dispute also arose among them, as to which of them was to be regarded as the greatest. ²⁵And he said to them, "The kings of the Gentiles exercise lordship over them, and those in authority over them are called benefactors. ²⁶But not so with you. Rather, let the greatest among you become as the youngest, and the leader as one who serves.

²⁷For who is the greater, one who reclines at table or one who serves? Is it not the one who reclines at table? But I am among you as the one who serves. ²⁸You are those who have stayed with me in my trials, ²⁹and I assign to you, as my Father assigned to me, a kingdom, ³⁰that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom and sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

31Simon, Simon, behold, Satan demanded to have you, that he might sift you like wheat, ³²but I have prayed for you that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned again, strengthen your brothers.” ³³Peter said to him, “Lord, I am ready to go with you both to prison and to death.” ³⁴Jesus said, “I tell you, Peter, the rooster will not crow this day, until you deny three times that you know me.”

³⁵And he said to them, “When I sent you out with no moneybag or knapsack or sandals, did you lack anything?” They said, “Nothing.” ³⁶He said to them, “But now let the one who has a moneybag take it, and likewise a knapsack. And let the one who has no sword sell his cloak and buy one. ³⁷For I tell you that this Scripture must be fulfilled in me: ‘And he was numbered with the transgressors.’ For what is written about me has its fulfillment.” ³⁸And they said, “Look, Lord, here are two swords.” And he said to them, “It is enough.”

³⁹And he came out and went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives, and the disciples followed him. ⁴⁰And when he came to the place, he said to them, “Pray that you may not enter into temptation.” ⁴¹And he withdrew from them about a stone’s throw, and knelt down and prayed, ⁴²saying, “Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me. Nevertheless, not my will, but yours, be done.” ⁴³And there appeared to him an angel from heaven, strengthening him. ⁴⁴And being in agony he prayed more earnestly; and his sweat became like great drops of blood falling down to the ground. ⁴⁵And when he rose from prayer, he came to the disciples and found them sleeping for sorrow, ⁴⁶and he said to them, “Why are you sleeping? Rise and pray that you may not enter into temptation.”

⁴⁷While he was still speaking, there came a crowd, and the man called Judas, one of the twelve, was leading them. He drew

near to Jesus to kiss him, ⁴⁸but Jesus said to him, "Judas, would you betray the Son of Man with a kiss?" ⁴⁹And when those who were around him saw what would follow, they said, "Lord, shall we strike with the sword?" ⁵⁰And one of them struck the servant of the high priest and cut off his right ear. ⁵¹But Jesus said, "No more of this!" And he touched his ear and healed him. ⁵²Then Jesus said to the chief priests and officers of the temple and elders, who had come out against him, "Have you come out as against a robber, with swords and clubs? ⁵³When I was with you day after day in the temple, you did not lay hands on me. But this is your hour, and the power of darkness." ⁵⁴Then they seized him and led him away, bringing him into the high priest's house, and Peter was following at a distance.

⁵⁵And when they had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat down together, Peter sat down among them. ⁵⁶Then a servant girl, seeing him as he sat in the light and looking closely at him, said, "This man also was with him." ⁵⁷But he denied it, saying, "Woman, I do not know him." ⁵⁸And a little later someone else saw him and said, "You also are one of them." But Peter said, "Man, I am not." ⁵⁹And after an interval of about an hour still another insisted, saying, "Certainly this man also was with him, for he too is a Galilean." ⁶⁰But Peter said, "Man, I do not know what you are talking about." And immediately, while he was still speaking, the rooster crowed. ⁶¹And the Lord turned and looked at Peter. And Peter remembered the saying of the Lord, how he had said to him, "Before the rooster crows today, you will deny me three times." ⁶²And he went out and wept bitterly.

⁶³Now the men who were holding Jesus in custody were mocking him as they beat him. ⁶⁴They also blindfolded him and kept asking him, "Prophecy! Who is it that struck you?" ⁶⁵And they said many other things against him, blaspheming him. ⁶⁶When day came, the assembly of the elders of the people gathered together, both chief priests and scribes. And they led him away to their council, and they said, ⁶⁷"If you are the Christ, tell us." But he said to them, "If I tell you, you will not believe, ⁶⁸and if I ask you, you will not answer. ⁶⁹But from now on the Son of Man shall be seated at the right hand of the power of God."

