

Gospel: Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

¹{Jesus said,} “Beware of practicing your righteousness before other people in order to be seen by them, for then you will have no reward from your Father who is in heaven. ²Thus, when you give to the needy, sound no trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may be praised by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. ³But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, ⁴so that your giving may be in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you. ⁵And when you pray, you must not be like the hypocrites. For they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, that they may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. ⁶But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

¹⁶“And when you fast, do not look gloomy like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces that their fasting may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. ¹⁷But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, ¹⁸that your fasting may not be seen by others but by your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you. ¹⁹Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, ²⁰but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

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Ash Wednesday

February 10, 2027

Prayer of the Day

Almighty and everlasting God, you hate nothing you have made and forgive the sins of all those who are penitent. Create in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain from you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

First Reading: Joel 2:12-19

¹²“Yet even now,” declares the LORD, “return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; ¹³and rend your hearts and not your garments.” Return to the LORD your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love; and he relents over disaster. ¹⁴Who knows whether he will not turn and relent, and leave a blessing behind him, a grain offering and a drink offering for the LORD your God? ¹⁵Blow the trumpet in Zion; consecrate a fast; call a solemn assembly; ¹⁶gather the people. Consecrate the congregation; assemble the elders; gather the children, even nursing infants. Let the bridegroom leave his room, and the bride her chamber. ¹⁷Between the vestibule and the altar let the priests, the ministers of the LORD, weep and say, “Spare your people, O LORD, and make not your heritage a reproach, a byword among the nations. Why should they say among the peoples, ‘Where is their God?’” ¹⁸Then the LORD became jealous for his land and had pity on his people. ¹⁹The LORD answered and said to his people, “Behold, I am sending to you grain, wine, and oil, and you will be satisfied; and I will no more make you a reproach among the nations.”

Psalm 51:1-13 [14-20]*

¹Have mercy on me, O God, according to your | lovingkindness,*
in your great compassion blot out | my offenses.

²**Wash me through and through | from my wickedness***
and cleanse me | from my sin.

³For I know | my transgressions,*
and my sin is ev- | er before me.

⁴**Against you only | have I sinned***
and done what is evil | in your sight.

⁵And so you are justified | when you speak*
and upright | in your judgment.

⁶**Indeed, I have been wicked | from my birth,***
a sinner from my | mother's womb.

⁷For behold, you look for truth | deep within me,*
and will make me understand | wisdom secretly.

⁸**Purge me from my sin, and I | shall be pure;***
wash me, and I shall be | clean indeed.

⁹Make me hear of | joy and gladness,*
that the body you have broken | may rejoice.

¹⁰**Hide your face | from my sins***
and blot out all | my iniquities.

¹¹Create in me a clean | heart, O God,*
and renew a right spir- | it within me.

¹²**Cast me not away | from your presence***
and take not your Holy | Spirit from me.

¹³Give me the joy of your saving | help again*
and sustain me with your bount- | iful Spirit.

[¹⁴**I shall teach your ways | to the wicked,***
and sinners shall re- | turn to you.

¹⁵Deliver me from | death, O God,*
and my tongue shall sing of your righteousness,
O God of | my salvation.

¹⁶**Open my | lips, O LORD,***
and my mouth shall pro- | claim your praise.

¹⁷Had you desired it, I would have | offered sacrifice,*
but you take no delight | in burnt offerings.

¹⁸**The sacrifice of God is a | troubled spirit;***

a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will | not despise.

¹⁹Be favorable and gra- | cious to Zion,*
and rebuild the walls | of Jerusalem.

²⁰**Then you will be pleased with the appointed sacrifices,**
with burnt offerings | and oblations;*
then shall they offer young bullocks up- | on your altar.]

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10

^{20b}We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. ⁶Working together with him, then, we appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain.

¹For he says, "In a favorable time I listened to you, and in a day of salvation I have helped you." Behold, now is the favorable time; behold, now is the day of salvation. ³We put no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, ⁴but as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: by great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, ⁵beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; ⁶by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, the Holy Spirit, genuine love; ⁷by truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; ⁸through honor and dishonor, through slander and praise. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; ⁹as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold, we live; as punished, and yet not killed; ¹⁰as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, yet possessing everything.



