

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

We are to be content with what we have.

“Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, ‘Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you’”.  
(Heb. 13:5)

### FIRST READING

Ezekiel 37:1-14

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, “Mortal, can these bones live?” I answered, “O Lord God, you know.” Then he said to me, “Prophesy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord.” So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, “Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.” I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. Then he said to me, “Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, ‘Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.’ Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act,” says the Lord.

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

### PSALM 130

Out of the depths have I called to you, O Lord;  
Lord, hear my voice; \*

let your ears consider well the  
voice of my supplication.

If you, Lord, were to note what is done amiss, \*  
O Lord, who could stand?

For there is forgiveness with you; \*  
therefore you shall be feared.

I wait for the Lord; my soul waits for him; \*  
in his word is my hope.

My soul waits for the Lord,  
more than watchmen for the morning, \*  
more than watchmen for the morning.

O Israel, wait for the Lord, \*  
for with the Lord there is mercy;

With him there is plenteous redemption, \*  
and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

### SECOND READING

Romans 8:6-11

To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law-- indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

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### THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 11:1-45

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, “Lord, he whom you love is ill.” But when Jesus heard it, he said, “This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.” Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. Then after this he said to the disciples, “Let us go to Judea again.” The disciples said to him, “Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?” Jesus answered, “Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them.” After saying this, he told them, “Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him.” The disciples said to him, “Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right.” Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, “Lazarus is dead. For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.” Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, “Let us also go, that we may die with him.” When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.” Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.” Martha said to him, “I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.” Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CHRIS BECKER DINING HALL—THIS AFTERNOON 4 PM.

We need your help (and chocolate milk)! Please see Dan after today's service or call him 602.439.3594.

**FRIDAY NIGHT LENTEN SERIES** The focus of this Friday's 6PM Stations is from the perspective of Mary, the mother of Jesus. Following the vegetarian soup/salad supper, there will be an open forum about "The Cross of Love" led by Rev. Chuck Milhoan. Rev. Milhoan will introduce the group to pastoral care ministry and how to minister with love to those whom God places in our path.

### SAVE THE DATE!!

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**, June 26—30, 5:30-7:30PM, for ages 4 yrs - 12 yrs. A child friendly meal will be served. The children will enjoy Bible stories, crafts, music, and games! If you have questions or would like to volunteer for this week of fun, please see Peggy Diaz after each service. You can also call the church or email her [peggy@stjohnsaz.org](mailto:peggy@stjohnsaz.org). Registration will begin in April.

**CHILDREN'S SUMMER CAMP** Parents, if you are interested in sending your 1st-6th grade child to Children's Camp at our Diocese's Chapel Rock Summer Camp in Prescott, please see Peggy Diaz after today's service for more information (or email her: [peggy@stjohnsaz.org](mailto:peggy@stjohnsaz.org)). Camperships are available if there is a financial need. Also, there will be a family camp at Chapel Rock camp July 6-9. Family camp is an opportunity to use your family vacation time to unplug from the busyness of daily life and reconnect with your children and with God! Please talk to Peggy or email her for more information. You can also go to [www.chapelrock.net/camps.htm](http://www.chapelrock.net/camps.htm) for additional information and to register for both camps.

**IF YOU HAVE NEED OF PRAYER FOR YOURSELF OR SOMEONE ELSE**, a member of our Pastoral Care Ministry will be in our Library to pray with you during Communion at both services, for 10 minutes before & after the first service, and for 10 minutes after the second service.

### THE MILITARY VETERANS MINISTRY

meets this Friday at 10 AM in the church kitchen to prepare & transport food, then serve approximately 80 veterans at the US Vets Center. We welcome all parish members willing to help.

**JAZZ AT TWILIGHT** Our next event is the Royce Murray Jazz Ensemble, Sunday April 30, 6-8 PM. This is a group you don't want to miss! Donations appreciated.

**PLEASE SIGN UP FOR EASTER LILY DEDICATIONS.** The sign up sheets are with the Altar Flower notebook in the Parish Hall. Your free will donation is appreciated.