⁷⁰So they all said, “Are you the Son of God, then?” And he said to them, “You say that I am.” ⁷¹Then they said, “What further testimony do we need? We have heard it ourselves from his own lips.”

¹Then the whole company of them arose and brought him before Pilate. ²And they began to accuse him, saying, “We found this man misleading our nation and forbidding us to give tribute to Caesar, and saying that he himself is Christ, a king.” ³And Pilate asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” And he answered him, “You have said so.” ⁴Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds, “I find no guilt in this man.” ⁵But they were urgent, saying, “He stirs up the people, teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee even to this place.” ⁶When Pilate heard this, he asked whether the man was a Galilean. ⁷And when he learned that he belonged to Herod’s jurisdiction, he sent him over to Herod, who was himself in Jerusalem at that time.

⁸When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad, for he had long desired to see him, because he had heard about him, and he was hoping to see some sign done by him. ⁹So he questioned him at some length, but he made no answer. ¹⁰The chief priests and the scribes stood by, vehemently accusing him. ¹¹And Herod with his soldiers treated him with contempt and mocked him. Then, arraying him in splendid clothing, he sent him back to Pilate.

¹²And Herod and Pilate became friends with each other that very day, for before this they had been at enmity with each other. ¹³Pilate then called together the chief priests and the rulers and the people, ¹⁴and said to them, “You brought me this man as one who was misleading the people. And after examining him before you, behold, I did not find this man guilty of any of your charges against him. ¹⁵Neither did Herod, for he sent him back to us. Look, nothing deserving death has been done by him. ¹⁶I will therefore punish and release him.” ¹⁸But they all cried out together, “Away with this man, and release to us Barabbas” — ¹⁹a man who had been thrown into prison for an insurrection started in the city and for murder. ²⁰Pilate addressed them once more, desiring to release Jesus, ²¹but they kept shouting, “Crucify, crucify him!” ²²A third time he said to them, “Why? What evil has he

done? I have found in him no guilt deserving death. I will therefore punish and release him.” ²³But they were urgent, demanding with loud cries that he should be crucified. And their voices prevailed. ²⁴So Pilate decided that their demand should be granted. ²⁵He released the man who had been thrown into prison for insurrection and murder, for whom they asked, but he delivered Jesus over to their will. ²⁶And as they led him away, they seized one Simon of Cyrene, who was coming in from the country, and laid on him the cross, to carry it behind Jesus.

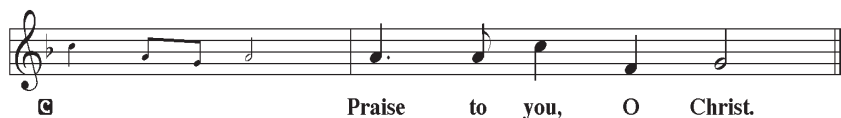
²⁷And there followed him a great multitude of the people and of women who were mourning and lamenting for him. ²⁸But turning to them Jesus said, “Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. ²⁹For behold, the days are coming when they will say, ‘Blessed are the barren and the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed!’ ³⁰Then they will begin to say to the mountains, ‘Fall on us,’ and to the hills, ‘Cover us.’ ³¹For if they do these things when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?” ³²Two others, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. ³³And when they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified him, and the criminals, one on his right and one on his left.

³⁴And Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.” And they cast lots to divide his garments. ³⁵And the people stood by, watching, but the rulers scoffed at him, saying, “He saved others; let him save himself, if he is the Christ of God, his Chosen One!” ³⁶The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine ³⁷and saying, “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!” ³⁸There was also an inscription over him, “This is the King of the Jews.” ³⁹One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, “Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!” ⁴⁰But the other rebuked him, saying, “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? ⁴¹And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong.” ⁴²And he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” ⁴³And he said to him, “Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise.”

⁴⁴It was now about the sixth hour, and there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour, ⁴⁵while the sun's light failed. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two. ⁴⁶Then Jesus, calling out with a loud voice, said, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit!" And having said this he breathed his last. ⁴⁷Now when the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God, saying, "Certainly this man was innocent!" ⁴⁸And all the crowds that had assembled for this spectacle, when they saw what had taken place, returned home beating their breasts. ⁴⁹And all his acquaintances and the women who had followed him from Galilee stood at a distance watching these things.

