

# The Season of Lent

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# Ash Wednesday

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## First Lesson

### Isaiah 59:12-20

<sup>12</sup>Yes, our rebellious deeds are many before you,  
and our sins testify against us.

Our rebellious deeds are with us,  
and as for our guilty deeds, we are aware of them.

<sup>13</sup>Those deeds are rebellion and treachery against the LORD.  
We turn back from following our God.

We incite oppression and apostasy.

We conceive and mutter deceitful words from our hearts.

<sup>14</sup>Justice is turned back,  
and righteousness stands far away,  
for truth stumbles in the city square,  
and honesty cannot enter it.

<sup>15</sup>The truth is missing,  
and anyone who turns from evil makes himself prey.  
The LORD looked and saw something evil—  
there was no justice.

<sup>16</sup>He saw that there was no one.  
He was appalled that there was no one who could intervene.  
So his own arm worked salvation for him,  
and his own righteousness supported him.

<sup>17</sup>He clothed himself with righteousness like armor  
and wore a helmet of salvation on his head.  
He dressed in garments for vengeance,  
and he wrapped himself with zeal like a cloak.

<sup>18</sup>He will repay in full what they have earned,  
namely, wrath to his foes and full payment to his enemies.  
He will repay even the distant coastlands.

<sup>19</sup>From the west they will fear the LORD's name,  
and from the rising of the sun they will fear his glory,  
for he will come like a raging river,  
driven by the Spirit of the LORD.

<sup>20</sup>Then a redeemer will come for Zion  
and for those in Jacob who turn from rebellion.  
This is the declaration of the LORD.

## Second Lesson

### 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:2

We urge you, on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God. <sup>21</sup>God made him, who did not know sin, to become sin for us, so that we might become the righteousness of God in him.

<sup>6:1</sup>As fellow workers we also urge you not to receive God's grace in vain. <sup>2</sup>For he says:

At a favorable time I listened to you,  
and in the day of salvation I helped you.

Look, now is the favorable time! See, now is the day of salvation!

## Gospel

### Luke 18:9-14

<sup>9</sup>Jesus told this parable to certain people who trusted in themselves (that they were righteous) and looked down on others: <sup>10</sup>“Two men went up to the temple courts to pray. One was a Pharisee, and the other was a tax collector. <sup>11</sup>The Pharisee stood and prayed about himself like this: ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other people, robbers, evildoers, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. <sup>12</sup>I fast twice a week. I give a tenth of all my income.’

<sup>13</sup>“However the tax collector stood at a distance and would not even lift his eyes up to heaven, but was beating his chest and saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner!’

<sup>14</sup>“I tell you, this man went home justified rather than the other, because everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted.”

# The First Sunday in Lent

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## First Lesson

**Genesis 2:7-9, 15-17, 3:1-7**

<sup>7</sup>The LORD God formed the man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being. <sup>8</sup>The LORD God planted a garden in Eden in the east, and there he put the man whom he had formed. <sup>9</sup>Out of the ground the LORD God made every kind of tree grow—trees that are pleasant to look at and good for food, including the Tree of Life in the middle of the garden and the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil.

<sup>15</sup>The LORD God took the man and settled him in the Garden of Eden to work it and to take care of it. <sup>16</sup>The LORD God gave a command to the man. He said, “You may freely eat from every tree in the garden, <sup>17</sup>but you shall not eat from the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil, for on the day that you eat from it, you will certainly die.”

<sup>3:1</sup>Now the serpent was more clever than any wild animal which the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, “Has God really said, ‘You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?’”

<sup>2</sup>The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat fruit from the trees of the garden, <sup>3</sup>but not from the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden. God has said, ‘You shall not eat from it. You shall not touch it, or else you will die.’”

<sup>4</sup>The serpent said to the woman, “You certainly will not die. <sup>5</sup>In fact, God knows that the day you eat from it, your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”

<sup>6</sup>When the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was appealing to the eyes, and that the tree was desirable to make one wise, she took some of its fruit and ate. She gave some also to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. <sup>7</sup>The eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized that they were naked. They sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for their waists.