First Sunday in Lent

February 14, 2027

Prayer of the Day

O Lord God, you would have us put no trust in anything we do. Mercifully grant that by your power we may be defended against all adversity; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

First Reading: Genesis 22:1-18

¹After these things God tested Abraham and said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." ²He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you." ³So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac. And he cut the wood for the burnt offering and arose and went to the place of which God had told him. ⁴On the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place from afar. ⁵Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; I and the boy will go over there and worship and come again to you." ⁶And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son. And he took in his hand the fire and the knife. So they went both of them together. ⁷And Isaac said to his father Abraham, "My father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." He said, "Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" ⁸Abraham said, "God will provide for himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So they went both of them together. ⁹When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built the altar there and laid the wood in order and bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. ¹⁰Then Abraham

Lessons for Next Week: Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16; Psalm 22:23-31;
Romans 5:1-11; Mark 8:27-38

reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son.
¹¹But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." ¹²He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." ¹³And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns. And Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. ¹⁴So Abraham called the name of that place, "The LORD will provide"; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided." ¹⁵And the angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time from heaven ¹⁶and said, "By myself I have sworn, declares the LORD, because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, ¹⁷I will surely bless you, and I will surely multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of his enemies, ¹⁸and in your offspring shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, because you have obeyed my voice."

Psalm 25:1-10

¹To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul;
my God, I put my | trust in you;*
let me not be humiliated,
nor let my enemies triumph | over me.
²**Let none who look to you be | put to shame;***
let the treacherous be disappointed | in their schemes.
³Show me your | ways, O LORD,*
and teach | me your paths.
⁴**Lead me in your | truth and teach me,***
for you are the God of my salvation;
in you have I trusted all | the day long.
⁵Remember, O LORD, your compas- | sion and love,*
for they are from | everlasting.
⁶**Remember not the sins of my youth and | my transgressions;***
remember me according to your love
and for the sake of your good- | ness, O LORD.

⁷Gracious and upright | is the LORD;*
therefore he teaches sinners | in his way.
⁸**He guides the humble in | doing right***
and teaches his way | to the lowly.
⁹All the paths of the LORD are | love and faithfulness*
to those who keep his covenant and his | testimonies.
¹⁰**For your name's | sake, O LORD,***
forgive my sin, for | it is great.

Second Reading: James 1:12-18

¹²Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him. ¹³Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am being tempted by God," for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempts no one. ¹⁴But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. ¹⁵Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death. ¹⁶Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers. ¹⁷Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. ¹⁸Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.

Gospel: Mark 1:9-15

⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." ¹²The Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. ¹³And he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. And he was with the wild animals, and the angels were ministering to him. ¹⁴Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, ¹⁵and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel."



Second Sunday in Lent

February 21, 2027

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, look upon the hearty desires of your humble servants and stretch forth the right hand of your majesty to be our defense against all our enemies. Grant this, we pray, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

First Reading: Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

¹When Abram was ninety-nine years old the LORD appeared to Abram and said to him, “I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless, ²that I may make my covenant between me and you, and may multiply you greatly.” ³Then Abram fell on his face. And God said to him, ⁴“Behold, my covenant is with you, and you shall be the father of a multitude of nations. ⁵No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham, for I have made you the father of a multitude of nations. ⁶I will make you exceedingly fruitful, and I will make you into nations, and kings shall come from you. ⁷And I will establish my covenant between me and you and your offspring after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.”

¹⁵And God said to Abraham, “As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her name Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. ¹⁶I will bless her, and moreover, I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall become nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.”

Lessons for Next Week: Exodus 20:1-17; Psalm 19;
1 Corinthians 1:18-31; John 2:13-22 [23-25]

Psalm 22: 22-30*

²²Praise the LORD, | you that fear him;*
stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel;
all you of Jacob's | line, give glory.
²³**For he does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty;**
neither does he hide his | face from them;*
but when they cry to | him he hears them.
²⁴My praise is of him in the | great assembly;*
I will perform my vows in the presence
of those who | worship him.
²⁵**The poor shall eat and be satisfied,**
and those who seek the | LORD shall praise him:*
"May your heart | live forever!"
²⁶All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn | to the LORD;*
and all the families of the nations shall | bow before him.
²⁷**For kingship belongs | to the LORD;***
he rules | over the nations.
²⁸To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow | down in worship;*
all who go down to the dust | fall before him.
²⁹**My soul shall live for him; my descen- | dants shall serve him;***
they shall be known as the | LORD's forever.
³⁰They shall come and make known to a people | yet unborn*
the saving deeds that | he has done.

