

THE GOSPEL LESSON

PLEASE LOOK AT THE ACCOMPANYING PAGE FOR THE
GOSPEL READING.



WEDNESDAY NIGHT AT 6PM WE WILL OBSERVE THE LAST WEDNESDAY OF LENT WITH A SOUP AND BREAD MEAL AND AT 7:00 WE WILL HAVE A SERVICE CALLED "TENEBRAE" WHICH IS A LATIN WORD MEANING 'SHADOWS' AND 'DARKNESS.' IT IS A CEREMONY OF SOLEMN LENTEN OBSERVANCE OF THE PASSION OF CHRIST. CANDLES WILL DIMLY LIGHT THE SANCTUARY AS WE TAKE TURNS READING THE STORY OF THE VIA DOLOROSA (Latin, "Way of Grief", "Way of Suffering" or simply "Painful Way") PLEASE JOIN US.

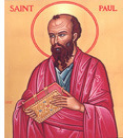
THURSDAY NIGHT AT 7:00 WILL BE THE FOOT WASHING SERVICE OF HOLY WEEK.

FRIDAY NIGHT AT 7:00 WILL BE THE "GOOD FRIDAY" SERVICE HERE AT THE CHURCH.

SATURDAY AT 12:00 NOON WILL BE THE "HOLY SATURDAY" SERVICE HERE AT THE CHURCH.



ST. Paul's CEC
charismatic evangelical sacramental together



Sunday March 24TH Palm Sunday

Birthday: Today = Earlene Gordon.

Altar Guild will gather for Easter changeover this
Saturday March 30th 10: 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 at the church.

WE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE A LADIES RETREAT FOR ST. PAUL'S WOMEN AND THOSE WE INVITE FROM THE AREA CHURCHES - ON MAY 30 THROUGH JUNE 1.

DIOCESE LADIES RETREAT WILL BE THE WEEKEND OF MAY 11TH. DETAILS PROVIDED IN THE FUTURE.

FIRST READING Isaiah 52:13-53:12

¹³ See, my servant will act wisely; he will be raised and lifted up and highly exalted. ¹⁴ 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—¹⁵ 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. **53** Who has believed our message and to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? ² 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.

³ 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. ⁴ Surely he took up our pain and bore our suffering, yet we considered him punished by God, stricken by him, and afflicted. ⁵ 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. ⁶ 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. ⁷ 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.

⁸ 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. ⁹ 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. ¹⁰ 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. ¹¹ 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. ¹² 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 22

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

**Why are you so far from saving me,
so far from my cries of anguish?**

My God, I cry out by day, but you do not answer,
by night, but I find no rest.

**Yet you are enthroned as the Holy One;
you are the one Israel praises.**

In you our ancestors put their trust;
they trusted and you delivered them.

**To you they cried out and were saved; in you
they trusted and were not put to shame.**

But I am a worm and not a man,
scorned by everyone, despised by the people.

**All who see me mock me;
they hurl insults, shaking their heads.**

"He trusts in the LORD," they say,
"let the LORD rescue him."

Let him deliver him, since he delights in him."
Yet you brought me out of the womb; you made me
trust in you, even at my mother's breast.

From birth I was cast on you.

From my mother's womb you have been my God.

**Do not be far from me, for trouble is near
and there is no one to help.**

SECOND READING Philippians 2:5-11

⁵ In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: ⁶ Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; ⁷ rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. ⁸ And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross!

⁹ Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.