

**April 3, 2022: The 5th Sunday of Lent**

**First Reading**

**Isaiah 43:16-21**

Thus says the LORD,  
    who opens a way in the sea  
    and a path in the mighty waters,  
who leads out chariots and horsemen,  
    a powerful army,  
till they lie prostrate together, never to rise,  
    snuffed out and quenched like a wick.  
Remember not the events of the past,  
    the things of long ago consider not;  
see, I am doing something new!  
    Now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?  
In the desert I make a way,  
    in the wasteland, rivers.  
Wild beasts honor me,  
    jackals and ostriches,  
for I put water in the desert  
    and rivers in the wasteland  
    for my chosen people to drink,  
the people whom I formed for myself,  
    that they might announce my praise.

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6**

**R. (3) The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.**

When the LORD brought back the captives of Zion,  
    we were like men dreaming.  
Then our mouth was filled with laughter,  
    and our tongue with rejoicing.

**R. The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.**

Then they said among the nations,  
    “The LORD has done great things for them.”  
The LORD has done great things for us;  
    we are glad indeed.

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Restore our fortunes, O LORD,  
    like the torrents in the southern desert.  
Those that sow in tears  
    shall reap rejoicing.

**R. The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.**

Although they go forth weeping,  
    carrying the seed to be sown,  
They shall come back rejoicing,  
    carrying their sheaves.

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**Second Reading**

**Philippians 3:8-14**

Brothers and sisters:

I consider everything as a loss because of the supreme good of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord.  
For His sake I have accepted the loss of all things and I consider them so much rubbish, that I may gain Christ and be found in Him, not having any righteousness of my own based on the law but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God, depending on faith to know Him and the power of His resurrection and the sharing of His sufferings by being conformed to His death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

It is not that I have already taken hold of it or have already attained perfect maturity, but I continue my pursuit in hope that I may possess it, since I have indeed been taken possession of by Christ Jesus. Brothers and sisters, I for my part do not consider myself to have taken possession. Just one thing: forgetting what lies behind but straining forward to what lies ahead, I continue my pursuit toward the goal, the prize of God’s upward calling, in Christ Jesus.

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**Gospel Reading****John 8:1-11**

Jesus went to the Mount of Olives.

But early in the morning He arrived again in the temple area, and all the people started coming to Him, and He sat down and taught them.

Then the scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery and made her stand in the middle.

They said to Him, "Teacher, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery.

Now in the law, Moses commanded us to stone such women. So what do you say?"

They said this to test Him, so that they could have some charge to bring against Him. Jesus bent down and began to write on the ground with His finger. But when they continued asking Him, He straightened up and said to them, "Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her."

Again He bent down and wrote on the ground.

And in response, they went away one by one, beginning with the elders. So He was left alone with the woman before Him. Then Jesus straightened up and said to her, "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?"

She replied, "No one, Sir."

Then Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you. Go, and from now on do not sin any more."

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**April 10, 2022: Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion****At the Procession with Palms****Luke 19:28-40**

Jesus proceeded on His journey up to Jerusalem. As He drew near to Bethphage and Bethany at the place called the Mount of Olives, He sent two of His disciples. He said, "Go into the village opposite you, and as you enter it you will find a colt tethered on which no one has ever sat. Untie it and bring it here. And if anyone should ask you, 'Why are you untying it?' you will answer, 'The Master has need of it.'" So those who had been sent went off and found everything just as He had told them. And as they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, "Why are you untying this colt?" They answered, "The Master has need of it." So they brought it to Jesus, threw their cloaks over the colt, and helped Jesus to mount. As He rode along, the people were spreading their cloaks on the road; and now as He was approaching the slope of the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of His disciples began to praise God aloud with joy for all the mighty deeds they had seen.

They proclaimed:

"Blessed is the king who comes  
in the Name of the Lord.

Peace in Heaven  
and glory in the highest."

Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Him, "Teacher, rebuke Your disciples."

He said in reply, "I tell you, if they keep silent, the stones will cry out!"

**First Reading****Isaiah 50:4-7**

The Lord GOD has given me  
a well-trained tongue,  
that I might know how to speak to the weary  
a word that will rouse them.

Morning after morning  
he opens my ear that I may hear;  
and I have not rebelled,  
have not turned back.

I gave my back to those who beat me,  
my cheeks to those who plucked my  
beard;  
my face I did not shield  
from buffets and spitting.

The Lord GOD is my help,  
therefore I am not disgraced;  
I have set my face like flint,  
knowing that I shall not be put to shame.

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**Responsorial Psalm****Psalm 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24****R (2a) My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?**

All who see me scoff at me;  
they mock me with parted lips, they wag their  
heads:

"He relied on the LORD; let Him deliver him,  
let Him rescue him, if He loves him."