**OUR FOOD PANTRY NEEDS VOLUNTEERS** to give out food during the week. Please contact Sherrill Adkins or sign up in the Parish Hall.

me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world." When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?" Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go." Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

**WE REMEMBER BEFORE GOD ALL PEOPLE  
THROUGHOUT THE WORLD WHOSE LIVES HAVE BEEN  
DISRUPTED BY VIOLENCE OR WAR.**

**WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO WORK FOR PEACE  
AND FOR NEW BEGINNINGS.**

- ✧ As we pray, let us remember Mark; Shirley; Sarah; Marge; Roger; Bruce; Randall; Joe; Rebecca; Gary; Janie; Sarah & her unborn baby girl; Vicki; Jeannie; Virginia & her family; Marian & Shari; Dean; Presley Lynn & her family; Graham; Phylliss; Paul; Roberta; Dean; Steve; June; Lori; Val; Hollis & Denise; Pierce; Jim; Helen; Santosh; Nat; Keira.
- ✧ We celebrate the baptismal birthday of Eliza Burke.

Our altar flowers are given by  
Sharon Sergent  
*In memory of Maud & Victor Sergent,  
William Dennis and Victor Dennis*

**PAINT NIGHT . . . WITH A TWIST!** This Saturday, April 8, 6:30 PM, Janice Wittwer, a talented artist from Colorado and a yearly winter visitor to our church, will provide instructions on the art of painting acrylics like watercolor. Her theme will be "Easter: If you have brushes, feel free to bring them—otherwise supplies will be provided. As always, refreshments including wine and other drinks, will be provided. Sign up today or—this time only—you may call or email Marykay Nelson: 623.694.6657 / [aztoucan@yahoo.com](mailto:aztoucan@yahoo.com). Come, learn and paint!!

**THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR**

Today	Nursery care	7:45–11:15 AM
	<b>Holy Eucharist Rite I</b>	<b>8 AM</b>
	Soul Food Sunday (CH3)	9:10 AM
	Sunday School (CH 2 & 8)	9:45 AM
	Sunday Youth Program (CH 6)	9:45 AM
	<b>Holy Eucharist Rite II</b>	<b>10 AM</b>
	Chris Becker Dining Hall	4:10 PM
Tue.	Old Testament in Review/Bible Study	6 PM
	Land Use Task Force (CH3)	7 PM
Wed.	<b>Healing Litany / Holy Eucharist Rite II</b>	<b>10 AM</b>
	<b>Holy Eucharist Rite II</b>	<b>6:30 PM</b>
	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	7 PM
Fri.	Friday Night Lenten Series	
	Stations of the Cross	6 PM
	Soup Supper	6:30 PM
	Lenten Study	7 PM
Sat.	Crafters Ministry (PH)	10 AM
	Paint Night	6:30 PM
Sun.	<b>PALM SUNDAY</b>	
	Nursery care	7:45–11:15 AM
	<b>Holy Eucharist Rite I</b>	<b>8 AM</b>
	Soul Food Sunday (CH3)	9:10 AM
	Sunday School (CH 2 & 8)	9:45 AM
	Sunday Youth Program (CH 6)	9:45 AM
	<b>Holy Eucharist Rite II</b>	<b>10 AM</b>

**FRIDAY NIGHT LENTEN SERIES**

Stations of the Cross 6 PM  
 Soup Supper 6:30 PM  
 Lenten Study 7 PM

**HOLY WEEK & EASTER**

**Palm Sunday Liturgy 8 & 10 AM**  
*Service begins on the patio*  
**Maundy Thursday Service 6:30 PM**  
**Good Friday Liturgy 6:30 PM**  
**Holy Saturday/Great Vigil 7 PM**  
**Easter Sunday 6, 8, & 10 AM**

**FOOD PANTRY**

Flour; pudding cups; peanut butter; grape jelly  
 toothbrushes & toothpaste; water

**BLESSING BAGS**

Travel size or individually wrapped please

Pop tarts; pretzels  
 wrapped cookies; packets of peanuts  
 small bags of Goldfish crackers