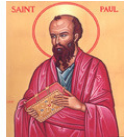


## THE GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 14:32-72 (NKJV)

<sup>32</sup> Then they came to a place which was named Gethsemane; and He said to His disciples, "Sit here while I pray." <sup>33</sup> And He took Peter, James, and John with Him, and He began to be troubled and deeply distressed. <sup>34</sup> Then He said to them, "My soul is exceedingly sorrowful, even to death. Stay here and watch." <sup>35</sup> He went a little farther, and fell on the ground, and prayed that if it were possible, the hour might pass from Him. <sup>36</sup> And He said, "Abba, Father, all things are possible for You. Take this cup away from Me; nevertheless, not what I will, but what You will." <sup>37</sup> Then He came and found them sleeping, and said to Peter, "Simon, are you sleeping? Could you not watch one hour? <sup>38</sup> Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." <sup>39</sup> Again He went away and prayed, and spoke the same words. <sup>40</sup> And when He returned, He found them asleep again, for their eyes were heavy; and they did not know what to answer Him. <sup>41</sup> Then He came the third time and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and resting? It is enough! The hour has come; behold, the Son of Man is being betrayed into the hands of sinners. <sup>42</sup> Rise, let us be going. See, My betrayer is at hand." <sup>43</sup> And immediately, while He was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, with a great multitude with swords and clubs, came from the chief priests and the scribes and the elders. <sup>44</sup> Now His betrayer had given them a signal, saying, "Whomever I kiss, He is the One; seize Him and lead Him away safely." <sup>45</sup> As soon as he had come, immediately he went up to Him and said to Him, "Rabbi, Rabbi!" and kissed Him. <sup>46</sup> Then they laid their hands on Him and took Him. <sup>47</sup> And one of those who stood by drew his sword and struck the servant of the high priest, and cut off his ear. <sup>48</sup> Then Jesus answered and said to them, "Have you come out, as against a robber, with swords and clubs to take Me? <sup>49</sup> I was daily with you in the temple teaching, and you did not seize Me. But the Scriptures must be fulfilled." <sup>50</sup> Then they all forsook Him and fled. <sup>51</sup> Now a certain young man followed Him, having a linen cloth thrown around his naked body. And the young men laid hold of him, <sup>52</sup> and he left the linen cloth and fled from them naked. <sup>53</sup> And they led Jesus away to the high priest; and with him were assembled all the chief priests, the elders, and the scribes. <sup>54</sup> But Peter followed Him at a distance, right into the courtyard of the high priest. And he sat with the servants and warmed himself at the fire. <sup>55</sup> Now the chief priests and all the council sought testimony against Jesus to put Him to death, but found none. <sup>56</sup> For many bore false witness against Him, but their testimonies did not agree. <sup>57</sup> Then some rose up and bore false witness against Him, saying, <sup>58</sup> "We heard Him say, 'I will destroy this temple made with hands, and within three days I will build another made without hands.'" <sup>59</sup> But not even then did their testimony agree. <sup>60</sup> And the high priest stood up in the midst and asked Jesus, saying, "Do You answer nothing? What is it these men testify against You?" <sup>61</sup> But He kept silent and answered nothing. Again the high priest asked Him, saying to Him, "Are You the Christ, the Son of the Blessed?" <sup>62</sup> Jesus said, "I am. And you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Power, and coming with the clouds of heaven." <sup>63</sup> Then the high priest tore his clothes and said, "What further need do we have of witnesses? <sup>64</sup> You have heard the blasphemy! What do you think?" And they all condemned Him to be deserving of death. <sup>65</sup> Then some began to spit on Him, and to blindfold Him, and to beat Him, and to say to Him, "Prophecy!" And the officers struck Him with the palms of their hands. <sup>66</sup> Now as Peter was below in the courtyard, one of the servant girls of the high priest came. <sup>67</sup> And when she saw Peter warming himself, she looked at him and said, "You



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SUNDAY April 1<sup>st</sup> 2012 PALM SUNDAY

**Birthday = April 4 = Bettye Gilmour**

*Keep on praying every day for those who are sick or recovering from their illness. The prayers of this Church family are powerful. God hears and answers our petitions on behalf of each other. Let's agree together for the continued healing of Pat Bird, Elton Blair, Judy Gerard, Carol Acklin, Jean Dillon, and Kevin Helms. Thank God for their healing, let's envision all of them healthy, whole and strong.*