⁵⁰Now there was a man named Joseph, from the Jewish town of Arimathea. He was a member of the council, a good and righteous man, ⁵¹who had not consented to their decision and action; and he was looking for the kingdom of God. ⁵²This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. ⁵³Then he took it down and wrapped it in a linen shroud and laid him in a tomb cut in stone, where no one had ever yet been laid. ⁵⁴It was the day of Preparation, and the Sabbath was beginning. ⁵⁵The women who had come with him from Galilee followed and saw the tomb and how his body was laid. ⁵⁶Then they returned and prepared spices and ointments. On the Sabbath they rested according to the commandment.

The Gospel of our Lord.



Please be seated.

Children's Chat

Sermon: "The Strength of His Might"

Hymn: "O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts"

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Confession of Faith

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We profess our faith in God using the Apostles Creed.

¹I believe in God the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

²I 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.

³I 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

The Prayers of the Church

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Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people, according to their needs.

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

Offering

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Anthem: "Hosanna in the Highest"

Adult Choir

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the

seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.

Gath-er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the

prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your

pres - ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

Merciful Father, we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Thanksgiving

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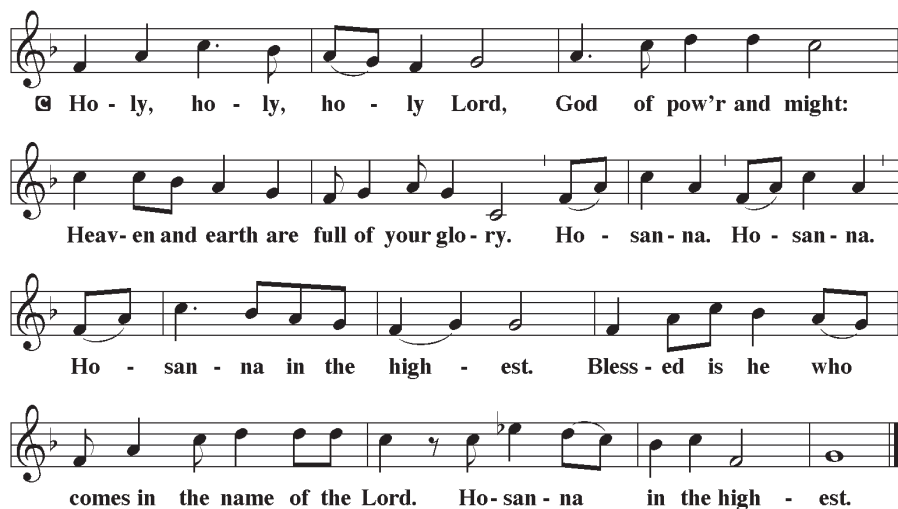
♩ The Lord be with you. ♪ And al - so with you.

♩ Lift up your hearts. ♪ We lift them to the Lord.

♩ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

♪ It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord. You bid your people cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast. Renew our zeal in faith and life, and bring us to the fullness of grace that belongs to the children of God. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
 Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho - san - na.
 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.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: “Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: “This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

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,

¹**hallowed be thy name,**

²**thy kingdom come,**

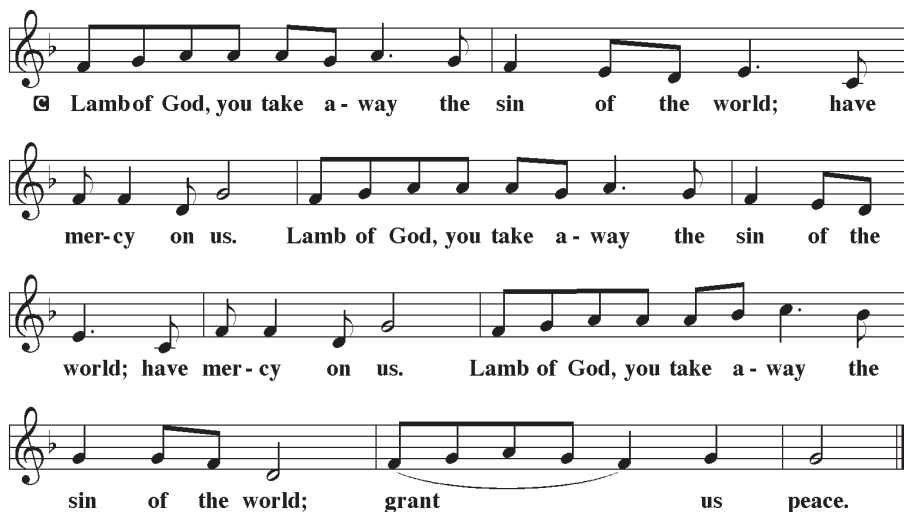
³**thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