## Second Lesson

**Romans 5:12-19**

<sup>12</sup>So then, just as sin entered the world through one man and death through sin, so also death spread to all people because all sinned. <sup>13</sup>For even before the law was given, sin was in the world. Now, sin is not charged to one’s account if there is no law, <sup>14</sup>and yet death reigned from the time of Adam to the time of Moses, even over those whose sin was not like the transgression of Adam, who is a pattern of the one who was to come.

<sup>15</sup>But the gracious gift is not like Adam’s trespass. For if the many died by the trespass of this one man, it is even more certain that God’s grace, and the gift given by the grace of the one man Jesus Christ, overflowed to the many!

<sup>16</sup>And the gift is not like the effect of the one man’s sin, for the judgment that followed the one trespass resulted in a verdict of condemnation, but the gracious gift that followed many trespasses resulted in a verdict of justification.

<sup>17</sup>Indeed, if by the trespass of the one man, death reigned through the one man, it is even more certain that those who receive the overflowing grace of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ!

<sup>18</sup>So then, just as one trespass led to a verdict of condemnation for all people, so also one righteous verdict led to life-giving justification for all people. <sup>19</sup>For just as through the disobedience of one man the many became sinners, so also through the obedience of one man the many will become righteous.

## Gospel

### Matthew 4:1-11

Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the Devil. <sup>2</sup>After he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. <sup>3</sup>The Tempter came and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become bread.”

<sup>4</sup>But Jesus answered, “It is written:

Man shall not live by bread alone,  
but by every word that comes out of the mouth of God.”

<sup>5</sup>Then the Devil took him into the holy city. He placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, <sup>6</sup>and he said to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down. For it is written:

He will command his angels concerning you.  
And they will lift you up in their hands,  
so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.”

<sup>7</sup>Jesus said to him, “Again, it is written:

You shall not test the Lord your God.”

<sup>8</sup>Again the Devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. <sup>9</sup>He said to him, “I will give you all of these things, if you will bow down and worship me.”

<sup>10</sup>Then Jesus said to him, “Go away, Satan! For it is written, ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.’”

<sup>11</sup>Then the Devil left him, and just then angels came and served him.

# The Second Sunday in Lent

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## First Lesson

### Genesis 12:1-8

Now the LORD said to Abram, “Get out of your country and away from your relatives and from your father’s house and go to the land that I will show you. <sup>2</sup>I will make you a great nation. I will bless you and make your name great. You will be a blessing. <sup>3</sup>I will bless those who bless you, and I will curse anyone who dishonors you. All of the families of the earth will be blessed in you.”

<sup>4</sup>So Abram went, as the LORD had told him. Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. <sup>5</sup>Abram took Sarai his wife, Lot his brother’s son, and all the possessions they had accumulated and the people that they had acquired in Haran, and they set out to travel to the land of Canaan. Eventually they arrived in the land of Canaan. <sup>6</sup>Abram passed through the land until he came to the Oak of Moreh at the place called Shechem. The Canaanites were in the land at that time.

<sup>7</sup>The LORD appeared to Abram and said, “I will give this land to your descendants.” Abram built an altar there to the LORD, who had appeared to him.

<sup>8</sup>He moved on from there to the hill country east of Bethel and pitched his tent there, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. There he built an altar to the LORD and proclaimed the name of the LORD.

## Second Lesson

### Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

What then will we say that Abraham, our forefather, discovered according to the flesh? <sup>2</sup>If indeed Abraham had been justified by works, he would have had a reason to boast—but not before God. <sup>3</sup>For what does Scripture say? “Abraham believed God and it was credited to him as righteousness.”

<sup>4</sup>Now to a person who works, his pay is not counted as a gift but as something owed. <sup>5</sup>But to the person who does not work but believes in the God who justifies the ungodly, his faith is credited to him as righteousness.