Second Reading: Romans 5:1-11

¹Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. ²Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. ³Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. ⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷For one will scarcely die for a righteous person — though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die — ⁸but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. ⁹Since,

therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. ¹¹More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Gospel: Mark 8:27-38

²⁷Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi. And on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" ²⁸And they told him, "John the Baptist; and others say, Elijah; and others, one of the prophets." ²⁹And he asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Christ." ³⁰And he strictly charged them to tell no one about him. ³¹And he began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³²And he said this plainly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man." ³⁴And calling the crowd to him with his disciples, he said to them, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. ³⁵For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it. ³⁶For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul? ³⁷For what can a man give in return for his soul? ³⁸For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of Man also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

Gospel: John 2:13-22 [23-25]

¹³The Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴In the temple he found those who were selling oxen and sheep and pigeons, and the money-changers sitting there. ¹⁵And making a whip of cords, he drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and oxen. And he poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. ¹⁶And he told those who sold the pigeons, "Take these things away; do not make my Father's house a house of trade." ¹⁷His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." ¹⁸So the Jews said to him, "What sign do you show us for doing these things?" ¹⁹Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." ²⁰The Jews then said, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will you raise it up in three days?" ²¹But he was speaking about the temple of his body. ²²When therefore he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the Scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken. [²³Now when he was in Jerusalem at the Passover Feast, many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he was doing. ²⁴But Jesus on his part did not entrust himself to them, because he knew all people ²⁵and needed no one to bear witness about man, for he himself knew what was in man.]

Lessons for Next Week: Numbers 21:4-9; Psalm 107:1-9;
Ephesians 2:1-10; John 3:14-21

The Word of God



Third Sunday in Lent

February 28, 2027

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, consider the worthy desires of your humble servants. Reach out to defend us from evil by the word and work of your majestic right hand. Grant this, we pray, 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.

First Reading: Exodus 20:1-17

¹God spoke all these words, saying, ²"I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. ³You shall have no other gods before me. ⁴You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. ⁵You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, ⁶but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments. ⁷You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain. ⁸Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. ⁹Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, ¹⁰but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. ¹¹For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy. ¹²Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you. ¹³You shall not murder. ¹⁴You shall not commit adultery. ¹⁵You shall not

steal. ¹⁶You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
¹⁷You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet
your neighbor's wife, or his male servant, or his female servant,
or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor's."

Psalm 19

¹The heavens declare the glo- | ry of God,*
and the firmament | shows his handiwork.
**²One day tells its tale | to another,*
and one night imparts knowledge | to another.**
³Although they have no | words or language,*
and their voices | are not heard,
**⁴Their sound has gone out in- | to all lands,*
and their message to the ends | of the world.**
⁵In the deep has he set a pavilion | for the sun;*
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to | run its course.
**⁶It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens
and runs about to the end of | it again;***
nothing is hidden from its | burning heat.
⁷The law of the LORD is perfect and re- | vives the soul;*
the testimony of the LORD is sure
and gives wisdom | to the innocent.
⁸The statutes of the LORD are just and re- | joice the heart;*
**the commandment of the LORD is clear
and gives light | to the eyes.**
⁹The fear of the LORD is clean and en- | dures forever;*
the judgments of the LORD
are true and righteous | altogether.
**¹⁰More to be desired are they than gold,
more than | much fine gold,*
sweeter far than honey, than honey | in the comb.**
¹¹By them also is your ser- | vant enlightened,*
and in keeping them there is | great reward.
¹²Who can tell how often | he offends?*
cleanse me from my | secret faults.

¹³Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;
let them not get dominion | over me;*
then shall I be whole and sound,
and innocent of a | great offense.

