LENT-EASTER, — THE YEAR OF LUKE(C) — TEXTS

Ash Wednesday — February 10, 2016
Joel 2:1-17

1 Blow the trumpet in Zion; sound the alarm on my holy mountain! Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble, for the day of the LORD is coming, it is near—
2 a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness! Like blackness spread upon the mountains a great and powerful army comes; their like has never been from of old, nor will be again after them in ages to come. [3 Fire devours in front of them, and behind them a flame burns. Before them the land is like the garden of Eden, but after them a desolate wilderness, and nothing escapes them. 4 They have the appearance of horses, and like war-horses they charge. 5 As with the rumbling of chariots, they leap on the tops of the mountains, like the crackling of a flame of fire devouring the stubble, like a powerful army drawn up for battle. 6 Before them peoples are in anguish, all faces grow pale. 7 Like warriors they charge, like soldiers they scale the wall. Each keeps to its own course, they do not swerve from their paths. 8 They do not jostle one another, each keeps to its own track; they burst through the weapons and are not halted. 9 They leap upon the city, they run upon the walls; they climb up into the houses, they enter through the windows like a thief. 10 The earth quakes before them, the heavens tremble. The sun and the moon are darkened, and the stars withdraw their shining. 11 The LORD utters his voice at the head of his army; how vast is his host! Numberless are those who obey his command. Truly the day of the LORD is great; terrible indeed— who can endure it?]

12 Yet even now, says the LORD, return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; rend your hearts and not your clothing. Return to the LORD, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and relents from punishing. 13 Who knows whether he will not turn and relent, and leave a blessing behind him, a grain offering and a drink offering for the LORD, your God? 15 Blow the trumpet in Zion; sanctify a fast; call a solemn assembly; 16 gather the people. Sanctify the congregation; assemble the aged; gather the children, even infants at the breast. Let the bridegroom leave his room, and the bride her canopy. 17 Between the vestibule and the altar let the priests, the ministers of the LORD, weep. Let them say, "Spare your people, O LORD, and do not make your heritage a mockery, a byword among the nations. Why should it be said among the peoples, 'Where is their God?'"
2 Corinthians 5:20-6:10

20 So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. 21 For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

"Beware of practicing your piety before others in order to be seen by them; for then you have no reward from your Father in heaven. 2 "So whenever you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be..."
συναγωγαίς καὶ ἐν ταῖς ῥόμαις, ὅπως δοξάσθωσιν ὑπὸ τῶν ἀνθρώπων· ἀμήν λέγω ὑμῖν, ἀπέχουσιν τὸν μισθὸν αὐτῶν. 3 οὐ δὲ ποιοῦντος ἐλεημοσύνην μὴ γνώτω ἡ ἀριστερὰ σοι τι ποιεῖ ἡ δεξιὰ σου, 4 ὅπως ἢ σου ἢ ἐλεημοσύνη ἐν τῷ κρυπτῷ· καὶ ὁ πατήρ σου ὁ βλέπων ἐν τῷ κρυπτῷ ἀποδόσει σοι. 5 Καὶ ὅταν προσεύχησθε, ὡς ἔσεσθε ὡς οἱ ὑποκρίται, ὅτι φιλοῦσιν ἐν ταῖς συναγωγαῖς καὶ ἐν ταῖς γονίαις τῶν πλατείων ἃτομάς προσέχοντες προσεύχονται. ὅπως φανῶσιν τοῖς ἀνθρώποις· ἀμήν λέγω ὑμῖν, ἀπέχουσιν τὸν μισθὸν αὐτῶν. 6 σὺ δὲ ὅταν προσεύχῃς, εἰσέλθῃς εἰς τὸ ταμεῖον σου καὶ κλείσῃς τὴν θύραν σου πρόσευξαι τῷ πατρὶ σου τῷ ἐν τῷ κρυπτῷ· καὶ ὁ πατήρ σου ὁ βλέπων ἐν τῷ κρυπτῷ ἀποδόσει σοι.