**R. My God, my God, why have You abandoned Me?**

Indeed, many dogs surround me,  
a pack of evildoers closes in upon me;  
They have pierced my hands and my feet;  
I can count all my bones.

**R. My God, my God, why have You abandoned Me?**

They divide my garments among them,  
and for my vesture they cast lots.

But You, O LORD, be not far from me;  
O my help, hasten to aid me.

**R. My God, my God, why have You abandoned Me?**

I will proclaim Your Name to my brethren;  
in the midst of the assembly I will praise you:  
"You who fear the LORD, praise Him;  
all you descendants of Jacob, give glory to Him;  
revere Him, all you descendants of Israel!"

**R. My God, my God, why have You abandoned Me?****Second Reading****Philippians 2:6-11**

Christ Jesus, though He was in the form of God,  
did not regard equality with God  
something to be grasped.

Rather, He emptied Himself,  
taking the form of a slave,  
coming in human likeness;  
and found human in appearance,  
He humbled Himself,  
becoming obedient to the point of death,  
even death on a Cross.

Because of this, God greatly exalted Him  
and bestowed on Him the Name  
which is above every name,  
that at the Name of Jesus  
every knee should bend,  
of those in Heaven and on earth and under the  
earth,  
and every tongue confess that  
Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.

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**Gospel Reading**  
**Luke 22:14—23:56**

*This Gospel is typically read by multiple readers. It is divided into four parts: Christ (✙), Narrator (N.), Voice (V.), and the Crowd (C.). The Crowd parts are read aloud by the people in the congregation.*

✙ The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

**N.** When the hour came, Jesus took His place at table with the Apostles. He said to them,

✙ "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer, for, I tell you, I shall not eat it again until there is fulfillment in the Kingdom of God."

**N.** Then He took a cup, gave thanks, and said,

✙ "Take this and share it among yourselves; for I tell you that from this time on I shall not drink of the fruit of the vine until the Kingdom of God comes."

**N.** Then He took the bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them, saying,

✙ "This is My body, which will be given for you; do this in memory of Me."

**N.** And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying,

✙ "This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which will be shed for you.

"And yet behold, the hand of the one who is to betray Me is with Me on the table; for the Son of Man indeed goes as it has been determined; but woe to that man by whom He is betrayed."

**N.** And they began to debate among themselves who among them would do such a deed.

Then an argument broke out among them about which of them should be regarded as the greatest. He said to them,

✙ "The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them and those in authority over them are addressed as 'Benefactors'; but among you it shall not be so. Rather, let the greatest among you be as the youngest, and the leader as the servant. For who is greater: the one seated at table or the one who serves? Is it not the one seated at table? I am among you as the One Who serves. It is you who have stood by Me in My trials; and I confer a Kingdom on you, just as My Father has conferred one on Me, that you may eat and drink at My table in My Kingdom; and you will sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

"Simon, Simon, behold Satan has demanded to sift all of you like wheat, but I have prayed that your own faith may not fail; and once you have turned back, you must strengthen your brothers."

**N.** He said to Him,

**V.** "Lord, I am prepared to go to prison and to die with You."

**N.** But He replied,

**V.** "I tell you, Peter, before the cock crows this day, you will deny three times that you know Me."

**N.** He said to them,

✙ "When I sent you forth without a money bag or a sack or sandals, were you in need of anything?"

**C.** "No, nothing,"

**N.** they replied. He said to them,

✙ "But now one who has a money bag should take it, and likewise a sack, and one who does not have a sword should sell his cloak and buy one. For I tell you that this Scripture must be fulfilled in Me, namely, *He was counted among the wicked*; and indeed what is written about Me is coming to fulfillment."

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**N.** Then they said,**C.** **"Lord, look, there are two swords here."****N.** But He replied,

✦ "It is enough!"

**N.** Then going out, He went, as was His custom, to the Mount of Olives, and the disciples followed Him.

When He arrived at the place He said to them,

✦ "Pray that you may not undergo the test."

**N.** After withdrawing about a stone's throw from them and kneeling, He prayed, saying,

✦ "Father, if you are willing, take this cup away from Me; still, not My will but Yours be done."

**N.** And to strengthen Him an angel from Heaven appeared to Him. He was in such agony and He prayed so fervently that His sweat became like drops of blood falling on the ground.

When He rose from prayer and returned to His disciples, He found them sleeping from grief.

He said to them,

✦ "Why are you sleeping? Get up and pray that you may not undergo the test."

**N.** While He was still speaking, a crowd approached and in front was one of the Twelve, a man named Judas. He went up to Jesus to kiss Him. Jesus said to him,

✦ "Judas, are you betraying the Son of Man with a kiss?"

