

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 33:12-23

Moses said to the Lord, "See, you have said to me, 'Bring up this people'; but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, 'I know you by name, and you have also found favor in my sight.' Now if I have found favor in your sight, show me your ways, so that I may know you and find favor in your sight. Consider too that this nation is your people." He said, "My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest." And he said to him, "If your presence will not go, do not carry us up from here. For how shall it be known that I have found favor in your sight, I and your people, unless you go with us? In this way, we shall be distinct, I and your people, from every people on the face of the earth." The Lord said to Moses, "I will do the very thing that you have asked; for you have found favor in my sight, and I know you by name." Moses said, "Show me your glory, I pray." And he said, "I will make all my goodness pass before you, and will proclaim before you the name, 'The Lord'; and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. But," he said, "you cannot see my face; for no one shall see me and live." And the Lord continued, "See, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock; and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by; then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back; but my face shall not be seen."

Psalm 99

The Lord is King;

let the people tremble; *

he is enthroned upon the cherubim;

let the earth shake.

The Lord is great in Zion; *

he is high above all peoples.

Let them confess his Name, which is

great and awesome; *

he is the Holy One.

"O mighty King, lover of justice,

you have established equity; *

you have executed justice and

righteousness in Jacob."

Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God

and fall down before his footstool; *

he is the Holy One.

Moses and Aaron among his priests,

and Samuel among those who call upon his Name, *

they called upon the Lord, and he answered them.

He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; *

they kept his testimonies and

he decree that he gave them.

O Lord our God, you answered them indeed; *

you were a God who forgave them,
yet punished them for their evil deeds.

Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God
and worship him upon his holy hill; *

for the Lord our God is the Holy One.

SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace. We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead-- Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 22:15-22

The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap Jesus in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

**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 Suzy; Michael; Ken; Kim & her family; Robert; Scott; HT; Mike; Betty; Marge; Elizabeth; Sherry; Brody; Chandler; Carlos & his family; the Dodds family; John; Colin; Anthony; Randall; Lori; Hollis & Denise; Keira.
- ✘ We pray for all those affected by wildfires in California.
- ✘ We give thanks for rescuers, caregivers & comforters.

Our altar flowers are given by Nat Harmon
*In memory of my son,
Douglas Raymond Harmon*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TUESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY This week, we continue our study of the Gospel of Matthew. Our focus will be on Chapter 6, v. 25—Chapter 10. All are welcome!

SOUL FOOD SUNDAY We continue sharing the book "Rediscover Jesus" by Matthew Kelly. We meet 9:10 to 9:55 AM. If you have questions, contact Dan Basche, Mary Grace Gannon, or Rose Hartley.

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 CURRENT FORWARD DAY BY DAY DEVOTIONAL EXPIRES THE END OF OCTOBER. Please consider recycling your copy by bringing it to church on or before November 12th. There will be a receptacle for the used devotionals on the shelf in the parish hall. The expired devotionals will be used in blessing bags and large print editions will be taken to Perryville women's prison. 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!

2017 ANNUAL MEN'S RETREAT AT CHAPEL ROCK Please join Bishop Smith, Jesse Villegas/Canon for Youth & Young Adult Ministry and the Men of the Episcopal Diocese of Arizona for the 2017 Annual Men's Retreat at Chapel Rock. We gather Friday evening Nov. 17 and wrap up Sunday morning Nov. 19. See insert in today's bulletin. More information and a link to register can be found at: http://www.azdiocese.org/digital_faith/events.

The memorial service for Nikolaus Prosoy will be held this Saturday at 3 PM.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE ABOUT THE WIDE RANGE OF OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE THOSE AFFECTED BY INCARCERATION? Today and next Sunday, 11:30AM—12:30PM, please join Rev. Kim Crecca in the Library as she answers questions and provides 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.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Today	Nursery care	7:45–11:15 AM
	Holy Eucharist Rite 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
	Holy Eucharist Rite II	10 AM
	Prison Ministry Q & A Session (L)	11:30 AM
	Praise Band Practice	11:30 AM
Tue.	Faith Through the Arts (L)	4:30 PM
	Tuesday Night Bible Study	6 PM
	Joyful Noise practice	7 PM
Wed.	Holy Eucharist Rite II	6:30 PM
	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	7 PM
Thu.	Women's Bible Study (MR)	6 PM
Sat.	Veteran's Ministry meeting (PH)	9 AM
	Land Use Task Force (PH)	10 AM
	Memorial Service/Nikolaus Prosoy	3 PM
Sun.	Nursery care	7:45–11:15 AM
	Holy Eucharist Rite I	8 AM
	Soul Food Sunday (CH3)	9:10 AM
	Sunday School (CH 2 & 8)	9:45 AM
	Youth Sunday / Music by Joel Joa	
	Holy Eucharist Rite II	10 AM
	Praise Band Practice	11:30 AM

FOOD PANTRY

cereal, oatmeal, canned ham, gravy, stuffing

BLESSING BAGS

Travel size or individually wrapped please
small bags of chips/pretzels, toothbrush,
toothpaste, travel size shampoo, soap