

SCRIPTURE READINGS

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 23:1-6

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. Therefore thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord. The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

CANTICAL 16

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; *
 he has come to his people and set them free.
He has raised up for us a mighty savior, *
 born of the house of his servant David.
Through his holy prophets he promised of old,
that he would save us from our enemies, *
 from the hands of all who hate us.
He promised to show mercy to our fathers *
 and to remember his holy covenant.
This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, *
 to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
Free to worship him without fear, *
 holy and righteous in his sight
 all the days of our life.
You, my child, shall be called
 the prophet of the Most High, *
 for you will go before the Lord
 to prepare his way,
To give people knowledge of salvation *
 by the forgiveness of their sins.
In the tender compassion of our God *
 the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
To shine on those who dwell in darkness and
 the shadow of death, *
 and to guide our feet into the way of peace.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
 and to the Holy Spirit: *
 as it was in the beginning, is now,
 and will be for ever. Amen

SECOND READING

Colossians 1:11-20

May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued

us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers-- all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

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THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 23:33-43

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing. The people stood by, watching Jesus on the cross; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews." One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."



**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 Sarah; Brayden; Abby, Jonah & their family; John; Janet; Ken; Nancy & her family; Dan; Pam; Alexis; Nathan & his family; Jeffery; Caleb & his family; Jean; Marianne; Emily; Cynthia; Charlotte; Kay; Krista; Karen; Larry & Leslie; Keira; Brody; Robert.

✠ We pray for those who have died.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREENING OF THE SANCTUARY On Saturday, December 7, at 11:30 a.m., following POWWOW, we will do our annual greening of the Sanctuary and putting up our Christmas tree. Refreshments will be available. Please sign up to help on the sheet in the Parish Hall, so we'll know how many refreshments to have on hand. Fr. Jackson

THE PRISON MINISTRY TEAM Donations of stamps will be greatly appreciated as we share Christmas with those who are incarcerated. Thank you!

DIOCESAN WINTER FAMILY CAMP Treat your family to Christmas in the Pines! To end our twelve days of Christmas, let's keep celebrating, and ring in Epiphany together in a beautiful place. We'll have stories, a campfire, carols, cocoa, crafts, and lots of holiday fun to finish the season. Give yourselves the gift of time together at Chapel Rock!

WE SERVE AT THE SOUP KITCHEN NEXT SUNDAY AT 4 PM. We always need a lot help on this special day as we give out winter clothes, blankets, etc. Please bring a gallon or 2 of chocolate milk, your smile, and a loving heart. Your help is really important as I love lots of goodies to give away, which I can only do if we have many helping hands. **IMPORTANT:** I will be out of town November 26-30, returning around noon the day we serve at the Kitchen, so if you need maps or questions please touch base with me no later than tomorrow. Thanks — Dan Basche

**PLEASE JOIN REV. JACKSON AT 6 PM EACH WEEK
FOR OUR TUESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY
OF THE EPISTLES OF PAUL.**

**CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA SIGN UP SHEETS
are in the Altar Flower notebook.
Deadline is Sunday, December 15.**

**(PS: Three Sundays in December are in need
of dedications — and three in January also!)**

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Today	DOK Renewal of Vows	
	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/Youth Sunday	10 AM
	Praise Band Practice	11:30 AM
Tue.	Tuesday Night Bible Study	6 PM
	Joyful Noise practice	7 PM
Wed.	Bible Study	4:30 PM
	Holy Eucharist Rite II	6:30 PM
	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	7:15 PM
Thu.	OFFICE CLOSED	
Fri.	Thrift Shop CLOSED	
Sat.	Veteran's Ministry meeting (PH)	9 AM
	Thrift Shop CLOSED	
Sun.	Healing Litany & 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
	Healing Litany & Holy Eucharist Rite II	10 AM
	Praise Band Practice	11:30 AM
	Chris Becker Dining Hall	4:00 PM

FOOD PANTRY

Boxed instant potatoes, pancake mix, syrup,
packaged oatmeal, cookies,
toothpaste & toothbrushes

BLESSING BAGS

Travel size or individually wrapped please
snack size chips, Cheez-its,
Rice Krispie treats, snack size chips,
granola bars

Our altar flowers are given by Ellie Calcagni
In memory of my husband Paul