**N.** His disciples realized what was about to happen, and they asked,**C.** **"Lord, shall we strike with a sword?"****N.** And one of them struck the high priest's servant and cut off his right ear. But Jesus said in reply,

✦ "Stop, no more of this!"

**N.** Then He touched the servant's ear and healed him. And Jesus said to the chief priests and temple guards and elders who had come for Him,

✦ "Have you come out as against a robber, with swords and clubs? Day after day I was with you in the temple area, and you did not seize Me; but this is your hour, the time for the power of darkness."

**N.** After arresting Him they led Him away and took Him into the house of the high priest; Peter was following at a distance. They lit a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat around it, and Peter sat down with them. When a maid saw him seated in the light, she looked intently at him and said,**V.** "This man too was with Him."**N.** But he denied it saying,**V.** "Woman, I do not know Him."**N.** A short while later someone else saw him and said,**V.** "You too are one of them";**N.** but Peter answered,**V.** "My friend, I am not."**N.** About an hour later, still another insisted,**V.** "Assuredly, this man too was with Him, for he also is a Galilean."**N.** But Peter said,**V.** "My friend, I do not know what you are talking about."**N.** Just as he was saying this, the cock crowed, and the Lord turned and looked at Peter; and Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how He had said to him, "Before the cock crows today, you will deny Me three times."

He went out and began to weep bitterly.

The men who held Jesus in custody were ridiculing and beating Him. They blindfolded Him and questioned Him, saying,

**C.** **"Prophecy! Who is it that struck You?"**Gospel readings source: [www.usccb.org/bible/readings/](http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings/)

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**N.** And they reviled Him in saying many other things against Him.

When day came the council of elders of the people met, both chief priests and scribes, and they brought Him before their Sanhedrin. They said,

**C. "If You are the Christ, tell us,"**

**N.** but He replied to them,

✦ "If I tell you, you will not believe, and if I question, you will not respond. But from this time on the Son of Man will be seated at the right hand of the power of God."

**N.** They all asked,

**C. "Are You then the Son of God?"**

**N.** He replied to them,

✦ "You say that I am."

**N.** Then they said,

**C. "What further need have we for testimony? We have heard it from His Own mouth."**

**N.** Then the whole assembly of them arose and brought Him before Pilate. They brought charges against Him, saying,

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**N.** On hearing this Pilate asked if the Man was a Galilean; and upon learning that He was under Herod's jurisdiction, he sent Him to Herod who was in Jerusalem at that time. Herod was very glad to see Jesus; he had been wanting to see Him for a long time, for he had heard about Him and had been hoping to see Him perform some sign. He questioned Him at length, but He gave him no answer. The chief priests and scribes, meanwhile, stood by accusing Him harshly. Herod and his soldiers treated Him contemptuously and mocked Him, and after clothing Him in resplendent garb, he sent Him back to Pilate. Herod and Pilate became friends that very day, even though they had been enemies formerly.

Pilate then summoned the chief priests, the rulers, and the people and said to them,

**V.** "You brought this Man to me and accused Him of inciting the people to revolt. I have conducted my investigation in your presence and have not found this Man guilty of the charges you have brought against Him, nor did Herod, for he sent Him back to us. So no capital crime has been committed by Him. Therefore I shall have Him flogged and then release Him."

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As they led Him away they took hold of a certain Simon, a Cyrenian, who was coming in from the country; and after laying the cross on him, they made him carry it behind Jesus. A large crowd of people followed Jesus, including many women who mourned and lamented Him. Jesus turned to them and said,  
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When they came to the place called the Skull, they crucified Him and the criminals there, one on His right, the other on His left. Then Jesus said,

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Now there was a virtuous and righteous man named Joseph who, though he was a member of the council, had not consented to their plan of action. He came from the Jewish town of Arimathea and was awaiting the Kingdom of God. He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. After he had taken the body down, he wrapped it in a linen cloth and laid Him in a rock-hewn tomb in which no one had yet been buried. It was the day of preparation, and the sabbath was about to begin. The women who had come from Galilee with Him followed behind, and when they had seen the tomb and the way in which His body was laid in it, they returned and prepared spices and perfumed oils. Then they rested on the sabbath according to the commandment.

**OR:**

**Luke 23:1-49**

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**Holy Thursday Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper****First Reading****Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14**

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, "This month shall stand at the head of your calendar; you shall reckon it the first month of the year.