<sup>13</sup>Indeed, the promise that he would be the heir of the world was not given to Abraham or his descendants through the law, but through the righteousness that is by faith. <sup>14</sup>To be sure, if people are heirs by the law, faith is empty and the promise is nullified. <sup>15</sup>For law brings wrath. (Where there is no law, there is no transgression.) <sup>16</sup>For this reason, the promise is by faith, so that it may be according to grace and may be guaranteed to all of Abraham’s descendants—not only to the one who is a descendant by law, but also to the one who has the faith of Abraham. He is the father of us all. <sup>17</sup>As it is written: “I have made you a father of many nations.”

# Gospel

## John 4:5-26

<sup>5</sup>So he came to a town in Samaria called Sychar, near the piece of land Jacob gave to his son Joseph. <sup>6</sup>Jacob's well was there. Then Jesus, being tired from the journey, sat down by the well. It was about the sixth hour.

<sup>7</sup>A woman from Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink."<sup>8</sup>(His disciples had gone into town to buy food.)

<sup>9</sup>The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a Samaritan woman?" (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans.)

<sup>10</sup>Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water."

<sup>11</sup>"Sir," she said, "you don't even have a bucket, and the well is deep. So where do you get this living water? <sup>12</sup>You are not greater than our father Jacob, are you? He gave us this well and drank from it himself, as did his sons and his animals."

<sup>13</sup>Jesus answered her, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, <sup>14</sup>but whoever drinks the water I will give him will never be thirsty ever again. Rather, the water I will give him will become in him a spring of water, bubbling up to eternal life."

<sup>15</sup>"Sir, give me this water," the woman said to him, "so I won't get thirsty and have to keep coming here to draw water."

<sup>16</sup>Jesus told her, "Go, call your husband, and come back here."

<sup>17</sup>"I have no husband," the woman answered.

Jesus said to her, "You are right when you say, 'I have no husband.' <sup>18</sup>In fact, you have had five husbands, and the man you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true."

<sup>19</sup>"Sir," the woman replied, "I see that you are a prophet. <sup>20</sup>Our fathers worshipped on this mountain, but you Jews insist that the place where we must worship is in Jerusalem."

<sup>21</sup>Jesus said to her, "Believe me, woman, a time is coming when you will not worship the Father on this mountain or in Jerusalem. <sup>22</sup>You Samaritans worship what you do not know. We worship what we do know, because salvation is from the Jews. <sup>23</sup>But a time is coming and now is here when the real worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth, for those are the kind of worshippers the Father seeks. <sup>24</sup>God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and in truth."

<sup>25</sup>The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (the one called Christ). "When he comes, he will explain everything to us."

<sup>26</sup>Jesus said to her, "I, the one speaking to you, am he."

# The Third Sunday in Lent

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## First Lesson

### Isaiah 42:14-21

<sup>14</sup>I have been silent for a long time.

I have kept still. I have restrained myself.

But now, like a woman giving birth, I will scream.

I will gasp and pant.

<sup>15</sup>I will dry up mountains and hills.

I will make all their grass wither.

I will turn rivers into islands.

I will dry up pools.

<sup>16</sup>I will lead the blind on a way they do not know.

Along paths they do not know I will direct them.

Ahead of them I will turn darkness into light  
and rough places into level ground.

These are the things I will accomplish for them.

I will not abandon them.

<sup>17</sup>They will be turned back and completely disgraced—  
those who trust in an idol,

those who say to molten images, “You are our gods.”

<sup>18</sup>You deaf ones, listen!

You blind ones, watch carefully so that you can see!

<sup>19</sup>Who is as blind as my servant?

Who is as deaf as my messenger whom I sent?

Who is as blind as my associate,  
as blind as the servant of the LORD?

<sup>20</sup>You, Israel, see many things, but you do not observe.

Israel opens his ears, but he does not hear.

<sup>21</sup>Because of his own righteousness,

the LORD was pleased to make his law great and glorious.

## Second Lesson

### Ephesians 5:8-14

<sup>8</sup>For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light, <sup>9</sup>for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness, and truth. <sup>10</sup>Try to learn what is pleasing to the Lord, <sup>11</sup>and do not participate in fruitless deeds of darkness. Instead, expose them. <sup>12</sup>For it is shameful even to mention the things that are done by people in secret. <sup>13</sup>But everything exposed by

the light becomes visible, for it is light that makes things visible. <sup>14</sup>Therefore it is said, “Awake, sleeper, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.”