16 Ὅταν δὲ νηστεύητε, μὴ γίνεσθε ως οἱ ὑποκρίται σκυθροποῖοι, ἀφανίζουσιν γὰρ τὰ πρόσωπα αὐτῶν ὅπως φανῶσιν τοῖς ἀνθρώποις νηστεύοντες· ἀμήν λέγω ὑμῖν, ἀπέχουσιν τὸν μισθὸν αὐτῶν. 17 σὺ δὲ νηστεύον ἀλειψάτω συ τὴν κεφαλὴν καὶ τὸ πρόσωπον σου νίκαι. 18 ὅπως μὴ φανῇς τοῖς ἀνθρώποις νηστεύον ἀλλὰ τῷ πατρὶ σου τῷ ἐν τῷ κρυαφῷ· καὶ ὁ πατήρ σου ὁ βλέπων ἐν τῷ κρυαφῷ ἀποδόσει σοι. 19 Μὴ θησαυρίζετε ὑμῖν θησαυρούς ἐπὶ τῆς γῆς, ὅπου ἡ σῆς καὶ βρόχος αρανίζεται καὶ ὅπου κλέπται διορύσσονται καὶ κλέπτουσιν· 20 θησαυρίζετε δὲ υμῖν θησαυροὺς ἐν οὐρανῷ, ὅπου οὔτε σῆς οὔτε βρόχος αρανίζεται καὶ ὅπου κλέπται οὐ διορύσσονται οὐδὲ κλέπτουσιν· 21 ὅπου γὰρ ἦστιν ὁ θησαυρὸς σου, ἐκεῖ ἦσται καὶ ἡ καρδία σου.

16 "And whenever you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces so as to show others that they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward.

17 But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, 18 so that your fasting may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward.

19 "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; 20 but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. 21 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.
First Sunday in Lent – February 14, 2016

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

1 When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, 2 you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. 3 You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us." 4 When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, 5 you shall make this response before the LORD your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. 6 When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, 7 we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. 8 The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; 9 and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. 10 So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD, have given me." You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD your God. 11 Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house.

Romans 10:8-13

8 But what does it say? "The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); 9 because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. 10 For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. 11 The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." 12 For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. 13 For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

1 Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, 2 where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. 3 The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." 4 Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'" 5 Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. 6 And the devil said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. 7 If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." 8 Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" 9 Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, 10 for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,' 11 and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" 12 Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" 13 When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.
Second Sunday in Lent – February 21, 2016
Genesis 15:1-18

After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." 2 But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" 3 And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." 4 But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." 5 He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." 6 And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness. 7 Then he said to him, "I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess." 8 But he said, "O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" 9 He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." 10 He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. 11 And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away. 12 As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him. 13 Then the LORD said to Abram, "Know this for certain, that your offspring shall be aliens in a land that is not theirs, and shall be slaves there, and they shall be oppressed for four hundred years; 14 but I will bring judgment on the nation that they serve, and afterward they shall come out with great possessions. 15 As for yourself, you shall go to your ancestors in peace; you shall be buried in a good old age. 16 And they shall come back here in the fourth generation; for the iniquity of the Amorites is not yet complete."] 17 When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. 18 On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates,
Philippians 3:17-4:1
17 Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us.
18 For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears.
19 Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things.
20 But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.
21 He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself.

4:1 Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.
At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." 32 He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. 33 Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' 34 Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! 35 See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'"
Third Sunday in Lent – February 28, 2016
Isaiah 55:1-9

1 Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. 2 Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. 3 Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. 4 See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. 5 See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you. 6 Seek the LORD while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; 7 let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. 8 For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD. 9 For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

1 Corinthians 10:1-13

1 I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, 2 and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, 3 and all ate the same spiritual food, 4 and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. 5 Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness. 6 Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. 7 Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play." 8 We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. 9 We must not put Christ to the test, as some of
1 At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. 2 He asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? 3 No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. 4 Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them-- do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? 5 No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did." 6 Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. 7 So he said to the gardener, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?' 8 He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. 9 If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"
Joshua 5:9-12
9 The LORD said to Joshua, "Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt." And so that place is called Gilgal to this day. 10 While the Israelites were camped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. 11 On the day after the passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. 12 The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

2 Corinthians 5:16-21
16 From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. 17 So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! 18 All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; 19 that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. 20 So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. 21 For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.
1 Ησαν δὲ αὐτῷ ἐγγίζοντες πάντες οἱ τελόναι καὶ οἱ ἀμαρτολοί ἀκοῦσιν αὐτοῦ. 2 καὶ διεγόγγειζον οἱ τε Φαρισαίοι καὶ οἱ γραμματεῖς λέγοντες ὅτι οὗτος ἀμαρτολοῦς προσδέχεται καὶ συνεσθείη αὐτοῖς. 3 Ἐπεν δὲ πρὸς αὐτοὺς τὴν παραβολὴν ταύτην λέγον·