**Please join us on Wednesday night for the Stations of the Cross, we will resume the Revelation series the following week with teaching #5.**

**The flower children have come through...big time....we received lots of donations for flowers and we need to consider having different flowers for every Sunday of Easter along with the grand display of lilies and tulips next Sunday. If it is all the same to some of you who donated, we can save some of the money to buy flowers for the next few weeks and including Mother's day. Please let Robyn or Clara know your preference.**

**Holy Week is here** and the schedule for services for this week is posted on the doors. There are copies in the entryway on the table - available for you to take home.

**The prayer guide** for us all is available on the entry table as well.

## **FIRST READING: Isaiah 52:13-53:12**(NIV)

The Suffering and Glory of the Servant <sup>1</sup> See, my servant will act wisely; he will be raised and lifted up and highly exalted. <sup>14</sup> Just as there were many who were appalled at him—his appearance was so disfigured beyond that of any human being and his form marred beyond human likeness—so he will sprinkle many nations, and kings will shut their mouths because of him. For what they were not told, they will see, and what they have not heard, they will understand. **Isaiah 53** <sup>1</sup> Who has believed our message 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 out of dry ground. He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him. <sup>3</sup> He was despised and rejected by mankind, a man of suffering, and familiar with pain. Like one from whom people hide their faces he was despised, and we held him in low esteem. <sup>4</sup> Surely he took up our pain and bore our suffering, yet we considered him punished by God, stricken by him, and afflicted. <sup>5</sup> But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed. <sup>6</sup> We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

<sup>7</sup> He was oppressed and afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; he was led like a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth. <sup>8</sup> By oppression and judgment he was taken away. Yet who of his generation protested? For he was cut off from the land of the living; for the transgression of my people he was punished. <sup>9</sup> He was assigned a grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death, though he had done no violence, nor was any deceit in his mouth.

<sup>10</sup> Yet it was the Lord's will to crush him and cause him to suffer, and though the LORD makes his life an offering for sin, he will see his offspring and prolong his days, and the will of the LORD will prosper in his hand. <sup>11</sup> After he has suffered, he will see the light of life and be satisfied; by his knowledge my righteous servant will justify many, and he will bear their iniquities. <sup>12</sup> Therefore I will give him a portion among the great, and he will divide the spoils with the strong, because he poured out his life unto death, and was numbered with the transgressors. For he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

## **THE PSALM 118:19-29** (NIV)

Open for me the gates of the righteous;

I will enter and give thanks to the LORD.

**\*This is the gate of the LORD**

**through which the righteous may enter.**

I will give you thanks, for you answered me;

you have become my salvation.

**\*The stone the builders rejected**

**has become the cornerstone;**

the LORD has done this,  
and it is marvelous in our eyes.

**\*The LORD has done it this very day;**

**let us rejoice today and be glad.**

LORD, save us!

LORD, grant us success!

**\*Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD.**

**From the house of the LORD we bless you.**

The LORD is God,

and he has made his light shine on us.

**\*With boughs in hand, join in the festal procession**

**up to the horns of the altar.**

You are my God, and I will praise you;

you are my God, and I will exalt you.

**\*Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;**

**his love endures forever.**

## **SECOND READING: Philippians 2:5-11** (NIV)

<sup>5</sup> In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; <sup>7</sup> rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. <sup>8</sup> And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross! <sup>9</sup> Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup> that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup> and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

**THE GOSPEL LESSON** (CONTINUED) also were with Jesus of Nazareth.” <sup>68</sup> But he denied it, saying, “I neither know nor understand what you are saying.” And he went out on the porch, and a rooster crowed. <sup>69</sup> And the servant girl saw him again, and began to say to those who stood by, “This is one of them.” <sup>70</sup> But he denied it again. And a little later those who stood by said to Peter again, “Surely you are one of them; for you are a Galilean, and your speech shows it.” <sup>71</sup> Then he began to curse and swear, “I do not know this Man of whom you speak!” <sup>72</sup> A second time the rooster crowed. Then Peter called to mind the word that Jesus had said to him, “Before the rooster crows twice, you will deny Me three times.” And when he thought about it, he wept.