Tell the whole community of Israel: On the tenth of this month every one of your families must procure for itself a lamb, one apiece for each household. If a family is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join the nearest household in procuring one and shall share in the lamb in proportion to the number of persons who partake of it. The lamb must be a year-old male and without blemish. You may take it from either the sheep or the goats. You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month, and then, with the whole assembly of Israel present, it shall be slaughtered during the evening twilight. They shall take some of its blood and apply it to the two doorposts and the lintel of every house in which they partake of the lamb.

That same night they shall eat its roasted flesh with unleavened bread and bitter herbs.

"This is how you are to eat it:  
with your loins girt, sandals on your feet and your staff in hand, you shall eat like those who are in flight. It is the Passover of the LORD. For on this same night I will go through Egypt, striking down every firstborn of the land, both man and beast, and executing judgment on all the gods of Egypt—I, the LORD! But the blood will mark the houses where you are. Seeing the blood, I will pass over you; thus, when I strike the land of Egypt, no destructive blow will come upon you.

"This day shall be a memorial feast for you, which all your generations shall celebrate with pilgrimage to the LORD, as a perpetual institution."

**Responsorial Psalm****Psalm 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18.**

**R. (cf. 1 Cor 10:16) Our blessing-cup is a communion with the Blood of Christ.**

How shall I make a return to the LORD  
for all the good He has done for me?

The cup of salvation I will take up,  
and I will call upon the Name of the LORD.

**R. Our blessing-cup is a communion with the Blood of Christ.**

Precious in the eyes of the LORD  
is the death of His faithful ones.

I am your servant, the son of your handmaid;  
you have loosed my bonds.

**R. Our blessing-cup is a communion with the Blood of Christ.**

To you will I offer sacrifice of thanksgiving,  
and I will call upon the Name of the LORD.

My vows to the LORD I will pay  
in the presence of all His people.

**R. Our blessing-cup is a communion with the Blood of Christ.**

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**Holy Thursday Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper  
(continued)****Second Reading****1 Corinthians 11:23-26**

Brothers and sisters:

I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus, on the night He was handed over, took bread, and, after He had given thanks, broke it and said, "This is My Body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My Blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the death of the Lord until He comes.

**Gospel Reading****John 13:1-15**

Before the feast of Passover, Jesus knew that His hour had come to pass from this world to the Father. He loved His Own in the world and He loved them to the end. The devil had already induced Judas, son of Simon the Iscariot, to hand Him over. So, during supper, fully aware that the Father had put everything into His power and that He had come from God and was returning to God, He rose from supper and took off His outer garments. He took a towel and tied it around His waist. Then He poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and dry them with the towel around His waist. He came to Simon Peter, who said to Him, "Master, are You going to wash my feet?"

Jesus answered and said to him, "What I am doing, you do not understand now, but you will understand later." Peter said to Him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered him, "Unless I wash you, you

will have no inheritance with Me." Simon Peter said to Him, "Master, then not only my feet, but my hands and head as well."

Jesus said to him, "Whoever has bathed has no need except to have his feet washed, for he is clean all over; so you are clean, but not all."

For He knew who would betray Him; for this reason, He said, "Not all of you are clean."

So when He had washed their feet and put His garments back on and reclined at table again, He said to them, "Do you realize what I have done for you? You call Me 'Teacher' and 'Master,' and rightly so, for indeed I am. If I, therefore, the Master and Teacher, have washed your feet, you ought to wash one another's feet.

I have given you a model to follow, so that as I have done for you, you should also do."

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**Good Friday of the Lord's Passion****First Reading****Isaiah 52:13—53:12**

See, My servant shall prosper, he shall be raised high and greatly exalted. Even as many were amazed at him so marred was his look beyond human semblance and his appearance beyond that of the sons of man so shall he startle many nations, because of him kings shall stand speechless; for those who have not been told shall see, those who have not heard shall ponder it.

Who would believe what we have heard? To whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?

He grew up like a sapling before him, like a shoot from the parched earth; there was in him no stately bearing to make us look at him, nor appearance that would attract us to him. He was spurned and avoided by people, a man of suffering, accustomed to infirmity, one of those from whom people hide their faces, spurned, and we held him in no esteem.

Yet it was our infirmities that he bore, our sufferings that he endured, while we thought of him as stricken, as one smitten by God and afflicted. But he was pierced for our offenses, crushed for our sins; upon him was the chastisement that makes us whole, by his stripes we were healed. We had all gone astray like sheep, each following his own way; but the LORD laid upon him the guilt of us all.

Though he was harshly treated, he submitted and opened not his mouth; like a lamb led to the slaughter or a sheep before the shearers, he was silent and opened not his mouth. Oppressed and condemned, he was taken away, and who would have thought any more of his

destiny? When he was cut off from the land of the living, and smitten for the sin of his people, a grave was assigned him among the wicked and a burial place with evildoers, though he had done no wrong nor spoken any falsehood. But the LORD was pleased to crush him in infirmity.