Luke 15:11-32
11 Ἐπεν δὲ· ἄνθρωπός τις εἶχεν δύο υἱούς. 12 καὶ εἶπεν ὁ νεώτερος αὐτῶν τῷ πατρί· πάτέρ, ὅσα μοι τὸ εἰπαβάλλων μέρος τῆς οὐσίας, ὃ δὲ διείλευ αὐτοῖς τὸν βίον. 13 καὶ μετ’ οὐ πολλάς ἡμέρας συναγαγὼν πάντα ὁ νεώτερος υἱός ἀπέδημησεν εἰς χώραν μακρὰν καὶ ἐκεῖ διεσκορπίσεν τὴν οὐσίαν αὐτοῦ ζόν ἀσώτως. 14 ὥσπερ πολλάς ἡμέρας ἐξεβιβάσατο τὸ ποτόν τῆς χώρας ἐκείνης, καὶ ἐπέμενην αὐτόν εἰς τοὺς ἀγροὺς αὐτοῦ βόσκειν χοίρους, 15 καὶ ἐπεθύμησεν χορτασθῆναι ἕκ τῶν κερατίων ὅπως ποιεῖτο τοῦ πατρὸς μου περισσεύοντα ἄρτοιν, ἐγὼ δὲ λιμῷ ὄδε ἀπόλλυμαι. 16 ἀναστὰς πορεύσομαι πρὸς τὸν πατέρα μου καὶ ἐρῶ αὐτῷ· πάτερ, ἡμαρτον εἰς τὸν οὐρανὸν καὶ ἐνωπίον σου, 19 οὐκέτι εἰμὶ ἄξιος κληθῆναι υἱός σου· ποιήσον με ὡς ἕνα τῶν μισθίων σου. 20 καὶ ἀναστὰς ἦλθεν πρὸς τὸν πατέρα ἐαυτοῦ. Ἐτι δὲ αὐτοῦ μακρὰν ἀπέχοντος εἶδεν αὐτόν ὁ πατὴρ αὐτοῦ καὶ ἐπιστευθεὶς καὶ δραμὼν ἐπεσέπεσεν ἐπὶ τὸν τράχηλον αὐτοῦ καὶ κατεφίλησεν αὐτοῦ. 21 εἶπεν δὲ· κατέκλῃς καὶ παραστῆσαι σοι; 22 ἐλαττωματικόν ἐμαυτόν τὸν θαλάσσιον τὸν μόχθον τὸν στειβὸν, θύσατε καὶ ὁ φαγόντες εὐφρανθῶμεν, 24 ὃτι οὗτος ὁ υἱὸς μου νεκρὸς ἦν καὶ ἀνέζησεν, ἦν

Luke 15:11-32
Then Jesus said, "There was a man who had two sons. 12 The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. 13 A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. 14 When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. 15 So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. 16 He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. 17 But when he came to himself, he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! 18 I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; 19 I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.' " 20 So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. 21 Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' 22 But the father said to his slaves, "Quickly, bring out a robe-- the best one-- and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on
And they began to celebrate. 25 "Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. 26 He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. 27 He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' 28 Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. 29 But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. 30 But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!' 31 Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. 32 But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.'"
Phileippians 3:4-14
4 although I, too, have reason for confidence in the flesh. If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: 5 circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; 6 as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. 7 Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. 8 More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order 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 from God based on faith. 10 I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, 11 if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. 12 Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my...
John 12:1-8
1 Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. 2 There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. 3 Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. 4 But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, 5 "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" 6 (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) 7 Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. 8 You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."
Sunday of the Passion/ Palm Sunday – March 20, 2016

Isaiah 50:4-9

4 The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens—wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. 5 The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. 6 I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. 7 The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; 8 he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. 9 It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty? All of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up.