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

Distribution of Holy Communion

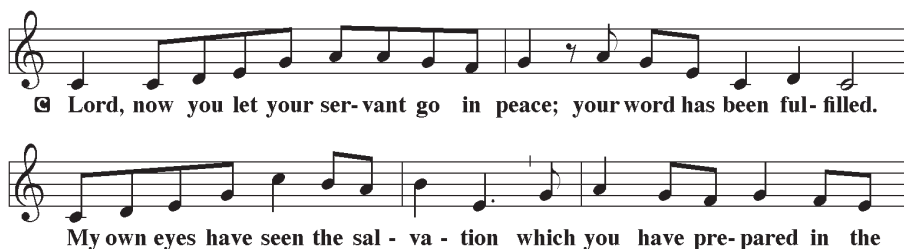
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If you need a gluten-free wafer or juice, please hold up your index finger in front of you as the server approaches you at the rail.

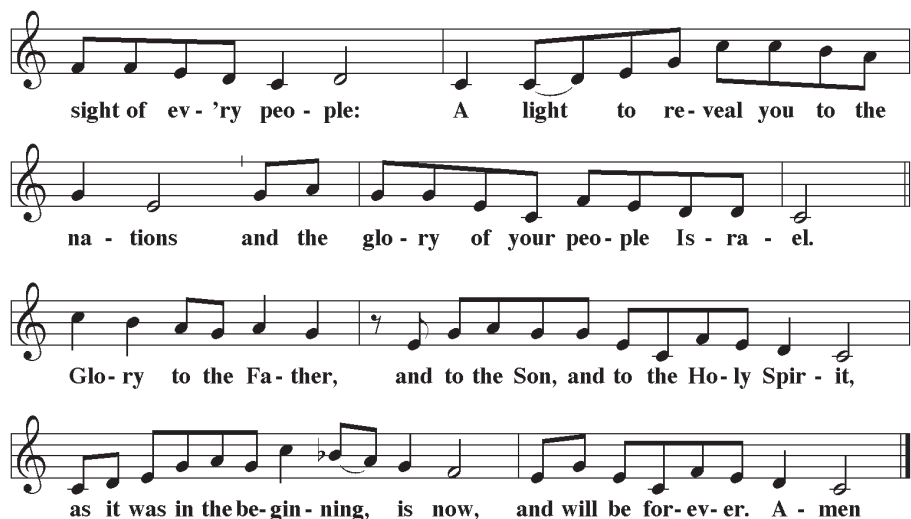


☐ Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and
keep you in his grace. **Amen**



☐ Lord, now you let your ser-vant go in peace; your word has been ful- filled.
My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have pre-pared in the



Almighty God, you gave your Son both as a sacrifice for sin and a model of the godly life. Enable us to receive him always with thanksgiving, and to conform our lives to his—through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Postlude: “All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

Phil Lehenbauer

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.

The Benediction

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The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you, and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen



College Scholarships

If you are a member of St. Paul's and will be going to college next school year, scholarship applications are available for you in the narthex and on the church website. Please have all applications in to the church office **no later than May 1st.**

Advance Raffle Ticket Sales

The incredible raffle baskets and prizes are one of the most popular features of the Cruise 'n Barbecue, and one for which our events is known to be the best. In order to afford our volunteers an opportunity to avoid the rush on Saturday, volunteers may **pre-purchase raffle tickets** in the conference room after service on **Sunday, April 13th**, and at the volunteer's meeting on **Thursday, April 24th**. Tickets are \$1 each or 30 for \$20. Note that no provision can be made for lost or tickets forgotten and left at home, so be sure to hold on to and bring your tickets on Saturday. Drawings and awards will begin at 3:00pm.

