

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Help us, Lord to place You first in our lives by becoming more prayerful and more focused on loving and caring for our families and our neighbors in need, and by becoming less preoccupied with material things.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, the strength of all who put their trust in you: Mercifully accept our prayers; and because in our weakness we can do nothing good without you, give us the help of your grace, that in keeping your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 17:5-10

Thus says the Lord: Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals and make mere flesh their strength, whose hearts turn away from the Lord. They shall be like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see when relief comes. They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land. Blessed are those who trust in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord. They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit. The heart is devious above all else; it is perverse—who can understand it? I the Lord test the mind and search the heart, to give to all according to their ways, according to the fruit of their doings.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

PSALM 1

Happy are they who have not walked in
the counsel of the wicked, *

nor lingered in the way of sinners,
nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

Their delight is in the law of the Lord, *
and they meditate on his law day and night.

They are like trees planted by streams of water,
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves
that do not wither; *

everything they do shall prosper.

It is not so with the wicked; *
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.

Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright
when judgment comes, *
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, *
but the way of the wicked is doomed.

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 15:12-20

Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that

he raised Christ—whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 6:17-26

Jesus came down with the twelve apostles and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them. Then he looked up at his disciples and said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets. But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets."

**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:

✠ those in special need, especially Dale; Ronald, Sherrill & their families; Mary; Joyce; Marykay; Cheri; Kyle; Taylor; Larry & Leslie; Ellie; Jim; June; Bob & Kate; Chuck & his church family; Joyce; John; Edward; Dana & Andy; John; Joan; Parker; Mae; Jean; Ginny; Kay; Linda & Glenn; the Ordway family; Doug; Kevin & Mackenzie; Casey; Jay; Brody; Shoney; Robert; Lori; Keira .

✠ We pray for those who have died.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

ASH WEDNESDAY IS MARCH 6

Services are at 10 AM, 12 Noon, and 6:30 PM.

SUMMER CAMP AT CHAPEL ROCK IS COMING IN JUNE! Early Bird sign up for a \$20 discount ends March 31st. Parents, if you are interested in sending your child to camp, please see Peggy or Joel for more information! We are looking for our congregation to support camperships for St. John's kids that need financial help attending camp. Please prayerfully consider donating to a full or partial campership. See Peggy or Joel if you would like to support our camp program.

VETERANS MINISTRY meets this Saturday, 9 AM in the Parish Hall.

FROM ROSE HARTLEY: Daughters of The King meet next Sunday, between services in Chilton Hall. Daughters at 8 AM Service, please leave right after communion to meeting. Daughters at 10 AM Service, please come early to meeting at 9 AM

THE ORANGE AIDE PRISON MINISTRY

extends our thanks for your donations of stamps and birthday cards.

Your gifts help immensely in our work with the women of Perryville Prison.

We are aware that our website has had unauthorized advertisements recently. It is intermittent, which makes troubleshooting more challenging. We have installed a stronger security tool to resolve the issue. Thanks for your patience & understanding.

OFFICE IS CLOSED TOMORROW

THE SUNDAY ARIZONA REPUBLIC \$3 EFFECTIVE TODAY

FAITH THROUGH THE ARTS EVENTS. PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

- * First and foremost is our exciting Re-Member Concert on this Saturday, 4:00 PM . The program features Jim Thurston, Ken Morgan and Frank Thompson with music and information about the work they do in South Dakota with the Lakota Native Americans. The program lasts about 90 minutes and there will be light refreshments served afterwards. Come and bring a friend or two!
- * Also next weekend, FTTA is hosting a group from Pagosa Springs, Colorado as a follow-up visit to Pagosa Springs by five FTTA members (and some spouses) last summer where we exchanged ideas about our art ministries. We were given a very warm welcome by everyone. They will attend the 10:00 service on Sunday. Meet and greet them following the service.
- * Saturday, March 2, 6:00 PM, we will be hosting a reception for our next exhibit of icons. Rev. Marty Connor will be the speaker. Refreshments will be served.
- * March 8 we will have Friday Night Unplugged followed by a Lenten soup and bread meal. What a wonderful way to get "unplugged" from your busy and stressful week.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Today	Holy Eucharist Rite I	8 AM
	Card signing between services (PH)	9 AM
	Nursery care	9:30–11:15 AM
	Sunday School (CH 2 & 8)	9:45 AM
	Youth Group (CH 6)	9:45 AM
	Holy Eucharist Rite II	10 AM
	Praise Band Practice	11:30 AM
Mon.	OFFICE CLOSED	
Tue.	Tuesday Night Bible Study	6 PM
	Joyful Noise practice	7 PM
	Bunco (PH)	7 PM
Wed.	Serendipity Bible Study	3 PM
	Holy Eucharist Rite II	6:30 PM
	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	7:15 PM
Thu.	Women's Bible Study (PH)	3 PM
Fri.	Thrift Shop (CH7)	9 AM—1 PM
Sat.	Veteran's Ministry meeting (PH)	9 AM
	Re-member Benefit Concert (PH)	6 PM
	Thrift Shop (CH7)	9 AM—1 PM
Sun.	Garden Dedication	
	Holy Eucharist Rite I	8 AM
	DOK meeting (CH 3)	9 AM
	Nursery care	9:30–11:15 AM
	Sunday School (CH 2 & 8)	9:45 AM
	Holy Eucharist Rite II	10 AM
	Youth Sunday / Music by Joel Joa	
	Praise Band Practice	11:30 AM