Philippians 2:5-11

5 Τὸῦτο φρονεῖτε ἐν ὑμῖν ὡς καὶ ἐν Χριστῷ Ἰησοῦ, 6 διδότως ὑμῖν ἐν μορφῇ θεοῦ ὑπάρχων ὁ πάντων ἡγήσατο τὸ εἶναι Ἰσα θεῷ, 7 ἀλλὰ ἐστάτω ἐκένωσεν μορφὴν δούλου λαβὼν, ἐν ὑμοίωματι ἁγίων ἀνθρώπων γενόμενος· καὶ σχήματι εὑρεθεὶς ὡς ἁγίως ἐταπείνωσεν ἐστάτω γενόμενος ὑπήκους μέχρι θανάτου, θανάτου δὲ σταυροῦ. 9 διὸ καὶ ὁ θεὸς αὐτῶν ὑπερύψωσεν καὶ ἐξαρίστατο αὐτῷ τὸ ὄνομα τὸ ὑπέρ πάν ὄνομα, 10 ἵνα ἐν τῷ ὄνόματι Ἰησοῦ πάν γόνυ κάμψῃ ἐπορφαίων καὶ ἐπιγείων καὶ καταχθόνων 11 καὶ πάσας γλώσσας ἐξομολογηθῆται ὅτι κύριος Ἰησοῦς Χριστὸς εἰς δόξαν θεοῦ πατρὸς.
1 "Hēgizen de hé eórtē tōn ázómoion hè legeoménē páscha. 2 Kai échitous ois ārχiæriexi kai ois grámmatexi tō pōs ánelousin autōn, éfobouvn gár tōn laoñ. 3 Eisíthlēn de sateinás eis 'Ioudáin tōn kalouménon 'Iσκαριótin, ónta ek tōi aríthmōi tōn diádeka: 4 kai ápēlthoun suvnealáieisen tois árχiæriexin kai stratiqgōi tō pōs autōis paradoñ autōn. 5 Kai éxarchsain kai suvnealáieisen autō ārγyriου dōunai. 6 Kai éxomológhisen, kai éxhitei eukariýan tō paradoúntai autōn èter òchlo autōis. 7 Héleth de hé ñmēra tōn ázómoion, [ên] hè édei ñhesiatio tō páscha: 8 kai ápēstelven Pétroñ kai 'Iouánthen eipōn: porneúntes ètoimásate ñmi tō páscha ñna fágyomen. 9 Ói de eipan autōi: ñpô ñléxièis ètoimásomeún; 10 ò dè eipan autōi: ìdou eiselúntontai ñmièn eis tēn pōlìn suvanunthēi ñmi ànthropos kērámion ñ dátois basstáξoun: ákolouthēsate autōi eis tēn ñiκián eis ñi èn eisporēusei, 11 kai èrēte tō ñikoðeßotē tīs ñiκiás: lēgyi soi ñ diðáskalos: ñpò ñstín to katalýma õpou to páscha metà tōn màthetōn mou fágyo; 12 kúkèin ñmi deìeì vàngagoun méga èstropiménon: èkei ètoimásate. 13 Èstropiméntes de èniron kathōis eiríkei autōi kai ñtoimasan tō páscha. 14 Kai òte ñgentei ñ ñrha, ánepesin kai ñi ápòstoloi σuñ autōi. 15 kai eipan prōs autōi: èpithymi èpeðhýma toûto to páscha fagvén mev' ñmièn prō toû me pálido. 16 Lègyo gár ñmièn õt ou mē fágyo autō õës õtoú plérwóði ñn ñ tē basileia tîs ñeðou. 17 kai deçámνoì potírìnos euçhristoßas eipèn: lábete toûto kai diámeríseste eis ëautoûs. 18 Lègyo gár ñmièn, [õtì] ou mē пìo õpò toû vûn õpò toû genëýtamos tēs àmpelou õës ou ñ basileía tîs ñeðou ñlêthi. 19 kai laðwûn árthon euçhristoßas èklaðsen kai ñdókken autōi lègyo: toûto ñstín tō åstímá mou tō ùter ñmièn didómomen. 20 õtou potiète eis tēn ñmēn ñámnaisi. 21 kai tō potírion

