

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 32:1-14

When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered around Aaron, and said to him, "Come, make gods for us, who shall go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him." Aaron said to them, "Take off the gold rings that are on the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me." So all the people took off the gold rings from their ears, and brought them to Aaron. He took the gold from them, formed it in a mold, and cast an image of a calf; and they said, "These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!" When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation and said, "Tomorrow shall be a festival to the Lord." They rose early the next day, and offered burnt offerings and brought sacrifices of well-being; and the people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to revel. The Lord said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!< The Lord said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation." But Moses implored the Lord his God, and said, "O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, 'I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.'" And the Lord changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

Psalms 106:1-6, 19-23

Hallelujah!

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, *
for his mercy endures for ever.

Who can declare the mighty acts of the Lord *
or show forth all his praise?

Happy are those who act with justice *
and always do what is right!

Remember me, O Lord, with the favor you have for
your people, *

and visit me with your saving help;

That I may see the prosperity of your elect
and be glad with the gladness of your people, *
that I may glory with your inheritance.

We have sinned as our forebears did; *
we have done wrong and dealt wickedly.

Israel made a bull-calf at Horeb *
and worshiped a molten image;
And so they exchanged their Glory *
for the image of an ox that feeds on grass.

They forgot God their Savior, *
who had done great things in Egypt,
Wonderful deeds in the land of Ham, *
and fearful things at the Red Sea.

So he would have destroyed them,
had not Moses his chosen stood before
him in the breach, *
to turn away his wrath from consuming them.

SECOND READING

Philippians 4:1-9

My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life. Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 22:1-14

Once more Jesus spoke to the people in parables, saying: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he

sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests. "But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' For many are called, but few are chosen."

**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 Kim & her family; Robert; Scott; HT; Mike; Betty; Marge; Elizabeth; Sherry; Ken; Brody; Chandler; Carlos & his family; the Dodds family; Yamille; John; Michael; Colin; Anthony; Randall; Lori; Hollis & Denise; Keira .
- ✧ We pray for all those affected by wildfires in California.
- ✧ We pray for those who have died, especially Nikolaus Prosoy and Joanne Barczak.
- ✧ We give thanks for rescuers, caregivers & comforters.

Our altar flowers are given by Rob & Nicole Krug
In celebration of their 12th wedding anniversary
and by Clayton & Kelly Sikes
For the baptismal birthdays of Ryan & Jacob Sikes

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TUESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY We will not meet this Tuesday, Please join us next week as we continue our discussion of the Gospel of Matthew.

OUR ANNUAL INGATHERING TAKES PLACE SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29TH. On that morning we will all have an opportunity to make a pledge to St. John's for 2018. Making a pledge is important to St. John's as it allows the vestry to make plans helps us continue our journey of Growing our Faith Through Giving.

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.

ALL SOULS' DAY WILL BE OBSERVED WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1. Prayers for those who have died will be read at 6:30 PM service. If you would like to include the names of your loved ones, the sign up sheets are in the Parish Hall next to the Altar Flower notebook. PLEASE print legibly and use one line for each person to be remembered.

THE WOMEN OF PERRYVILLE ART EXHIBIT, SPONSORED BY FAITH THROUGH THE ARTS, CONTINUES TO RUN THROUGH THE END OF OCTOBER. The artwork on display was created primarily by women who attend the Episcopal worship services on the Santa Cruz yard at Perryville Women's Prison in Goodyear. Rev. Kim Crecca participates in those worship services and is available to talk with you after our services on Sunday about the artists and the creative ways they find to express themselves through arts and crafts. All of the artwork is for sale with a portion or all of the proceeds being donated to the Episcopal Relief & Development Hurricane Relief Fund or Gina's Team (a non-profit organization that works with inmates and releasees to reduce recidivism). None of the artwork can be returned to the artists. We are so pleased that the Arizona Dept. of Corrections has given us permission to order art supplies for the art program on the Santa Cruz yard. We are collecting donations to help purchase these supplies. A donation of any size can help! Thank you!

QUESTIONS, COMMENTS, CONCERNS—WHATEVER—PLEASE STOP AND TALK WITH A VESTRY MEMBER BETWEEN SERVICES. Just look for the sign "CHAT WITH THE VESTRY" in the parish hall near the back tables. We look forward to meeting and talking with each of you!

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE ABOUT THE WIDE RANGE OF OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE THOSE AFFECTED BY INCARCERATION? On Sunday 10/22 and 10/29 from 11:30 to 12:30, please gather in the Library where Rev. Kim Crecca will be answering questions and providing information for those interested in getting started in the rewarding and much needed prison ministry field. The options for serving range from something as simple as sending birthday cards to actually participating in worship services at a Perryville Women's Prison. The brand new Camp Genesis for children with incarcerated parents is also a part of this ministry. Come and learn about all the great things that are going on in prison ministry and the dreams for the future. If there's enough interest, a prison ministry team will be commissioned at St. John's.

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 HAVE A DONATION FOR OUR REFUGEE MINISTRY contact Kurt Gruenberg, azkurtgrue@q.com or 623-376-0776.

FOOD PANTRY

.pork and beans, sugar, flour, cereal,
shampoo and conditioner

BLESSING BAGS

Travel size or individually wrapped please

toothbrush, toothpaste, chips, cookies,
gallon size zip lock baggies

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Today	Nursery care	7:45–11:15 AM
	<i>Holy Eucharist Rite I</i>	8 AM
	Soul Food Sunday (CH3)	9:10 AM
	Sunday School (CH 2 & 8)	9:45 AM
	Youth Group (CH 6)	9:45 AM
	<i>Holy Eucharist Rite II</i>	10 AM
	Praise Band Practice	11:30 AM
Tue.	Joyful Noise practice	7 PM
	Bunco (PH)	7 PM
Wed.	<i>Holy Eucharist Rite II</i>	6:30 PM
	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	7 PM
Thu.	POW WOW Regional meeting (PH)	5 PM
	Women's Bible Study (MR)	6 PM
Sat.	Men's Fellowship, Breakfast & Study	8 AM
Sun.	Nursery care	7:45–11:15 AM
	<i>Holy Eucharist Rite I</i>	8 AM
	DOK meeting (CH 4 & 5)	9 AM
	Soul Food Sunday (CH3)	9:10 AM
	Sunday School (CH 2 & 8)	9:45 AM
	Youth Group (CH 6)	9:45 AM
	<i>Holy Eucharist Rite II</i>	10 AM
	Prison Ministry Q&A Session (L)	11:30 AM
	Praise Band Practice	11:30 AM