Port-a-Pit Tickets Available

Port-a-Pit chicken **dinner tickets** will be available on the lawn **after service on April 13th & 20th**. Each meal is **\$15**. Tickets are also available from:

- Travis Alligood • Eric Barringer • James Lyerly
- Ben Bernhardt • Perry Bernhardt • Dana Bost • Paul Canup
- Tim Canup • Wilbur Canup • Larry Clark • Jimmie Deal
- Tim Deal • Jimmy Earnhardt • Myralyn Goodman
- Helen Gordon • Jerry Hilliard • Wayne Hinson
- Johnny Lombard • Lindsay Lowman • Kay Moody
- Brent Monroe • Alan Powlas • Wayne Taylor
- Kenneth Whisnant • Luke Ziegler

Help Get the Word Out...

Flyers for this year's St. Paul's Cruise 'n Barbecue are available in the narthex. **Take as many as you need to share** with friends or post at your favorite gathering place. You can help get the word out by "Liking" and "Sharing" our flyer with your Facebook friends. Go to our page: [Facebook.com/stpaulscruisenbarbecue](https://www.facebook.com/stpaulscruisenbarbecue). As the day approaches, check back to the Facebook page and pass on to your friends an up-to-date list of items we'll be collecting at the cruise-in for Valley Hope Church in Swannanoa.

Collection for Valley Hope Church, Swannanoa

Supplies for Valley Hope Church storeroom in Swannanoa will be collected at the Cruise 'n Barbecue on Saturday, April 26th. There will be a truck or trailer near the Outreach tent at the picnic shelter in which to put your donations. If you have any questions about this collection, please contact Susan Bernhardt.

Only the following items will be accepted:

- White Rice • Black Beans • Masa • Juice • Shelf-safe Milk
- Snacks • Cookies • Disinfectant Wipes • Trash Bags
- Small-size Laundry and Dish Soap • Sponges • Mops • Brooms
- Paper Towels • Cleaning Sprays • New Socks and Underwear
- Body Wash • Deodorant • Shampoo

Raffles are Rolling In....

We have 22 confirmed raffle baskets with 2 weeks to go until the Cruise-In on April 26th.

We have a framed Bob Timberlake print, gas grill, patio set and firepit, 4th of July basket, ice cream bucket, a family-fun basket, Blackstone grill, quilts, glider, wheelbarrow basket, and several gift card baskets. If you would like to donate a basket, or some items for a basket, contact Terri Powlas (704-637-6849, powlastb@gmail.com), or Susan Bernhardt (704-213-3232, srbernhardt@carolina.rr.com). Baskets need to be in the church fellowship hall by Thursday, April 24th.

Do not bring baskets before the Easter Breakfast on April 20th, unless you can place it on the stage. **Please hold Gift Card Baskets until Thursday, April 24th.** Thanks to everyone for your interest in this event to help Western North Carolina with Samaritan's Purse.

Youth Easter Breakfast Fundraiser

The Youth & Family Committee would like to invite you to our Easter Breakfast on April 20, 2025, after Sunrise service. The youth will be serving biscuits, a choice of country ham or sausage, eggs, grits, and a choice of beverage. Please follow the link below, or the QR code, to fill out the form so we can get an accurate count of who will be attending. Youth & Family Committee members will help fill out the form if needed.

The generous donations made at this event, for Christmas Luminaries, and to the Youth Fund, allow the Youth & Family Committee to schedule events throughout the year—service events such as Binns-Counts, outings such as a baseball game, or family game nights at St. Paul's.



We encourage you to learn more about our past events, our upcoming 2025 events, and other ways you can support the St. Paul's Youth. <https://forms.office.com/r/X7GcawyCBq>

Seasonal Choir

Do you like to sing along to your favorite Christian songs on the radio? Would you like to sing at church, but you just don't have the time to commit to it full-time? If so, consider joining the new seasonal choir! We plan to sing a few times a year, committing to about 4-5 weeks worth of practices in preparation for our performance. We will sing modern songs that have a strong Biblical basis, utilizing instruments beyond the piano and organ. If you are interested in participating, please meet with John Brock and Heather Canup in the left transept right after church **on April 27th for a quick interest meeting.**

Sunday, April 13, Palm Sunday

- Membership Class, 12pm
- Christian Education Committee, 2pm
- Worship and Music Committee, 2:30pm
- Kathy Ketchie Circle, 4pm
- Men's Choir practice, 4pm
- Vespers, 6pm

Monday, April 14

- Melissa Lura Circle, 6pm
- Finance Committee, 6:30pm

Tuesday, April 15

- Staff meeting, 5pm
- Girl Scouts, 6:30pm
- Bible Study classes will not meet during Lent.