If he gives his life as an offering for sin, he shall see his descendants in a long life, and the will of the LORD shall be accomplished through him.

Because of his affliction he shall see the light in fullness of days; through his suffering, My servant shall justify many, and their guilt he shall bear. Therefore I will give him his portion among the great, and he shall divide the spoils with the mighty, because he surrendered himself to death and was counted among the wicked; and he shall take away the sins of many, and win pardon for their offenses.

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**Good Friday of the Lord's Passion  
(continued)****Responsorial Psalm****Psalm 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25****R. (Lk 23:46) Father, into Your hands I commend My Spirit.**

In You, O LORD, I take refuge;

let me never be put to shame.

In Your justice rescue me.

Into Your hands I commend my spirit;

You will redeem me, O LORD, O faithful God.

**R. Father, into Your hands I commend My Spirit.**

For all my foes I am an object of reproach,

a laughingstock to my neighbors, and a dread  
to my friends;

they who see me abroad flee from me.

I am forgotten like the unremembered dead;

I am like a dish that is broken.

**R. Father, into Your hands I commend My Spirit.**

But my trust is in You, O LORD;

I say, "You are my God.

In Your hands is my destiny; rescue me

from the clutches of my enemies and my  
persecutors."**R. Father, into Your hands I commend My Spirit.**

Let Your face shine upon Your servant;

save me in Your kindness.

Take courage and be stouthearted,

all you who hope in the LORD.

**R. Father, into Your hands I commend My Spirit.****Second Reading****Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9**

Brothers and sisters:

Since we have a great High Priest Who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a High Priest Who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but One Who has similarly been tested in every way, yet without sin. So let us confidently approach the throne of grace to receive mercy and to find grace for timely help.

In the days when Christ was in the flesh, He offered prayers and supplications with loud cries and tears to the One Who was able to save Him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence. Son though He was, He learned obedience from what He suffered; and when He was made perfect, He became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey Him.

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**Good Friday of the Lord's Passion  
(continued)****Gospel Reading****John 18:1—19:42**

*This Gospel is typically read by multiple readers. It is divided into four parts: Christ (✙), Narrator (N.), Voice (V.), and the Crowd (C.). The Crowd parts are read aloud by the people in the congregation.*

✙ The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

**N.** Jesus went out with His disciples across the Kidron valley to where there was a garden, into which He and His disciples entered. Judas His betrayer also knew the place, because Jesus had often met there with His disciples. So Judas got a band of soldiers and guards from the chief priests and the Pharisees and went there with lanterns, torches, and weapons. Jesus, knowing everything that was going to happen to Him,

went out and said to them,

✙ "Whom are you looking for?"

**N.** They answered Him,

**C.** "Jesus the Nazorean."

**N.** He said to them,

✙ "I AM."

**N.** Judas His betrayer was also with them. When He said to them, "I AM," they turned away and fell to the ground. So He again asked them,

✙ "Whom are you looking for?"

**N.** They said,

**C.** "Jesus the Nazorean."

**N.** Jesus answered,

✙ "I told you that I AM. So if you are looking for Me, let these men go."

**N.** This was to fulfill what He had said, "I have not lost any of those you gave Me." Then Simon Peter, who

had a sword, drew it, struck the high priest's slave, and cut off his right ear. The slave's name was Malchus. Jesus said to Peter,

✙ "Put your sword into its scabbard. Shall I not drink the cup that the Father gave Me?"

**N.** So the band of soldiers, the tribune, and the Jewish guards seized Jesus, bound Him, and brought Him to Annas first. He was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, who was high priest that year. It was Caiaphas who had counseled the Jews that it was better that one Man should die rather than the people.

Simon Peter and another disciple followed Jesus. Now the other disciple was known to the high priest, and he entered the courtyard of the high priest with Jesus. But Peter stood at the gate outside. So the other disciple, the acquaintance of the high priest, went out and spoke to the gatekeeper and brought Peter in. Then the maid who was the gatekeeper said to Peter,

**V.** "You are not one of this Man's disciples, are you?"

**N.** He said,

**V.** "I am not."

**N.** Now the slaves and the guards were standing around a charcoal fire that they had made, because it was cold, and were warming themselves. Peter was also standing there keeping warm.

The high priest questioned Jesus about His disciples and about His doctrine. Jesus answered him,

✙ "I have spoken publicly to the world. I have always taught in a synagogue or in the temple area where all the Jews gather, and in secret I have said nothing. Why ask Me? Ask those who heard Me what I said to them. They know what I said."