## Gospel

### John 9:1-7, 13-17, 34-39

As Jesus was passing by, he saw a man blind from birth. <sup>2</sup>His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?”

<sup>3</sup>Jesus answered, “It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that God’s works might be revealed in connection with him. <sup>4</sup>I must do the works of him who sent me while it is day. Night is coming when no one can work. <sup>5</sup>As long as I am in the world, I am the Light of the World.”

<sup>6</sup>After saying this, Jesus spit on the ground, made some mud with the saliva, and spread the mud on the man’s eyes. <sup>7</sup>“Go,” Jesus told him, “wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means “Sent”). So he went and washed, and came back seeing.

<sup>13</sup>They brought this man who had been blind to the Pharisees. <sup>14</sup>Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. <sup>15</sup>So the Pharisees also asked him how he received his sight.

“He put mud on my eyes,” the man told them. “I washed, and now I see.”

<sup>16</sup>Then some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God because he does not keep the Sabbath.” Others were saying, “How can a sinful man work such miraculous signs?”

There was division among them, <sup>17</sup>so they said to the blind man again, “What do you say about him, because he opened your eyes?”

The man replied, “He is a prophet.”

<sup>34</sup>They answered him, “You were entirely born in sinfulness! Yet you presume to teach us?” And they threw him out.

<sup>35</sup>Jesus heard that they had thrown him out. When he found him, he asked, “Do you believe in the Son of God?”

<sup>36</sup>“Who is he, sir,” the man replied, “that I may believe in him?”

<sup>37</sup>Jesus answered, “You have seen him, and he is the very one who is speaking with you.”

<sup>38</sup>Then he said, “Lord, I believe!” and he knelt down and worshipped him.

<sup>39</sup>Jesus said, “For judgment I came into this world, in order that those who do not see will see, and those who do see will become blind.”

# The Fourth Sunday in Lent

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## First Lesson

### Hosea 5:15-6:3

<sup>15</sup>I will go. I will return to my place  
until they admit their guilt and seek my face.

In their distress they will earnestly seek me.

<sup>6:1</sup>Come, let us return to the LORD.

For he has torn us to pieces,

but he will heal us.

He has struck us,

but he will bandage our wounds.

<sup>2</sup>After two days he will revive us.

On the third day he will raise us up,

so that we may live in his presence.

<sup>3</sup>Let us acknowledge the LORD.

Let us pursue knowledge of the LORD.

As surely as the sun rises,

the LORD will appear.

He will come to us like a heavy rain,

like the spring rain that waters the earth.

## Second Lesson

### Romans 8:1-10

So then, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. <sup>2</sup>For in Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life set me free from the law of sin and death. <sup>3</sup>Indeed, what the law was unable to do, because it was weakened by the flesh, God did, when he sent his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh to deal with sin. God condemned sin in his flesh, <sup>4</sup>so that the righteous decree of the law would be fully satisfied in us who are not walking according to the flesh, but according to the spirit.

<sup>5</sup>To be sure, those who are in harmony with the sinful flesh think about things the way the sinful flesh does, and those in harmony with the spirit think about things the way the spirit does. <sup>6</sup>Now, the way the sinful flesh thinks results in death, but the way the spirit thinks results in life and peace. <sup>7</sup>For the mind-set of the sinful flesh is hostile to God, since it does not submit to God's law, and in fact, it cannot. <sup>8</sup>Those who are in the sinful flesh cannot please God.

<sup>9</sup>But you are not in the sinful flesh but in the spirit, if indeed God's Spirit lives in you. And if someone does not have the Spirit of Christ, that person does not belong to Christ. <sup>10</sup>But if Christ is in you, your body is dead because of sin, but your spirit is alive because of righteousness.

# Gospel

## Matthew 20:17-28

<sup>17</sup>As Jesus was going up to Jerusalem, he took the twelve disciples aside; and on the way he said to them, <sup>18</sup>“Look, we are going up to Jerusalem. The Son of Man will be handed over to the chief priests and experts in the law, and they will condemn him to death. <sup>19</sup>They will hand him over to the Gentiles to mock, flog, and crucify him. On the third day he will be raised.”

