

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

God expects Christians to pay their taxes,  
since the government is ordained and authorized by God.  
*"Give to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's" (Matt. 22:21).*

### FIRST READING

Exodus 17:1-7

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The Lord said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

### PSALM 78:1-4, 12-16

Hear my teaching, O my people; \*  
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.  
I will open my mouth in a parable; \*  
I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.

That which we have heard and known,  
and what our forefathers have told us, \*  
we will not hide from their children.  
We will recount to generations to come  
the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the Lord, \*  
and the wonderful works he has done.

He worked marvels in the sight of their forefathers, \*  
in the land of Egypt, in the field of Zoan.  
He split open the sea and let them pass through; \*  
he made the waters stand up like walls.  
He led them with a cloud by day, \*  
and all the night through with a glow of fire.

He split the hard rocks in the wilderness \*  
and gave them drink as from the great deep.  
He brought streams out of the cliff, \*  
and the waters gushed out like rivers.

### SECOND READING

Philippians 2:1-13

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own

interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death-- even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

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### THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 21:23-32

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things. "What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe 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 Mike; Betty; Marge; Dawn; Elizabeth; Sherry; Ken; Brody; Chandler; Carlos & his family; the Dodds family; Yamille; John; Michael; John; Jeff; Jenny; Lisa; Steve; Colin; Anthony; Randall; Lori; Hollis & Denise; Keira.
- ✧ We pray for all who are in the paths of natural disaster and the aftermath. We give thanks for the rescuers & comforters.

Our altar flowers are given by Ramona Lewry  
*In memory of my mom, Cecelia Lewry*  
 and by Nikolaus Prosory  
*In memory of my beloved wife Katherine,*  
*who passed away September 14, 2004*

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS** – This afternoon at 4 PM, we have a special service in commemoration of St. Francis of Assisi. Dogs, cats, horses, fish, snakes, birds – and any other of God’s creatures that share your heart and home – are welcome to come and receive a blessing. The service will be on the patio outside the Sanctuary.

**FROM DAN BASCHE** It’s time for our chance to serve at the soup kitchen again! This afternoon is our opportunity to serve our Lord and His children in love. We try to be there by 4:10 p.m. and are done in about an hour and a half. We all try to bring a gallon of chocolate milk and our smiles. Please let Dan know if you are coming, need a schedule or map, or if you have any questions or ideas. I am always collecting: shampoos, soaps, lotions, or anything else these folks may need. Also remember that as the seasons change they will be needing cooler weather clothes, blankets, gloves, jackets, and sweatshirts. Keep these needy in mind when cleaning out. Many thanks for all your help and support.

**TUESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY** Join us this Tuesday, for our discussion of the events following the last book of the Old Testament (Malachi), and an overview of Matthew. We meet at 6 PM in the Parish Hall.

**ART EXHIBIT OPENING: REV. KIM CRECCA WILL BE THE FEATURED SPEAKER AT OUR “WOMEN OF PERRYVILLE” ART RECEPTION THIS SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7, 6 PM.** Come and sample some of the “tasty” creations that the women make and peruse the artwork that the ladies have created using multiple and some VERY unusual media . The artwork will also be on sale. Checks and cash only. Per request of the ladies, most of the revenue from sales will be sent to Episcopal Relief and Development (ERD) for hurricane relief. Checks should be made out to the St. John the Baptist with WOP in the memo. As always, thank you for your generous support.

**THIRD PLACE MINISTRY OF HOSPITALITY, FOOD & FELLOWSHIP NEEDS YOUR HELP!** Do you enjoy the coffee, drinks, and food on Sunday mornings? There is a small group of people who set-up before the 8 AM service: make more coffee or other drinks & tidy the food table between services; and clean-up after the 10 AM service. These people do a wonderful job & serve with a willing heart. If you think this Ministry is a benefit, and helps

provide welcoming atmosphere for members & visitors, please join us. t is a commitment of only one hour per month. A sign-up sheet is in the Parish Hall on the Vestry Table at our Third Place Ministry sign. Questions or interest? Contact Rose Hartley [rhartley@goodmans.com](mailto:rhartley@goodmans.com) (602-919-0572) or Renee' Taylor [renee.chef@gmail.com](mailto:renee.chef@gmail.com) (623-521-2745).

**SOUL FOOD SUNDAY** We continue sharing the book "Rediscover Jesus" by Matthew Kelly. We begin at 9:10 and end in time for you to get to the second service. If you have questions, contact Dan Basche, Mary Grace Gannon, or Rose Hartley.

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

### THIS WEEK’S CALENDAR

Today	Nursery care <b>Healing Litany / Holy Eucharist Rite I</b> Soul Food Sunday (CH3) Sunday School (CH 2 & 8) Youth Group (CH 6) <b>Healing Litany / Holy Eucharist Rite II</b> Praise Band Practice <b>Blessing of the Animals</b> Chris Becker Dining Hall	7:45–11:15 AM <b>8 AM</b> 9:10 AM 9:45 AM 9:45 AM <b>10 AM</b> 11:30 AM 4 PM 4:10 PM
Tue.	Tuesday Night Bible Study Land Use Task Force (CH3) Joyful Noise practice	6 PM 7 PM 7 PM
Wed.	<b>Holy Eucharist Rite II</b> Photo Directory Chancel Choir Rehearsal	<b>6:30 PM</b> 12-7:30 PM 7 PM
Thu.	Women’s Bible Study (MR) Photo Directory	6 PM 12-7:30 PM
Fri.	Military Veterans/Meal Prep (K) Photo Directory	10 AM 12-7:30 PM
Sat.	Photo Directory Art Exhibit Reception	11-6:30 PM 6 PM
Sun.	Nursery care <b>Holy Eucharist Rite I</b> Soul Food Sunday (CH3) Sunday School (CH 2 & 8) Youth Group (CH 6) <b>Holy Eucharist Rite II</b> Praise Band Practice	7:45–11:15 AM <b>8 AM</b> 9:10 AM 9:45 AM 9:45 AM <b>10 AM</b> 11:30 AM

**FOOD PANTRY**  
 brownie mix, peanut butter, jelly (grape or strawberry)  
 Helpers, bath soap

**BLESSING BAGS**  
Travel size or individually wrapped please  
 small bags of cookies; Rice Krispies treats,  
 granola bars; Welch’s fruit snacks;  
 Pepperidge Farm goldfish crackers