**N.** When He had said this, one of the temple guards standing there struck Jesus and said,

**V.** "Is this the way You answer the high priest?"

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**Good Friday of the Lord's Passion  
(continued)**

**N.** Jesus answered him,

✝ "If I have spoken wrongly, testify to the wrong; but if I have spoken rightly, why do you strike Me?"

**N.** Then Annas sent Him bound to Caiaphas the high priest.

Now Simon Peter was standing there keeping warm. And they said to him,

**C.** "You are not one of His disciples, are you?"

**N.** He denied it and said,

**V.** "I am not."

**N.** One of the slaves of the high priest, a relative of the one whose ear Peter had cut off, said,

**V.** "Didn't I see you in the garden with Him?"

**N.** Again Peter denied it. And immediately the cock crowed.

Then they brought Jesus from Caiaphas to the praetorium. It was morning. And they themselves did not enter the praetorium, in order not to be defiled so that they could eat the Passover. So Pilate came out to them and said,

**V.** "What charge do you bring against this Man?"

**N.** They answered and said to him,

**C.** "If He were not a criminal, we would not have handed Him over to you."

**N.** At this, Pilate said to them,

**V.** "Take Him yourselves, and judge Him according to your law."

**N.** The Jews answered him,

**C.** "We do not have the right to execute anyone,"

**N.** in order that the word of Jesus might be fulfilled that He said indicating the kind of death He would die.

So Pilate went back into the praetorium and summoned Jesus and said to Him,

**V.** "Are you the King of the Jews?"

**N.** Jesus answered,

✝ "Do you say this on your own or have others told you about Me?"

**N.** Pilate answered,

**V.** "I am not a Jew, am I? Your Own nation and the chief priests handed You over to me. What have You done?"

**N.** Jesus answered,

✝ "My Kingdom does not belong to this world. If My Kingdom did belong to this world, My attendants would be fighting to keep Me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, My Kingdom is not here."

**N.** So Pilate said to Him,

**V.** "Then You are a king?"

**N.** Jesus answered,

✝ "You say I am a king. For this I was born and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to My Voice."

**N.** Pilate said to Him,

**V.** "What is truth?"

**N.** When he had said this, he again went out to the Jews and said to them,

**V.** "I find no guilt in Him. But you have a custom that I release one prisoner to you at Passover.

Do you want me to release to you the King of the Jews?"

**N.** They cried out again,

**C.** "Not this One but Barabbas!"

**N.** Now Barabbas was a revolutionary.

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**Good Friday of the Lord's Passion  
(continued)**

Then Pilate took Jesus and had Him scourged. And the soldiers wove a crown out of thorns and placed it on His head, and clothed Him in a purple cloak, and they came to Him and said,

**C. "Hail, King of the Jews!"**

**N.** And they struck Him repeatedly. Once more Pilate went out and said to them,

**V.** "Look, I am bringing Him out to you, so that you may know that I find no guilt in Him."

**N.** So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple cloak. And he said to them,

**V.** "Behold, the Man!"

**N.** When the chief priests and the guards saw Him they cried out,

**C. "Crucify Him, crucify Him!"**

**N.** Pilate said to them,

**V.** "Take Him yourselves and crucify Him. I find no guilt in Him."

**N.** The Jews answered,

**C. "We have a law, and according to that law He ought to die, because He made Himself the Son of God."**

**N.** Now when Pilate heard this statement, he became even more afraid, and went back into the praetorium and said to Jesus,

**V.** "Where are you from?"

**N.** Jesus did not answer him. So Pilate said to Him,

**V.** "Do You not speak to me? Do You not know that I have power to release You and I have power to crucify You?"

**N.** Jesus answered him,

✝ "You would have no power over Me if it had not been given to you from above. For this reason the one who handed Me over to you has the greater sin."

**N.** Consequently, Pilate tried to release Him; but the Jews cried out,

**C. "If you release Him, you are not a Friend of Caesar. Everyone who makes himself a king opposes Caesar."**

**N.** When Pilate heard these words he brought Jesus out and seated Him on the judge's bench in the place called Stone Pavement, in Hebrew, Gabbatha. It was preparation day for Passover, and it was about noon. And he said to the Jews,

**V.** "Behold, your king!"

**N.** They cried out,

**C. "Take Him away, take Him away! Crucify Him!"**

**N.** Pilate said to them,

**V.** "Shall I crucify your king?"

**N.** The chief priests answered,

**C. "We have no king but Caesar."**

**N.** Then he handed Him over to them to be crucified.

So they took Jesus, and, carrying the cross Himself, He went out to what is called the Place of the Skull, in Hebrew, Golgotha. There they crucified Him, and with Him two others, one on either side, with Jesus in the middle. Pilate also had an inscription written and put on the cross.

It read, "Jesus the Nazorean, the King of the Jews."