<sup>20</sup>Then the mother of Zebedee’s sons came to him with her sons, kneeling and asking something of him. <sup>21</sup>He said to her, “What do you want?”

She said to him, “Promise that in your kingdom these two sons of mine may sit, one on your right hand and one on your left hand.”

<sup>22</sup>But Jesus answered, “You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I am about to drink?”

They said to him, “We are.”

<sup>23</sup>He said to them, “You will indeed drink my cup, but to sit on my right hand and on my left hand is not for me to give; rather these places belong to those for whom they have been prepared by my Father.”

<sup>24</sup>When the ten heard this, they were angry with the two brothers.

<sup>25</sup>But Jesus summoned them and said, “You know that the rulers of the nations lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. <sup>26</sup>It will not be that way among you. Instead whoever wants to become great among you will be your servant, <sup>27</sup>and whoever wants to be first among you will be your slave—<sup>28</sup>just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

# The Fifth Sunday in Lent

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## First Lesson

### Ezekiel 37:1-14

The hand of the LORD was upon me. He brought me out by the Spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley, which was full of bones. <sup>2</sup>He had me pass through them and go all over among them. There were very many on the valley floor, and they were very dry.

<sup>3</sup>He said to me, “Son of man, can these dry bones live?” I answered, “LORD God, you know.” <sup>4</sup>Then he said to me, “Prophesy to these bones and say to them, ‘Dry bones, hear the word of the LORD.’”

<sup>5</sup>This is what the LORD God says to these bones.

I am about to make breath enter you so that you will live. <sup>6</sup>I will attach tendons to you. I will put flesh back on you. I will cover you with skin and put breath in you, and you will live. Then you will know that I am the LORD.

<sup>7</sup>So I prophesied as I had been commanded, and as I was prophesying there was a noise, a rattling, as the bones came together, one bone connecting to another. <sup>8</sup>As I watched, tendons were attached to them, then flesh grew over them, and skin covered them. But there was no breath in them.

<sup>9</sup>Then he said to me, “Prophesy to the wind. Prophesy, son of man, and say to the wind that this is what the LORD God says. From the four winds, come, O wind, and breathe into these slain so that they may live.”

<sup>10</sup>So I prophesied as he commanded me. Breath entered them, and they came back to life. They stood on their feet, a very, very large army.

<sup>11</sup>Then he said to me, “Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They are saying, ‘Our bones are dried up. Our hope is lost. We have been completely cut off.’ <sup>12</sup>Therefore, prophesy and say to them that this is what the LORD God says. My people, I am going to open your graves and raise you up from your graves and bring you back to the soil of Israel. <sup>13</sup>Then you will know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves and raise you up from your graves, O my people. <sup>14</sup>I will put my Spirit in you, and you will live. I will settle you on your own land, and you will know that I, the LORD, have spoken, and I have done it, declares the LORD.”

## Second Lesson

### Romans 8:11-19

<sup>11</sup>And if the Spirit of the one who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, the one who raised Christ from the dead will also make your mortal bodies alive through his Spirit, who is dwelling in you.

<sup>12</sup>So then, brothers, we do not owe it to the sinful flesh to live in harmony with it. <sup>13</sup>For if you live in harmony with the sinful flesh, you are going to die. But if by the Spirit you put to death the actions of the body, you will live.

<sup>14</sup>Indeed, those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. <sup>15</sup>For you did not receive a spirit of slavery so that you are afraid again, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we call out, “*Abba, Father!*” <sup>16</sup>The Spirit himself joins our spirit in testifying that we are God’s children.

<sup>17</sup>Now if we are children, we are also heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, since we suffer with him, so that we may also be glorified with him.

<sup>18</sup>For I conclude that our sufferings at the present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is going to be revealed to us. <sup>19</sup>In fact, creation is waiting with eager longing for the sons of God to be revealed.

## Gospel

### John 11:17-27, 38-45

<sup>17</sup>When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days.

