

**COLLECT** Oh Great King of Kings, let your kingdom come on earth as it is in heaven for the sanctity of all human life. You have said that your Kingdom is righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Ghost. Where there is unrighteousness let righteousness come to bear, where there is hostility, cause your peace to reign supreme and where there is sorrow, bring joy in the hearts of people. Lead us into your unshakable and everlasting kingdom in which you reign forever and ever, that truly the kingdoms of this world will become the Kingdoms of our God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN**

**THE GOSPEL LESSON:** **John 14:1-6** (NKJV) 14 "Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. <sup>2</sup>In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. <sup>3</sup>And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also. <sup>4</sup>And where I go you know, and the way you know." <sup>5</sup>Thomas said to Him, "Lord, we do not know where You are going, and how can we know the way?" <sup>6</sup>Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me."

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NEXT WEEK, JANUARY 27<sup>TH</sup> - ANNUAL MEMBERS MEETING. WE WILL DISCUSS THE VISION AND MISSION OF ST. PAUL'S CHURCH - RIGHT AFTER THE SUNDAY SERVICE.



**ST. Paul's CEC**  
charismatic evangelical sacramental together



*Sunday January 20<sup>th</sup>, Feast Day of our Lord the Giver of Life*

**Birthday:** Today is Ryan Reardon's birthday.

Be persistent, don't give up, continue to pray for healing and good continued health for Ralph Kalian, Elton Blair, Jack Gilmour, Bill Ruth, Pat Bird, Kevin Helms, Bettye Gilmour, Elaine Heebner, and Dorothy Hover.

Please join us every Wednesday night for a mid-week refreshing time of worship and Bible study. 7:00 PM. The text for this Wednesday is I Timothy, chapter 5

**GROWING KIDS GOD'S WAY WILL BEGIN THE SERIES AGAIN AT THE END OF JANUARY. IF YOU OR ANYONE YOU KNOW IS INTERESTED IN TAKING THE COURSE, PLEASE CONTACT NICK OR ROBYN PALSGROVE.**

We practice the Tradition of the "passing of the peace" before the offertory in honor of the biblical instruction in Matthew 5 "Therefore if you bring your gift to the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you, <sup>24</sup>leave your gift there before the altar, and go your way. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift." This is a time of reconciliation for some, but we all offer the peace as a courtesy and expression of love toward our neighbors. It is not a time to leave your pew and go talk to someone or make noise. Please, please stay in your pew and turn to only those around and take their hand and quietly say some words like "the peace of the Lord," or simply "peace." Let's not make a party or a circus out of this sacred Tradition. Thank you

## FIRST READING Jeremiah 31:10-17 (NIV)

"Hear the word of the LORD, you nations; proclaim it in distant coastlands: 'He who scattered Israel will gather them and will watch over his flock like a shepherd.' For the LORD will deliver Jacob and redeem them from the hand of those stronger than they. They will come and shout for joy on the heights of Zion; they will rejoice in the bounty of the LORD—the grain, the new wine and the olive oil, the young of the flocks and herds. They will be like a well-watered garden, and they will sorrow no more. Then young women will dance and be glad, young men and old as well. I will turn their mourning into gladness; I will give them comfort and joy instead of sorrow. I will satisfy the priests with abundance, and my people will be filled with my bounty," declares the LORD. This is what the LORD says: "A voice is heard in Ramah, mourning and great weeping, Rachel weeping for her children and refusing to be comforted, because they are no more." This is what the LORD says: "Restrain your voice from weeping and your eyes from tears, for your work will be rewarded," declares the LORD. "They will return from the land of the enemy. So there is hope for your descendants," declares the LORD. "Your children will return to their own land.

## THE PSALM 10

Why, LORD, do you stand far off?

Why do you hide yourself in times of trouble?

**\*In his arrogance the wicked man hunts down the weak,  
who are caught in the schemes he devises.**

He boasts about the cravings of his heart;

he blesses the greedy and reviles the LORD.

**\*In his pride the wicked man does not seek him;  
in all his thoughts there is no room for God.**

His ways are always prosperous; your laws are rejected  
by him; he sneers at all his enemies.

**\*He says to himself, "Nothing will ever shake me."**

**He swears, "No one will ever do me harm."**

His mouth is full of lies and threats;

trouble and evil are under his tongue.

**\*He lies in wait near the villages; from ambush he murders  
the innocent. His eyes watch in secret for his victims;**

like a lion in cover he lies in wait. He lies in wait to catch the  
helpless; he catches the helpless & drags them off in his net.

**\*His victims are crushed, they collapse;  
they fall under his strength.**

He says to himself, "God will never notice;

he covers his face and never sees."

**\*But you, God, see the trouble of the afflicted; you  
consider their grief and take it in hand. The victims commit  
themselves to you; you are the helper of the fatherless.**

Break the arm of the wicked man; call the evildoer to account  
for his wickedness that would not otherwise be found out.

**\*The LORD is King for ever and ever;  
the nations will perish from his land.**

You, LORD, hear the desire of the afflicted;

you encourage them, and you listen to their cry,

**\*defending the fatherless and the oppressed, so that  
mere earthly mortals will never again strike terror.**

## SECOND READING Romans 8:35-39 (NIV)

<sup>35</sup> Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? <sup>36</sup> As it is written: "For your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered." <sup>7</sup> No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. <sup>38</sup> For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, <sup>39</sup> neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Jesus Christ our Lord.