

SCRIPTURE READINGS

*Our planning and our sharing demonstrate the great importance that You,
O Lord, and the truth the Gospel has in our lives.*

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

FIRST READING

Exodus 3:1-15

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God. Then the Lord said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt." But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" He said, "I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain." But Moses said to God, "If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" God said to Moses, "I am who I am." He said further, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'I am has sent me to you.'" God also said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'The Lord, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you': This is my name forever, and this my title for all generations."

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

PSALM 63:1-8

O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you; *

my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you,
as in a barren and dry land where there is no water.

Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place, *
that I might behold your power and your glory.

For your loving-kindness is better than life itself; *
my lips shall give you praise.

So will I bless you as long as I live *
and lift up my hands in your Name.

My soul is content, as with marrow and fatness, *
and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,

When I remember you upon my bed, *
and meditate on you in the night watches.

For you have been my helper, *
and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.

My soul clings to you; *
your right hand holds me fast.

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 10:1-13

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness. Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play." We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 13:1-9

At that very time there were some present who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of

Siloam fell on them--do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did." Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?' He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

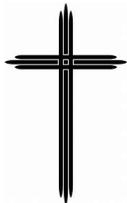
**WE REMEMBER BEFORE GOD ALL PEOPLE
THROUGHOUT THE WORLD WHOSE LIVES HAVE BEEN
DISRUPTED BY VIOLENCE OR WAR.**

**WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO WORK FOR PEACE
AND FOR NEW BEGINNINGS.**

AS WE PRAY, LET US REMEMBER:

✠ those in special need, especially Joyce; Larry & Leslie; Dorothy; Edward; the Austin family; Larry; Staci; Sherrill & her family; Kay; Don; Doug; Debbie; Steve; James; Joyce; Taylor; Harry & Wendy; Chuck & his church family; Dave & Linda; Shelly; Callie; Cheri; Dale; Parker; Jay; Brody; Shoney; Robert; Lori; Keira.

✠ We pray for those who have died.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

**JOIN US FRIDAY NIGHTS IN LENT FOR STATIONS OF THE
CROSS, SOUP SUPPER, & STUDY—THE SAVING
SIGNIFICANCE OF JESUS' DEATH AND RESURRECTION.**

**ALL YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS ARE INVITED TO A GAME OF
LASER TAG THIS SATURDAY.** We'll meet at St. John's at noon and carpool to Laser Quest. There will be a short rehearsal for youth acolytes, readers and ushers before heading out. Pick up will be at Menchie's Frozen Yogurt at 3pm.

JUNE SUMMER CAMP AT CHAPEL ROCK 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!

**THE ANNUAL CHILDREN'S MINISTRY EASTER EGG HUNT IS
COMING SOON!** We need donations of candy that fits inside small and medium size plastic eggs. **No chocolate or candy that melts!** There are Easter baskets in the Parish Hall for your donation. Thank you!

PHOTO DIRECTORY!!

There is still time to sign up.

Photos 'will be take this Saturday in Chilton Hall 4 & 5.

**AZ Episcopal Cursillo
Annual Fundraising Dinner and Silent Auction
to benefit the Scholarship Fund**

• This Saturday, 6-9pm for a Mardi Gras themed evening!
• Dinner & Silent Auction in our Parish Hall.
• See insert in today's bulletin for additional details.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Today	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
	Youth Group (CH 6)	9:45 AM
	Holy Eucharist Rite II	10 AM
	Praise Band Practice	11:30 AM
Tue.	Tuesday Night Bible Study	6 PM
	Joyful Noise practice	7 PM
Wed.	Holy Eucharist Rite II	6:30 PM
	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	7:15 PM
Fri.	Thrift Shop (CH7)	9 AM—1 PM
	FRIDAY NIGHT LENTEN SERIES	
	Stations of the Cross	6 PM
	Soup Supper	6:30 PM
	Lenten Study	7 PM
	<i>The Saving Significance of Jesus' Death and Resurrection</i>	
Sat.	Thrift Shop (CH7)	9 AM—1 PM
	Photo Directory shoot (CH 4 & 5)	
	Cursillo (PH)	9 AM
	Dinner & Silent Auction (PH)	6—9 PM
	Cursillo Scholarship Fundraiser	
Sun.	Holy Eucharist Rite I	8 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

FOOD PANTRY

Spam, canned tuna, canned chicken,
canned corn or other veggies, toothpaste

BLESSING BAGS

Travel size or individually wrapped please

Oreos; Rice Krispie treats, fruit snacks,
Cheez-its, travel sized Goldfish, granola bars