<sup>18</sup>Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles away. <sup>19</sup>Many Jews had come to Martha and Mary to comfort them concerning their brother.

<sup>20</sup>When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went to meet him, while Mary was sitting in the house.

<sup>21</sup>Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. <sup>22</sup>But even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you.”

<sup>23</sup>Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.”

<sup>24</sup>Martha replied, “I know that he will rise in the resurrection on the Last Day.”

<sup>25</sup>Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me will live, even if he dies. <sup>26</sup>And whoever lives and believes in me will never perish. Do you believe this?”

<sup>27</sup>“Yes, Lord,” she told him. “I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who was to come into the world.”

<sup>38</sup>Jesus was deeply moved again as he came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. <sup>39</sup>“Take away the stone,” he said.

Martha, the dead man’s sister, told him, “Lord, by this time there will be an odor, because it has been four days.”

<sup>40</sup>Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believe, you will see the glory of God?” <sup>41</sup>So they took away the stone.

Jesus looked up and said, “Father, I thank you that you heard me. <sup>42</sup>I knew that you always hear me, but I said this for the benefit of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.” <sup>43</sup>After he said this, he shouted with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!”

<sup>44</sup>The man who had died came out with his feet and his hands bound with strips of linen and his face wrapped with a cloth. Jesus told them, “Loose him and let him go.”

<sup>45</sup>Therefore many of the Jews who came to Mary and saw what Jesus did believed in him.

# The Sixth Sunday in Lent—Palm Sunday

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## First Lesson

### **Zechariah 9:9-10**

<sup>9</sup>Rejoice greatly, Daughter of Zion!  
Shout, Daughter of Jerusalem!  
Look! Your King is coming to you.  
He is righteous and brings salvation.  
He is humble and is riding on a donkey,  
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.  
<sup>10</sup>I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim  
and the horse from Jerusalem.  
The battle bow will be taken away,  
and he will proclaim peace to the nations.  
His kingdom will extend from sea to sea,  
from the River to the ends of the earth.

## Second Lesson

### **Philippians 2:5-11**

<sup>5</sup>Indeed, let this attitude be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus. <sup>6</sup>Though he was by nature God, he did not consider equality with God as a prize to be displayed, <sup>7</sup>but he emptied himself by taking the nature of a servant. When he was born in human likeness, and his appearance was like that of any other man, <sup>8</sup>he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. <sup>9</sup>Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup>so that at the name of Jesus every knee will bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup>and every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

## Gospel

### **Matthew 21:1-11**

As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, <sup>2</sup>telling them, “Go to the village ahead of you. Immediately you will find a donkey tied there along with her colt. Untie them and bring them to me. <sup>3</sup>If anyone says anything to you, you are to say, ‘The Lord needs them,’ and he will send them at once.”

<sup>4</sup>This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet:

<sup>5</sup>Tell the daughter of Zion: Look, your King comes to you, humble, and riding on a donkey,  
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

<sup>6</sup>The disciples went and did just as Jesus commanded them. <sup>7</sup>They brought the donkey and the colt, laid their outer clothing on them, and he sat on it. <sup>8</sup>A very large crowd spread their outer clothing

on the road. Others were cutting branches from the trees and spreading them out on the road. <sup>9</sup>The crowds who went in front of him and those who followed kept shouting,

Hosanna to the Son of David!

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

Hosanna in the highest!

<sup>10</sup>When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred up, asking, “Who is this?” <sup>11</sup>And the crowds were saying, “This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee.”

# Maundy Thursday

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## First Lesson

### Exodus 12:1-14

The LORD told Moses and Aaron this in the land of Egypt:

<sup>2</sup>This month is to be the beginning of your calendar. It is to be the first month of the year for you. <sup>3</sup>Tell the entire Israelite community that on the tenth day of this month, they are to take a lamb or a kid goat for themselves, according to their fathers' households, one lamb per household. <sup>4</sup>But if the household is too small for a whole lamb, then that person and his neighbor next door to him must select one, based on the number of people. Determine what size lamb is needed according to how much each person will eat.

