

SCRIPTURE READINGS

We give because God first gave to us.
"Freely you have received, freely give" (Matt. 10:8)

FIRST READING

Acts 10:44-48

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

PSALM 98

Sing to the Lord a new song, *
for he has done marvelous things.
With his right hand and his holy arm *
has he won for himself the victory.
The Lord has made known his victory; *
his righteousness has he openly shown in t
he sight of the nations.
He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to
the house of Israel, *
and all the ends of the earth have seen the
victory of our God.
Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands; *
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.
Sing to the Lord with the harp, *
with the harp and the voice of song.
With trumpets and the sound of the horn *
shout with joy before the King, the Lord.
Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, *
the lands and those who dwell therein.
Let the rivers clap their hands, *
and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord,
when he comes to judge the earth.
In righteousness shall he judge the world *
and the peoples with equity.

SECOND READING

1 John 5:1-6

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

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THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 15:9-17

Jesus said to his disciples, "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another."

**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 Richard; Lori; Pat; Kate; Phylliss; Gabriela; Ruthie; Sarah; Davie, Kristie & their unborn baby; Dana & her husband; Shoney; Riley; Robin; Anna; Bob ; Jim; Rebecca; Kim & Dan; Jan; HT; John; Robert; Mike; Randall; Lori; Hollis & Denise; Keira .

Our altar flowers are given by Ramona Lewry
In honor of my Dad (97)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHRIS BECKER DINING HALL THIS TUESDAY We meet at the Soup Kitchen by 4:10PM. Your help, smile & chocolate milk is always appreciated.

WOMEN UNLIMITED BREAKFAST Our Saturday, May 19th event is breakfast at the Deer Valley Airport Café, 8:30 AM. The address is 702 W Deer Valley Road (Phoenix). 623-582-5454

TUESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY We gather this Tuesday at 6PM to continue our journey through Mark's Gospel.

STRATEGIC PLANNING MINISTRY Our next meeting is this Saturday at 9AM. This ministry was formed in the fall of 2017 for the purpose of creating a plan for the future of St. John's. We are currently moving through the process. The members look forward to developing draft goals in the coming months, and receiving input from the congregation. Please contact Michael Werner if you have questions or comments. Thank you all for your support.

FAITH THROUGH THE ARTS Our spring exhibit was a great success. Thank you for sharing your treasures. Please be sure to pickup your artwork today. Now . . . **EXCITING NEWS ABOUT OUR NEXT EXHIBIT!** We have all heard of Stacy Milhoan's wonderful trips and work with the children of Haiti. These children have provided their artwork for the upcoming exhibit. The children range in age, which is reflected in their art. The Haitian Children's Art Exhibit opening is this Saturday, May 12 at 6PM. Stacy will give a brief presentation. We invite you and your children or grandchildren to join us. Some artwork will be available for purchase, with all donations going to the Apparent Project.

ORANGEAIDES CARD MINISTRY / from PATTIE PROSORY Congratulations for a job well done and many, many thanks from the ladies of Perryville. With your help we signed and mailed 540 Mother's Day Cards. I am proud to be a member of not only the church that serves, but also the church that CARES.

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). Camperships are available if there is a financial need. ABC camp is also available for 5 yr olds with parent attending. Please talk to Peggy or email her for more information or to go to www.chapelrock.net/camps.htm for additional information and to register for both camps.

REGISTRATION CONTINUES FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL! Camp is June 25-29, 5:30-7:30PM for ages 4-12 yrs. A child friendly meal will be served. The children will enjoy Bible stories, crafts, music, and games. If you have questions, please see Peggy Diaz after each service. You can also call the church or email her peggy@stjohnsaz.org.

Family Camp for Families with Children and Youth of All Ages July 5-8 at Chapel Rock Family Camp is an opportunity to unplug from the busyness of daily life and reconnect with your children and with the God who made you a family. It is challenging in this over-programmed, screen-filled culture to take the time out to be present to the people in our families. Chapel Rock is a place where screens are put away and there is space and time to listen to God and to each other. More information about registration at <http://www.chapelrock.net/camps.htm>.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Today	Nursery care Sunday School Healing Litany & Holy Eucharist Rite II	9:15 AM thru end of service 9:15 AM 9:30 AM
Tue.	Chris Becker Dining Hall Faith Through the Arts (L) Tuesday Night Bible Study Joyful Noise practice	4:10 PM 4:30 PM 6 PM 7 PM
Wed.	Holy Eucharist Rite II Chancel Choir Rehearsal Vestry meeting (CH 3)	6:30 PM 7:15 PM 7:15 PM
Thu.	Women's Bible Study (MR)	6 PM
Fri.	Thrift Shop (CH7)	9 AM—2 PM
Sat.	Thrift Shop (CH7) Strategic Planning meeting (CH3) Crafters Ministry (PH)	9 AM—2 PM 9 AM 10 AM
Sun.	Nursery care Holy Eucharist Rite I Sunday School (CH 2 & 8) Youth Group (CH 6) Holy Baptism & Eucharist Rite II Praise Band Practice	7:45—11:15 AM 8 AM 9:45 AM 9:45 AM 10 AM 11:30 AM

FOOD PANTRY

grape jelly, peanut butter, cookies'
canned vegetables (e.g., green beans, corn)

BLESSING BAGS

Travel size or individually wrapped please
snack packs of Oreos, Reese's Bits, peanuts