Wednesday, April 16

- Membership Class, 5:30pm
- Lenten meal, (Hama Lingle Circle), 6pm
- Lenten Service, 7pm
- Adult Choir practice, after the worship service
- Youth Confirmation classes will not meet during Lent.

Thursday, April 17, Maundy Thursday

- Rowan Smart Start, 10am–12p
- Friendship Club, fellowship hall, 10:30am
- Maundy Thursday Service, 7pm

Friday, April 18

- Good Friday Service, 7pm

Saturday, April 19

- Youth set up for Easter Breakfast, 10am
- Easter Egg Hunt for Preschool–5th grades, 1pm

Sunday, April 20, Easter Sunday

- Sunrise Service in the Cemetery, 7am
- Breakfast in the fellowship hall, 8am
- Easter Resurrection Service, 10:30am
- Autumn Care worship service, 2pm
- Vespers, 6pm

Recent Prayer Needs

- Gina Barringer – health concerns
- Marvin Burnett, father of Allen Burnett – Hospice care
- Wilbur Canup – health concerns
- Barbara Deese – health concerns
- Jimmy Earnhardt – health concerns
- Mary Lee Earnhardt – health concerns
- Randy Johnson – recovering from surgery

For a longer list of prayer needs, please consult The Monthly Epistle. This page in the bulletin is to make you aware of the most recent prayer needs. Typically, after one month on this list the name and request will have migrated to The Monthly Epistle.

Stat’s

General Fund Offering (4/6)	\$13,052
Other Offering (4/6).....	\$4,267
Sunday School Attendance (4/6).....	70
Worship Attendance (4/6).....	189

Children’s Change Collection

Last Sunday: \$150.50

During the second quarter of 2025, the children’s change collections which will benefit The Table Ministry.

The total collected for Lutherans for Life during the first quarter of the year was \$1,951.00.

In 2024, our children collected for the following:

- Dept. of Lutheran Studies, Gordon-Conwell – \$1,929.50
 - Lutherans for Life – \$1,976.00
 - St. Paul Lutheran Seminary – \$1,869.50
- Lutheran Military Veterans & Family Ministries – \$1,945.12

In 2023, they collected for the following missions and ministries:

- Lutherans for Life – \$1,855
- Spiritual Orphans Network – \$1,981
- St. Paul Lutheran Seminary – \$2,019
- Lutheran Military Veterans & Family Ministries – \$1,901

Rise and Pray

Find the 29 bold words from Luke 22:39–46 KJV.

G Y W T E R X F D T D E W Y D
Y N J O E G O P E C N T I H I
B O D H R L G M L T U X L W S
V G T K L R P N E K S P L C C
N A Z O O T O R E M O U N T I
F O W Y A R P S N V C Z S A P
O E I T O T N I K F A Z L E L
D L I T H D R O P S E E E U E
B O I I A R E M O V E L H S S
N L N V T T F P M H S P P T F
Z E O A E O P L E G N A R I Q
Y S E O U S D M R I S E A A J
K W A N D H F C E C L S Y V Y
S Y D B W D P E P T O R E D S
G N I P E E L S H V I O R V J

And he came out, and went, as he was wont, to the **mount** of **Olives**; and his **disciples** also **followed** him. And when he was at the place, he said unto them, “**Pray** that ye enter not into **temptation**.” And he was withdrawn from them about a stone’s cast, and **kneeled** down, and prayed, saying, “**Father**, if thou be willing, **remove** this **cup** from me: nevertheless not my **will**, but **thine**, be done.” And there appeared an **angel** unto him from **heaven**, strengthening him. And being in an **agony** he prayed more earnestly: and his **sweat** was as it were great **drops** of **blood** falling down to the ground. And when he rose up from **prayer**, and was come to his disciples, he **found** them **sleeping** for **sorrow**, and said unto them, “**Why sleep** ye? **rise** and **pray**, lest ye **enter into temptation**.”

