

COLLECT: Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever .AMEN

THE GOSPEL LESSON Luke 20:9-19

⁹ Then He began to tell the people this parable: "A certain man planted a vineyard, leased it to vinedressers, and went into a far country for a long time. ¹⁰ Now at vintage-time he sent a servant to the vinedressers, that they might give him some of the fruit of the vineyard. But the vinedressers beat him and sent him away empty-handed. ¹¹ Again he sent another servant; and they beat him also, treated him shamefully, and sent him away empty-handed. ¹² And again he sent a third; and they wounded him also and cast him out. ¹³ "Then the owner of the vineyard said, 'What shall I do? I will send my beloved son. Probably they will respect him when they see him.' ¹⁴ But when the vinedressers saw him, they reasoned among themselves, saying, 'This is the heir. Come, let us kill him, that the inheritance may be ours.' ¹⁵ So they cast him out of the vineyard and killed him. Therefore what will the owner of the vineyard do to them? ¹⁶ He will come and destroy those vinedressers and give the vineyard to others." And when they heard it they said, "Certainly not!" ¹⁷ Then He looked at them and said, "What then is this that is written: 'The stone which the builders rejected Has become the chief cornerstone'? ¹⁸ Whoever falls on that stone will be broken; but on whomever it falls, it will grind him to powder." ¹⁹ And the chief priests and the scribes that very hour sought to lay hands on Him, but they feared the people—for they knew He had spoken this parable against them.



ST. Paul's CEC
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Sunday March 10th, 4rd Sunday of Lent.

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT AT 7:00 PM IS OUR WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY.
THIS WEDNESDAY IS THE STUDY OF CHAPTER 1 of HEBREWS.**

Altar Guild will gather for Easter changeover on Saturday March 30th 10:00 AM

Non-perishable food items are being collected in the large boxes under the shelf in the entry. These are for HopeLink of Henderson. This is a way of reaching out to our community and being involved in helping the poor and needy. Please bring in any eligible food items and put them in these boxes.

"This Rocks" as a church, we have offered to help spread gravel/rocks on a yard of a home which is offered to senior citizens who cannot afford housing. We will gather on Saturday, **April 13th** at 9:00 here at the church. Bring Gloves.

Sign up for Easter Flower donations today and give the paper to Margaret or Elaine so they can compile them and collect the funds.

Rector's Council this Wednesday March 20th at 7:00 PM.

SOUP AND BREAD WEDNESDAY AT 6PM

STATIONS OF THE CROSS, THURSDAY NIGHT AT 7:00

PLEASE JOIN US FOR HOLY WEEK SERVICES MARCH 24TH THROUGH THE 31ST. THE SCHEDULE IS POSTED ON THE ENTRY DOORS.

NEXT SUNDAY IS PALM SUNDAY AND WE WILL GATHER OUTSIDE THE FRONT ENTRANCE OF THE CHURCH AND PROCESS TOGETHER WHILE SINGING AND WAVING PALMS IN THE AIR.

FIRST READING Isaiah 43:16-21 (NIV)

¹⁶ This is what the LORD says—he who made a way through the sea, a path through the mighty waters, ¹⁷ who drew out the chariots and horses, the army and reinforcements together, they lay there, never to rise again, extinguished, snuffed out like a wick: ¹⁸ “Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. ¹⁹ See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland. ²⁰ The wild animals honor me, the jackals and the owls, because I provide water in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland, to give drink to my people, my chosen, the people I formed for myself that they may proclaim my praise.

THE PSALM 126

When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion,
we were like those who dreamed.

***Our mouths were filled with laughter,
our tongues with songs of joy.**

Then it was said among the nations,
“The LORD has done great things for them.”

***The LORD has done great things for us,
and we are filled with joy.**

Restore our fortunes, LORD, like streams in the Negev.

***Those who sow with tears will reap with songs of joy.**

Those who go out weeping, carrying seed to sow,

***will return with songs of joy, carrying sheaves with them.**

SECOND READING Philippians 3:8-14

⁸ What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ—the righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith. ¹⁰ I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, ¹¹ and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead.

¹² Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. ¹³ Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.