Now many of the Jews read this inscription, because the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city; and it was written in Hebrew, Latin, and Greek. So the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate,

**C. "Do not write 'The King of the Jews,' but that He said, 'I am the King of the Jews'."**

**N.** Pilate answered,

**V.** "What I have written, I have written."

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**N.** When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took His clothes and divided them into four shares, a share for each soldier. They also took His tunic, but the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from the top down. So they said to one another,

**C. "Let's not tear it, but cast lots for it to see whose it will be,"**

**N.** in order that the passage of Scripture might be fulfilled that says:

*They divided my garments among them,  
and for my vesture they cast lots.*

This is what the soldiers did. Standing by the cross of Jesus were His mother and His mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary of Magdala. When Jesus saw His mother and the disciple there whom He loved He said to His mother,

✦ "Woman, behold, your son."

**N.** Then He said to the disciple,

✦ "Behold, your mother."

**N.** And from that hour the disciple took her into his home.

After this, aware that everything was now finished, in order that the Scripture might be fulfilled, Jesus said,

✦ "I thirst."

**N.** There was a vessel filled with common wine.

So they put a sponge soaked in wine on a sprig of hyssop and put it up to His mouth.

When Jesus had taken the wine, He said,

✦ "It is finished."

**N.** And bowing His head, He handed over the Spirit.

***Here all kneel and pause for a short time.***

**N.** Now since it was preparation day, in order that the bodies might not remain on the cross on the sabbath, for the sabbath day of that week was a solemn one, the Jews asked Pilate that their legs be broken and that they be taken down. So the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first and then of the other one who was crucified with Jesus. But when they came to Jesus and saw that He was already dead, they did not break His legs, but one soldier thrust his lance into His side, and immediately blood and water flowed out. An eyewitness has testified, and his testimony is true; he knows that he is speaking the truth, so that you also may come to believe. For this happened so that the Scripture passage might be fulfilled:

*Not a bone of it will be broken.*

And again another passage says:

*They will look upon him whom they have pierced.*

After this, Joseph of Arimathea, secretly a disciple of Jesus for fear of the Jews, asked Pilate if he could remove the body of Jesus.

And Pilate permitted it. So he came and took His body. Nicodemus, the one who had first come to Him at night, also came bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes weighing about one hundred pounds. They took the body of Jesus and bound it with burial cloths along with the spices, according to the Jewish burial custom. Now in the place where He had been crucified there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb, in which no one had yet been buried. So they laid Jesus there because of the Jewish preparation day; for the tomb was close by.

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**April 17, 2022: Easter Sunday**

**First Reading**

**Acts 10:34a, 37-43**

Peter proceeded to speak and said:  
“You know what has happened all over Judea,  
beginning in Galilee after the baptism  
that John preached,  
how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth  
with the Holy Spirit and power.  
He went about doing good  
and healing all those oppressed by the devil,  
for God was with him.  
We are witnesses of all that he did both in the country  
of the Jews and in Jerusalem.  
They put him to death by hanging him on a tree.  
This man God raised on the third day and granted that  
he be visible,  
not to all the people, but to us,  
the witnesses chosen by God in advance,  
who ate and drank with him after he rose from the  
dead.  
He commissioned us to preach to the people  
and testify that he is the one appointed by God  
as judge of the living and the dead.  
To him all the prophets bear witness,  
that everyone who believes in him will receive  
forgiveness of sins through his name.”

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Psalm 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23**

**R. (24) This is the day the Lord has made; let us  
rejoice and be glad.**

**or:**

**R. Alleluia.**

Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good,  
for His mercy endures forever.

Let the house of Israel say,  
“His mercy endures forever.”

**R. This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice  
and be glad.**

**or:**

**R. Alleluia.**

“The right hand of the LORD has struck with power;  
the right hand of the LORD is exalted.

I shall not die, but live,  
and declare the works of the LORD.”

**R. This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice  
and be glad.**

**or:**

**R. Alleluia.**

The stone which the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone.

By the LORD has this been done;  
it is wonderful in our eyes.

**R. This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice  
and be glad.**

**or:**

**R. Alleluia.**

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**April 17, 2022: Easter Sunday**  
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**Second Reading**

**Colossians 3:1-4**

Brothers and sisters:

If then you were raised with Christ, seek what is above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Think of what is above, not of what is on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ your life appears, then you too will appear with Him in glory.

**OR:**

**1 Corinthians 5:6b-8**

Brothers and sisters:

Do you not know that a little yeast leavens all the dough? Clear out the old yeast, so that you may become a fresh batch of dough, inasmuch as you are unleavened. For our Paschal Lamb, Christ, has been sacrificed. Therefore, let us celebrate the feast, not with the old yeast, the yeast of malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

**Sequence**

Christians, to the Paschal Victim

Offer your thankful praises!