<sup>5</sup>Your lamb must be unblemished, a year-old male. You may take it from the sheep or the goats. <sup>6</sup>You are to keep it until the fourteenth day of this month. Then the whole assembly of the Israelite community is to slaughter the lambs at sunset. <sup>7</sup>They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses where they eat the lamb. <sup>8</sup>That night they shall eat the meat that has been roasted over a fire, along with unleavened bread. They shall eat it with bitter herbs. <sup>9</sup>Do not eat it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over a fire—with its head, its legs, and its internal organs. <sup>10</sup>You shall not leave any of it until the morning. Whatever remains until the morning, you shall burn in the fire. <sup>11</sup>This is how you are to eat it: with your cloak tucked into your belt ready for travel, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand. Eat it in haste. It is the LORD's Passover.

<sup>12</sup>For on that night I will pass through the land of Egypt. I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both people and animals. Against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgment. I am the LORD. <sup>13</sup>The blood will be a sign for you on the houses where you are. When I see the blood, I will pass over you. There will be no plague among you to destroy you, when I strike down the land of Egypt.

<sup>14</sup>This day shall be a memorial for you, and you are to celebrate it as a festival to the LORD. Throughout your generations you must celebrate it as a permanent regulation.

## Second Lesson

### 1 Corinthians 11:23-28

<sup>23</sup>For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night when he was betrayed, took bread, <sup>24</sup>and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." <sup>25</sup>In the same way, after the meal, he also took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new testament in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." <sup>26</sup>For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

<sup>27</sup>Therefore whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the Lord's body and blood. <sup>28</sup>Instead, let a person examine himself and after doing so, let him eat of the bread and drink from the cup.

## Gospel

### John 13:1-15, 34

Before the Passover Festival, Jesus knew that the time had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved those who were his own in the world, he loved them to the end.

<sup>2</sup>By the time the supper took place, the Devil had already put the idea into the heart of Judas, son of Simon Iscariot, to betray Jesus.

<sup>3</sup>Jesus knew that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going back to God. <sup>4</sup>He got up from the supper and laid aside his outer garment. He took a towel and tied it around his waist. <sup>5</sup>Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him.

<sup>6</sup>He came to Simon Peter, who asked him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?"

<sup>7</sup>Jesus answered him, "You do not understand what I am doing now, but later you will understand."

<sup>8</sup>Peter told him, "You will never, ever, wash my feet!"

Jesus replied, "If I do not wash you, you have no part with me."

<sup>9</sup>"Lord, not just my feet," Simon Peter replied, "but also my hands and my head!"

<sup>10</sup>Jesus told him, "A person who has had a bath needs only to wash his feet, but his body is completely clean. And you are clean, but not all of you." <sup>11</sup>Indeed, he knew who was going to betray him. That is why he said, "Not all of you are clean."

<sup>12</sup>After Jesus had washed their feet and put on his outer garment, he reclined at the table again. "Do you understand what I have done for you?" he asked them. <sup>13</sup>"You call me Teacher and Lord. You are right, because I am. <sup>14</sup>Now if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. <sup>15</sup>Yes, I have given you an example so that you also would do just as I have done for you.

<sup>34</sup>"A new commandment I give you: Love one another. Just as I have loved you, so also you are to love one another."

# Good Friday

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## First Lesson

### Isaiah 52:13-53:12

<sup>13</sup>Look, my servant will succeed.

He will rise. He will be lifted up. He will be highly exalted.

<sup>14</sup>Just as many were appalled at him—

his appearance was so disfigured that he did not look like a man,  
and his form was disfigured more than any other person—

<sup>15</sup>so he will sprinkle many nations,  
and kings will shut their mouths because of him,  
because they will see something they had never been told before,  
and they will understand something they had never heard before.

<sup>53:1</sup>Who has believed our report,  
and to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?

<sup>2</sup>He grew up before him like a tender shoot  
and like a root from dry ground.

He had no attractiveness and no majesty.

When we saw him, nothing about his appearance made us desire him.

<sup>3</sup>He was despised and rejected by men,  
a man who knew grief,  
who was well acquainted with suffering.  
Like someone whom people cannot bear to look at,  
he was despised,  
and we thought nothing of him.