**¹⁴Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
be acceptable | in your sight,*
O LORD, my strength and | my redeemer.**

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

¹⁸For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but
to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹For it is written,
"I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of
the discerning I will thwart." ²⁰Where is the one who is wise?
Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not
God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹For since, in the
wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom,
it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those
who believe. ²²For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom,
²³but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and
folly to Gentiles, ²⁴but to those who are called, both Jews and
Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵For
the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of
God is stronger than men. ²⁶For consider your calling, brothers:
not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not
many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. ²⁷But God
chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose
what is weak in the world to shame the strong; ²⁸God chose what
is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to
bring to nothing things that are, ²⁹so that no human being might
boast in the presence of God. ³⁰And because of him you are in
Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness
and sanctification and redemption, ³¹so that, as it is written, "Let
the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."



Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 7, 2027

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, grant that we, who for our evil deeds worthily deserve to be punished, by the comfort of your grace, may mercifully be relieved; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

First Reading: Numbers 21:4-9

⁴From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom. And the people became impatient on the way. ⁵And the people spoke against God and against Moses, “Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we loathe this worthless food.” ⁶Then the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died. ⁷And the people came to Moses and said, “We have sinned, for we have spoken against the LORD and against you. Pray to the LORD, that he take away the serpents from us.” So Moses prayed for the people. ⁸And the LORD said to Moses, “Make a fiery serpent and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten, when he sees it, shall live.” ⁹So Moses made a bronze serpent and set it on a pole. And if a serpent bit anyone, he would look at the bronze serpent and live.

Lessons for Next Week: Jeremiah 31:31-34; Psalm 119:9-16;
Hebrews 5:1-10; Mark 10:[32-34] 35-45

Psalm 107:1-9

¹Give thanks to the LORD, for | he is good,*
and his mercy en- | dures forever.
²**Let all those whom the LORD has re- | deemed proclaim***
that he redeemed them from the hand | of the foe.
³He gathered them out | of the lands;*,
from the east and from the west,
from the north and | from the south.
⁴**Some wandered in | desert wastes;***
they found no way to a city where | they might dwell.
⁵They were hun- | gry and thirsty;*,
their spirits lan- | guished within them.
⁶**Then they cried to the LORD | in their trouble,***
and he delivered them from | their distress.
⁷He put their feet on a | straight path*
to go to a city where | they might dwell.
⁸**Let them give thanks to the LORD | for his mercy***
and the wonders he does | for his children.
⁹For he satis- | fies the thirsty*
and fills the hungry | with good things.

Second Reading: Ephesians 2:1-10

¹You were dead in the trespasses and sins²in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience — ³among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. ⁴But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, ⁵even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ — by grace you have been saved — ⁶and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁸For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, ⁹not a result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

Gospel: John 3:14-21

¹⁴{Jesus said to Nicodemus,} “As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. ¹⁶For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. ¹⁸Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. ¹⁹And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil. ²⁰For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed. ²¹But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his works have been carried out in God.”



Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 14, 2027

Prayer of the Day

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, one God, now and forever. Amen.

First Reading: 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.”

Lessons for Next Week: John 12:12-19; Zechariah 9:9-12;
Psalm 118:19-29; Philippians 2:5-11; Mark 14:1-15:47

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 Reading: 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.

Gospel: Mark 10:[32-34] 35-45

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."

us go and prepare for you to eat the Passover?" ¹³And he sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him, ¹⁴and wherever he enters, say to the master of the house, 'The Teacher says, Where is my guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?' ¹⁵And he will show you a large upper room furnished and ready; there prepare for us." ¹⁶And the disciples set out and went to the city and found it just as he had told them, and they prepared the Passover. ¹⁷And when it was evening, he came with the twelve. ¹⁸And as they were reclining at table and eating, Jesus said, "Truly, I say to you, one of you will betray me, one who is eating with me." ¹⁹They began to be sorrowful and to say to him one after another, "Is it I?" ²⁰He said to them, "It is one of the twelve, one who is dipping bread into the dish with me. ²¹For the Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that man if he had not been born." ²²And as they were eating, he took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to them, and said, "Take; this is my body." ²³And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, and they all drank of it. ²⁴And he said to them, "This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. ²⁵Truly, I say to you, I will not drink again of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God." ²⁶And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. ²⁷And Jesus said to them, "You will all fall away, for it is written, 'I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered.' ²⁸But after I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee." ²⁹Peter said to him, "Even though they all fall away, I will not." ³⁰And Jesus said to him, "Truly, I tell you, this very night, before the rooster crows twice, you will deny me three times." ³¹But he said emphatically, "If I must die with you, I will not deny you." And they all said the same. ³²And they went to a place called Gethsemane. And he said to his disciples, "Sit here while I pray."