A Lamb the sheep redeems;

Christ, who only is sinless,

Reconciles sinners to the Father.

Death and life have contended in that combat stupendous:

The Prince of life, Who died, reigns immortal.

Speak, Mary, declaring

What you saw, wayfaring.

“The tomb of Christ, Who is living,

The glory of Jesus’ resurrection;

bright angels attesting,

The shroud and napkin resting.

Yes, Christ my hope is arisen;

to Galilee He goes before you.”

Christ indeed from death is risen, our new life obtaining.

Have mercy, victor King, ever reigning!

Amen. Alleluia.

**Gospel Reading**

**John 20:1-9**

On the first day of the week,

Mary of Magdala came to the tomb early in the morning, while it was still dark,

and saw the stone removed from the tomb.

So she ran and went to Simon Peter

and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and told them,

“They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don’t know where they put Him.”

So Peter and the other disciple went out and came to the tomb.

They both ran, but the other disciple ran faster than Peter and arrived at the tomb first;

he bent down and saw the burial cloths there, but did not go in.

When Simon Peter arrived after him,

he went into the tomb and saw the burial cloths there, and the cloth that had covered his head,

not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place.

Then the other disciple also went in,

the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed.

For they did not yet understand the Scripture that He had to rise from the dead.

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**April 24, 2022: Divine Mercy Sunday (the 2nd Sunday of Easter)**

**First Reading**

**Acts 5:12-16**

Many signs and wonders were done among the people at the hands of the Apostles. They were all together in Solomon's portico. None of the others dared to join them, but the people esteemed them. Yet more than ever, believers in the Lord, great numbers of men and women, were added to them. Thus they even carried the sick out into the streets and laid them on cots and mats so that when Peter came by, at least his shadow might fall on one or another of them. A large number of people from the towns in the vicinity of Jerusalem also gathered, bringing the sick and those disturbed by unclean spirits, and they were all cured.

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Psalm 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24**

**R. (1) Give thanks to the Lord for He is good, His love is everlasting.**

**or:**

**R. Alleluia.**

Let the house of Israel say,

“His mercy endures forever.”

Let the house of Aaron say,

“His mercy endures forever.”

Let those who fear the LORD say,

“His mercy endures forever.”

**R. Give thanks to the Lord for He is good, His love is everlasting.**

**or:**

**R. Alleluia.**

I was hard pressed and was falling,  
but the LORD helped me.

My strength and my courage is the LORD,  
and He has been my Savior.

The joyful shout of victory  
in the tents of the just:

**R. Give thanks to the Lord for He is good, His love is everlasting.**

**or:**

**R. Alleluia.**

The stone which the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone.

By the LORD has this been done;  
it is wonderful in our eyes.

This is the day the LORD has made;  
let us be glad and rejoice in it.

**R. Give thanks to the Lord for He is good, His love is everlasting.**

**or:**

**R. Alleluia.**

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**April 24, 2022: Divine Mercy Sunday (the 2nd Sunday of Easter)**  
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**Second Reading**

**Revelation 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19**

I, John, your brother, who share with you the distress, the kingdom, and the endurance we have in Jesus, found myself on the island called Patmos because I proclaimed God's word and gave testimony to Jesus. I was caught up in spirit on the Lord's day and heard behind me a voice as loud as a trumpet, which said, "Write on a scroll what you see."

Then I turned to see whose voice it was that spoke to me, and when I turned, I saw seven gold lampstands and in the midst of the lampstands one like a son of man, wearing an ankle-length robe, with a gold sash around his chest.

When I caught sight of him, I fell down at his feet as though dead. He touched me with his right hand and said, "Do not be afraid. I am the first and the last, the one who lives. Once I was dead, but now I am alive forever and ever. I hold the keys to death and the netherworld. Write down, therefore, what you have seen, and what is happening, and what will happen afterwards."

**Gospel Reading**

**John 20:19-31**

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. The disciples rejoiced when

they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent Me, so I send you."

And when He had said this, He breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained."

Thomas, called Didymus, one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came.

So the other disciples said to him, "We have seen the Lord."

But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in His hands and put my finger into the nailmarks and put my hand into His side, I will not believe."

Now a week later His disciples were again inside and Thomas was with them.

Jesus came, although the doors were locked, and stood in their midst and said, "Peace be with you."

Then He said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see My hands, and bring your hand and put it into My side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe."

Thomas answered and said to Him, "My Lord and my God!"

Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen Me?"

Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples that are not written in this book.

But these are written that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that through this belief you may have life in His Name.

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