<sup>4</sup>Surely he was taking up our weaknesses,  
and he was carrying our sufferings.

We thought it was because of God  
that he was stricken, smitten, and afflicted,

<sup>5</sup>but it was because of our rebellion that he was pierced.  
He was crushed for the guilt our sins deserved.

The punishment that brought us peace was upon him,  
and by his wounds we are healed.

<sup>6</sup>We all have gone astray like sheep.

Each of us has turned to his own way,  
but the LORD has charged all our guilt to him.

<sup>7</sup>He was oppressed, and he was afflicted,  
yet he did not open his mouth.

Like a lamb he was led to the slaughter,

and like a sheep that is silent in front of its shearers,  
he did not open his mouth.

<sup>8</sup>He was taken away without a fair trial and without justice,  
and of his generation, who even cared?

So, he was cut off from the land of the living.

He was struck because of the rebellion of my people.

<sup>9</sup>They would have assigned him a grave with the wicked,  
but he was given a grave with the rich in his death,  
because he had done no violence,  
and no deceit was in his mouth.

<sup>10</sup>Yet it was the LORD's will to crush him  
and to allow him to suffer.

Because you made his life a guilt offering, he will see offspring.

He will prolong his days,  
and the LORD's gracious plan will succeed in his hand.

<sup>11</sup>After his soul experiences anguish, he will see the light of life.

He will provide satisfaction.

Through their knowledge of him, my just servant will justify the many,  
for he himself carried their guilt.

<sup>12</sup>Therefore I will give him an allotment among the great,  
and with the strong he will share plunder,  
because he poured out his life to death,  
and he let himself be counted with rebellious sinners.

He himself carried the sin of many,  
and he intercedes for the rebels.

## Second Lesson

### Hebrews 4:14-16, 5:7-9

<sup>14</sup>Therefore, since we have a great high priest, who has gone through the heavens, namely, Jesus the Son of God, let us continue to hold on to our confession. <sup>15</sup>For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are, yet without sin. <sup>16</sup>So let us approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

<sup>5:7</sup>In the days of his flesh, he offered prayers and pleas with loud cries and tears to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence. <sup>8</sup>Although he was the Son, he learned obedience from the things he suffered. <sup>9</sup>After he was brought to his goal, he became the source of eternal salvation for everyone who obeys him.

# Gospel

## John 19:17-30

<sup>17</sup>Carrying his own cross, he went out to what is called the Place of a Skull, which in Aramaic is called Golgotha. <sup>18</sup>There they crucified him with two others, one on each side, and Jesus in the middle.

<sup>19</sup>Pilate also had a notice written and fastened on the cross. It read, “Jesus the Nazarene, the King of the Jews.”

<sup>20</sup>Many of the Jews read this notice, because the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and it was written in Aramaic, Latin, and Greek.

<sup>21</sup>So the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, “Do not write, ‘The King of the Jews,’ but that ‘this man said, “I am the King of the Jews.”””

<sup>22</sup>Pilate answered, “What I have written, I have written.”

<sup>23</sup>When the soldiers crucified Jesus, they took his clothes and divided them into four parts, one part for each soldier. They also took his tunic, which was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom. <sup>24</sup>So they said to one another, “Let’s not tear it. Instead, let’s cast lots to see who gets it.” This was so that the Scripture might be fulfilled which says:

They divided my garments among them  
and cast lots for my clothing.

So the soldiers did these things.

<sup>25</sup>Jesus’ mother, his mother’s sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene were standing near the cross.

<sup>26</sup>When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, “Woman, here is your son!” <sup>27</sup>Then he said to the disciple, “Here is your mother!” And from that time this disciple took her into his own home.

<sup>28</sup>After this, knowing that everything had now been finished, and to fulfill the Scripture, Jesus said, “I thirst.”

<sup>29</sup>A jar full of sour wine was sitting there. So they put a sponge soaked in sour wine on a hyssop branch and held it to his mouth.

<sup>30</sup>When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, “It is finished!” Then, bowing his head, he gave up his spirit.