Lessons for Next Week:

Easter Sunrise: Exodus 15:1-11; Psalm 118:15-29; 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8; John 20:1-18

Easter Day: Isaiah 25:6-9; Psalm 16; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Mark 16:1-8

The Word of God



Palm Sunday (Sunday of the Passion)

March 21, 2027

Prayer of the Day

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.

Processional Gospel: John 12:12-19

¹²The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. ¹³So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying out, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!" ¹⁴And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written, ¹⁵"Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!" ¹⁶His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written about him and had been done to him. ¹⁷The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to bear witness. ¹⁸The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign. ¹⁹So the Pharisees said to one another, "You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone after him."

First Reading: Zechariah 9:9-12

⁹Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. ¹⁰I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall speak peace to the nations; his rule shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. ¹¹As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. ¹²Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

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’s 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 Reading: 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.

Gospel: Mark 14:1-15:47 (14:33-15:47 omitted here due to space constraints)

¹It was now two days before the Passover and the Feast of Unleavened Bread. And the chief priests and the scribes were seeking how to arrest {Jesus} by stealth and kill him, ²for they said, “Not during the feast, lest there be an uproar from the people.” ³And while he was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as he was reclining at table, a woman came with an alabaster flask of ointment of pure nard, very costly, and she broke the flask and poured it over his head. ⁴There were some who said to themselves indignantly, “Why was the ointment wasted like that? ⁵For this ointment could have been sold for more than three hundred denarii and given to the poor.” And they scolded her. ⁶But Jesus said, “Leave her alone. Why do you trouble her? She has done a beautiful thing to me. ⁷For you always have the poor with you, and whenever you want, you can do good for them. But you will not always have me. ⁸She has done what she could; she has anointed my body beforehand for burial. ⁹And truly, I say to you, wherever the gospel is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in memory of her.” ¹⁰Then Judas Iscariot, who was one of the twelve, went to the chief priests in order to betray him to them. ¹¹And when they heard it, they were glad and promised to give him money. And he sought an opportunity to betray him. ¹²And on the first day of Unleavened Bread, when they sacrificed the Passover lamb, his disciples said to him, “Where will you have

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:16-17

¹⁶The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ? ¹⁷Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread.

Gospel: Mark 14:12-26

¹²On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when they sacrificed the Passover lamb, his disciples said to him, "Where will you have us go and prepare for you to eat the Passover?" ¹³And he sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him, ¹⁴and wherever he enters, say to the master of the house, 'The Teacher says, Where is my guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?' ¹⁵And he will show you a large upper room furnished and ready; there prepare for us." ¹⁶And the disciples set out and went to the city and found it just as he had told them, and they prepared the Passover. ¹⁷And when it was evening, he came with the twelve. ¹⁸And as they were reclining at table and eating, Jesus said, "Truly, I say to you, one of you will betray me, one who is eating with me." ¹⁹They began to be sorrowful and to say to him one after another, "Is it I?" ²⁰He said to them, "It is one of the twelve, one who is dipping bread into the dish with me. ²¹For the Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that man if he had not been born." ²²And as they were eating, he took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to them, and said, "Take; this is my body." ²³And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, and they all drank of it. ²⁴And he said to them, "This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. ²⁵Truly, I say to you, I will not drink again of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God." ²⁶And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.



Maundy Thursday

March 25, 2027

Prayer of the Day

O Lord God, you left to us a wonderful sacrament, a memorial of your passion. Grant, we beseech you, that we may so partake of this sacrament of your body and blood that the fruits of your redemption may continually be manifest in us; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Mandatum: John 13:1-35