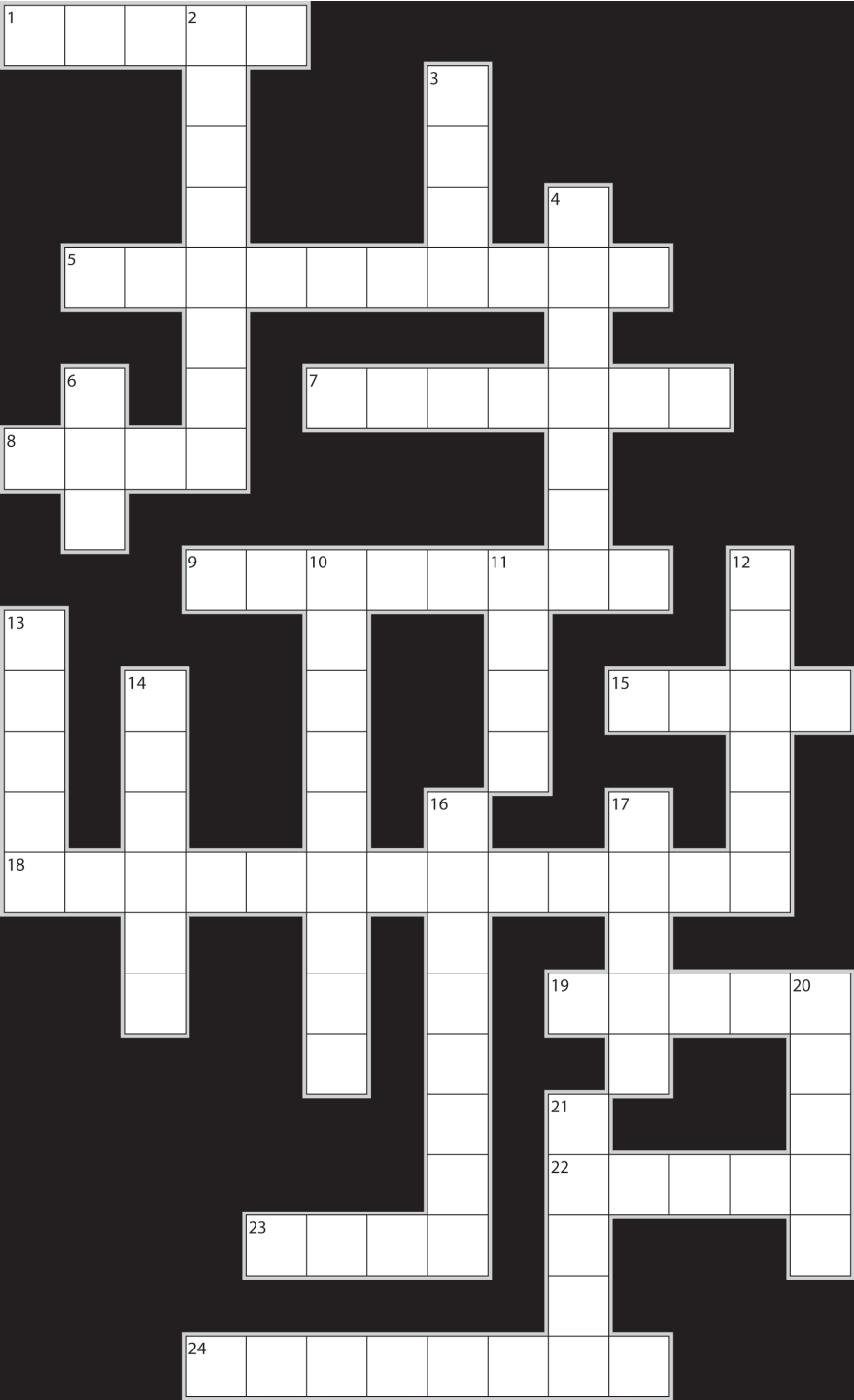
Volunteer Assignments Posted

Thank you to everyone who is helping to make St. Paul's Cruise 'n Barbecue possible. Volunteer assignments are posted in the narthex and in the hall of the education building. Please **check your time and assignment and make note** for yourself. Every effort has been made to schedule according to your preferred time and work area. A special thank you to those who indicated you will help "wherever needed". Should there be any problem please contact Tim Deal as soon as possible. We thank God for this opportunity to serve our Western North Carolina neighbors, devastated by hurricane Helene. We are blessed to have so many willing workers at St. Paul's.

Extra-Special Volunteer's meeting — Thursday, April 24th

Mark your calendar for the Cruise 'n Barbecue pre-event celebration and volunteer briefing, **Thursday April 24th**. T-shirts will be distributed as you enjoy refreshments beginning at 6:30pm in the fellowship hall. At 7:00 a very unique opportunity—we will hear a special presentation by **Terry Eddinger** who works with Samaritan's Purse assisting those impacted by hurricane Helene.

Rear Admiral Eddinger, U.S. Navy (Retired), who was our guest preacher back in October, earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Gardner Webb University, a Master of Divinity from Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, and a Doctor of Philosophy from The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He was commissioned in the U.S. Navy in 1995, reaching the rank of Rear Admiral. Terry will share heart-wrenching videos and personal experiences with Samaritan's Purse to **help us better understand the value of our work on April 26th, that will benefit our Western North Carolina neighbors**. Also, again this year, volunteers may pre-purchase raffle tickets at the meeting in order to avoid the lines on Saturday.



Palm Sunday

Find the answers in today's lectionary readings from

Deuteronomy 32:36-39; Psalm 118:19-29;

Philippians 2:5-11; Luke 22:1-23:56.

The English Standard Version is used to build this puzzle.

ACROSS

1. Before the rooster crows, Peter would deny Jesus this many times.
5. Passover is the feast of this bread.
7. The Lord's steadfast love endures...
8. Jesus said it is given for you.
9. The Lord will have compassion on his...
15. Do this so that you do not enter into temptation.
18. Open these gates.
19. This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in Jesus'...
22. The Lord has made this to shine upon us.
23. The Lord asks where they are.
24. Jesus sent Peter and John to prepare this.

DOWN

2. Jesus did not consider this (with God) something to be grasped.
3. At the name of Jesus every one of these will bow.
4. Jesus emptied himself and took this form.
6. He has highly exalted Jesus.
10. They will enter the gate of the Lord.
11. Who can deliver out of the Lord's hand?
12. The psalmist gives this to the Lord.
13. The Lord will vindicate his people when he sees this is gone.
14. Every one of these will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.
16. The stone they rejected has become the cornerstone.
17. The Lord wounds and...
20. Jesus humbled himself to be obedient to the point of...
21. The Lord kills and makes...

He Humbled Himself

Find the 31 bold words from Philippians 2:5-11 KJV.

E L E N C P B Y T T Q H U S D
 X T O O K R U G N S Y C M U E
 A N J R N I O E E E I A R S L
 L V R W D E I S H K D R T E B
 T K F O S D M W S E N K H J M
 E B G O E S S E N E K I L C U
 D G O B R E V O B A Y E S H H
 L L O W V M Y L U R A R S E P
 H O O Y A K N E E R M U E A C
 H R J F N I C V T M S U F V E
 L Y B B T L E H N E B A N E E
 W M J D T Q M C J F T A O N Y
 D E A T H V A K F H M E C L L
 Z U D N I M N D E E F K K P M
 D C H R I S T R E U G N O T V

Let this **mind** be in you, which was also in **Christ Jesus**: who, being in the form of **God**, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: but made himself of no reputation, and **took** upon him the **form** of a **servant**, and was **made** in the **likeness** of **men**. And being found in fashion as a man, he **humbled** himself, and became **obedient** unto death, even the **death** of the **cross**. Wherefore God also hath highly **exalted** him, and given him a **name** which is **above every name**: that at the name of Jesus **every knee** should **bow**, of things in **heaven**, and things in **earth**, and things under the earth; And that every **tongue** should **confess** that **Jesus Christ** is **Lord**, to the **glory** of God the **Father**.

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Next weeks lessons: Easter Sunrise: Job 19:23-27; Psalm 118:15-29; 1 Corinthians 15:51-57; John 20:1-18

Easter Day: Isaiah 65:17-25; Psalm 16; 1 Corinthians 15:19-26; Luke 24:1-12

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