¹Before the Feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart out of this world to the Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. ²During supper, when the devil had already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him, ³Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going back to God, ⁴rose from supper. He laid aside his outer garments, and taking a towel, tied it around his waist. ⁵Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was wrapped around him. ⁶He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, do you wash my feet?" ⁷Jesus answered him, "What I am doing you do not understand now, but afterward you will understand." ⁸Peter said to him, "You shall never wash my feet." Jesus answered him, "If I do not wash you, you have no share with me." ⁹Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" ¹⁰Jesus said to him, "The one who has bathed does not need to wash, except for his feet, but is completely clean. And you are clean, but not every one of you." ¹¹For he knew who was to betray him; that was why he said, "Not all of you are clean." ¹²When he had washed their feet and put on his outer garments and resumed his place, he said to them, "Do

you understand what I have done to you? ¹³You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for so I am. ¹⁴If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. ¹⁵For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you. ¹⁶Truly, truly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. ¹⁷If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them. ¹⁸I am not speaking of all of you; I know whom I have chosen. But the Scripture will be fulfilled, 'He who ate my bread has lifted his heel against me.' ¹⁹I am telling you this now, before it takes place, that when it does take place you may believe that I am he. ²⁰Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever receives the one I send receives me, and whoever receives me receives the one who sent me." ²¹After saying these things, Jesus was troubled in his spirit, and testified, "Truly, truly, I say to you, one of you will betray me." ²²The disciples looked at one another, uncertain of whom he spoke. ²³One of his disciples, whom Jesus loved, was reclining at table at Jesus' side, ²⁴so Simon Peter motioned to him to ask Jesus of whom he was speaking. ²⁵So that disciple, leaning back against Jesus, said to him, "Lord, who is it?" ²⁶Jesus answered, "It is he to whom I will give this morsel of bread when I have dipped it." So when he had dipped the morsel, he gave it to Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot. ²⁷Then after he had taken the morsel, Satan entered into him. Jesus said to him, "What you are going to do, do quickly." ²⁸Now no one at the table knew why he said this to him. ²⁹Some thought that, because Judas had the moneybag, Jesus was telling him, "Buy what we need for the feast," or that he should give something to the poor. ³⁰So, after receiving the morsel of bread, he immediately went out. And it was night. ³¹When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in him. ³²If God is glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself, and glorify him at once. ³³Little children, yet a little while I am with you. You will seek me, and just as I said to the Jews, so now I also say to you, 'Where I am going you cannot come.' ³⁴A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. ³⁵By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

First Reading: Exodus 24:3-11

³Moses came and told the people all the words of the LORD and all the rules. And all the people answered with one voice and said, "All the words that the LORD has spoken we will do." ⁴And Moses wrote down all the words of the LORD. He rose early in the morning and built an altar at the foot of the mountain, and twelve pillars, according to the twelve tribes of Israel. ⁵And he sent young men of the people of Israel, who offered burnt offerings and sacrificed peace offerings of oxen to the LORD. ⁶And Moses took half of the blood and put it in basins, and half of the blood he threw against the altar. ⁷Then he took the Book of the Covenant and read it in the hearing of the people. And they said, "All that the LORD has spoken we will do, and we will be obedient." ⁸And Moses took the blood and threw it on the people and said, "Behold the blood of the covenant that the LORD has made with you in accordance with all these words." ⁹Then Moses and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel went up, ¹⁰and they saw the God of Israel. There was under his feet as it were a pavement of sapphire stone, like the very heaven for clearness. ¹¹And he did not lay his hand on the chief men of the people of Israel; they beheld God, and ate and drank.

Psalms 116:12-19

¹²I will fulfill my vows | to the LORD*
in the presence of | all his people.

¹³**Precious in the sight | of the LORD***
is the death | of his servants.

¹⁴O LORD, I | am your servant;*
I am your servant and the child of your handmaid;
you have freed me | from my bonds.

¹⁵**I will offer you the sacrifice | of thanksgiving***
and call upon the name | of the LORD.

¹⁶I will fulfill my vows | to the LORD*
in the presence of | all his people,

¹⁷**In the courts of | the LORD's house,***
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. | Hallelujah!

¹⁸I will pay my vows | to the LORD*
in the presence of | all his people,

¹⁹**In the courts of the house | of the LORD***
in your midst, O Jerusalem. | Praise the LORD!

²⁵The poor shall eat and be satisfied,
and those who seek the | LORD shall praise him:*

“May your heart | live forever!”

²⁶**All the ends of the earth shall remember
and turn | to the LORD,***

and all the families of the nations shall | bow before him.

²⁷For kingship belongs | to the LORD;*

he rules | over the nations.

²⁸**To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow | down in worship;***
all who go down to the dust | fall before him.

²⁹My soul shall live for him; my descen- | dants shall serve him;*

they shall be known as the | LORD's forever.

³⁰**They shall come and make known to a people | yet unborn***
the saving deeds that | he has done.

Second Reading: Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9

¹⁴Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession.

¹⁵For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

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,

Gospel: John 18:1-19:42 (omitted here due to space constraints)

The
Word
of God



Good Friday

March 26, 2027

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, look with mercy on your family of faith who are gathered here and across the world, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed and given over into the hands of sinners and to suffer death on the cross; and who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

First Reading: Isaiah 52:13- 53:12

¹³Behold, my servant shall act wisely; he shall be high and lifted up, and shall be exalted. ¹⁴As many were astonished at you — his appearance was so marred, beyond human semblance, and his form beyond that of the children of mankind — ¹⁵so shall he sprinkle many nations. Kings shall shut their mouths because of him, for that which has not been told them they see, and that which they have not heard they understand.

¹Who has believed what he has heard from us? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? ²For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, and no beauty that we should desire him. ³He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not. ⁴Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. ⁵But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed. ⁶All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned — every one — to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. ⁷He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his

mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth.
⁸By oppression and judgment he was taken away; and as for his generation, who considered that he was cut off out of the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people? ⁹And they made his grave with the wicked and with a rich man in his death, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth.¹⁰Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him; he has put him to grief; when his soul makes an offering for guilt, he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days; the will of the LORD shall prosper in his hand. ¹¹Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied; by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant, make many to be accounted righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. ¹²Therefore I will divide him a portion with the many, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong, because he poured out his soul to death and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and makes intercession for the transgressors.

Psalm 22 (or Psalm 31)

¹My God, my God, why have you for- | saken me?*

and are so far from my cry
and from the words of | my distress?

²**O my God, I cry in the daytime, but you | do not answer;***
by night as well, but I | find no rest.

³Yet you are the | Holy One,*
enthroned upon the prais- | es of Israel.

⁴**Our forefathers put their | trust in you;***
they trusted, and you de- | livered them.

⁵They cried out to you and | were delivered;*

they trusted in you and were not | put to shame.

⁶**But as for me, I am a worm | and no man,***
scorned by all and despised | by the people.

⁷All who see me laugh | me to scorn;*

they curl their lips and wag | their heads, saying,

⁸**“He trusted in the LORD; let him de- | liver him;***
let him rescue him, if he de- | lights in him.”

⁹Yet you are he who took me out | of the womb,*
and kept me safe upon my | mother’s breast.

¹⁰**I have been entrusted to you ever since | I was born;***
you were my God when I was still in my | mother’s womb.

¹¹Be not far from me, for trou- | ble is near,*
and there is | none to help.

¹²**Many young bulls en- | circle me;***
strong bulls of Ba- | shan surround me.

¹³They open wide their | jaws at me,*
like a ravening and a | roaring lion.

¹⁴**I am poured out like water; all my bones are | out of joint;***
my heart within my breast is | melting wax.

¹⁵My mouth is dried out like a potsherd;
my tongue sticks to the roof | of my mouth;*,
and you have laid me in the dust | of the grave.

¹⁶**Packs of dogs close me in,**
and gangs of evildoers cir- | cle around me;*
they pierce my hands and my feet.

I can count | all my bones.

¹⁷They stare and gloat | over me;*,
they divide my garments among them;
they cast lots | for my clothing.

¹⁸**Be not far a- | way, O LORD;***
you are my strength; hast- | en to help me.

¹⁹Save me | from the sword,*
my life from the power | of the dog.

²⁰**Save me from the | lion’s mouth,***
my wretched body from the horns | of wild bulls.

²¹I will declare your name | to my brethren;*,
in the midst of the congregation | I will praise you.

²²**Praise the LORD, | you that fear him;***
stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel;
all you of Jacob’s | line, give glory.

²³For he does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty;
neither does he hide his | face from them;*,
but when they cry to | him he hears them.

²⁴**My praise is of him in the | great assembly;***
I will perform my vows in the presence
of those who | worship him.