1 Now the festival of Unleavened Bread, which is called the Passover, was near. 2 The chief priests and the scribes were looking for a way to put Jesus to death, for they were afraid of the people. 3 Then Satan entered into Judas called Iscariot, who was one of the twelve; 4 he went away and conferred with the chief priests and officers of the temple police about how he might betray him to them. 5 They were greatly pleased and agreed to give him money. 6 So he consented and began to look for an opportunity to betray him to them when no crowd was present. 7 Then came the day of Unleavened Bread, on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed. 8 So Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, "Go and prepare the Passover meal for us that we may eat it." 9 They asked him, "Where do you want us to make preparations for it?" 10 "Listen," he said to them, "when you have entered the city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet you; follow him into the house he enters 11 and say to the owner of the house, 'The teacher asks you, "Where is the guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?"' 12 He will show you a large room upstairs, already furnished. Make preparations for us there." 13 So they went and found everything as he had told them; and they prepared the Passover meal. 14 When the hour came, he took his place at the table, and the apostles with him. 15 He said to them, "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; 16 for I tell you, I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God." 17 Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he said, "Take this and divide it among yourselves; 18 for I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes." 19 Then he took a loaf of
ὁσαύτως μετὰ τὸ δειπνῆσαι, λέγων·
touto to potérion hē kaihnia diathēkē en
to aìmati mous to uper òumon
ékhunvnémonon. 21 Plēn idou hē cheir tou
paradidōntos me metēmou epi tis
trapezēs. 22 ὃ ὁ υἱός μου τοῦ
anthrôpou kata to órismenon
pareünetai, plēn ouai tou
anthrōpōw ékeinou di ὁ
paradidōta. 23 kai autōi
hrezanato suziteitien prōs éanunous
to tis ñra eii ex autōn o
touto meláwon
prassein. 24 Eγνενο δε kai
filonikia en autōi, to tis autōn
dokei einaì meiζon. 25 ὃ δὲ eîpen
autōi οi basileis tōn évnou
kuprionoun autōn kai oi
exousíaizontes autōn uereýetai
kalountai. 26 òmēzis δε oux ōutous, ἀλλ’
ὁ meiζon en òumh ginésaio ας ὁ
neokteros kai ὁ ἤγουνενος ὡς ὁ
diakonon. 27 tis gár meiζon, ὁ
ánakeiμenos ὃ ὁ diakonon;
σοχί ὁ ἀνακείμενος; eγw δὲ ἐν μεσῳ ὰumon eimi
ὡς ὁ diakonon. 28 òmēzis δὲ εὔτε ὁι
diameumhnikêtes meiζon en tois
perasismos mou. 29 kâvho dianitémea
òumh kathòs dítheto moi o patìr mou
bassileian, 30 õna êsthete kai pínhte epi
tis trapezēs mou en tis
bassileia mou, kai
kathhêseste epi thronon tâs doudeka
fylês kρî natives tou Íρηπιν. 31 Sîmωn
Sîmωn, idouv õ satanâs exēśhianó uâmas
toī snâzais ας τōn stîton. 32 eγw δὲ
edêthēn peri sou õna μη ekkîpê ἡ
pîstis sou, kai so pote épistrepèshas
sthrîmen ton õneîloî mou. 33 δὲ eîpen
autōi kûre, metâ sou etoiâmos
eimi kai eis fylakîh kai eis õnâtov
poreûnta. 34 δὲ eîpen légo sou,
Pētêre, oufroñhêsa stheron õlektor
êos trîs meta aparênhê eivâna. 35 Kâ
eîpen autōi δîte âpêsteiâ uâmas âtter
bassalântiû mou kai ñîras kai õpodhîmatov,
μη tînov õstirêšate; oui δὲ eîpan ouxhêsoi. 36 eîpen δὲ autōi ἀλλα νόν ὁ
êxon bassalântiûn aratw, õîموتês kai
þîrâs, kai oûmen pòllhôsato tâ
imâton autôu kai âgorasaste
mâxhara. 37 légo gær òumh õti touto
to õgeamênôn õdei tèlesthâna en ñmî,
bread, and when he had given thanks,
broke it and gave it to them, saying,
"This is my body, which is given for
you. Do this in remembrance of me."
20 And he did the same with the cup
after supper, saying, "This cup that is
poured out for you is the new covenant
in my blood. 21 But see, the one who
betrays me is with me, and his hand is
on the table. 22 For the Son of Man is
going as it has been determined, but
woe to that one by whom he is
betrayed!" 23 Then they began to ask
one another, which one of them it could
be who would do this. 24 A dispute
also arose among them as to which one
of them was to be regarded as the
greatest. 25 But he said to them, "The
kings of the Gentiles lord it over them;
and those in authority over them are
called benefactors. 26 But not so with
you; rather the greatest among you
must become like the youngest, and the
leader like one who serves. 27 For who
is greater, the one who is at the table or
the one who serves? Is it not the one at
the table? But I am among you as one
who serves. 28 "You are those who
have stood by me in my trials; 29 and I
confer on you, just as my Father has
conferred on me, a kingdom, 30 so that
you may eat and drink at my table in
my kingdom, and you will sit on
thrones judging the twelve tribes of
Israel. 31 "Simon, Simon, listen! Satan
demanded to sift all of you like
wheat, 32 but I have prayed for you
that your own faith may not fail; and
you, when once you have turned back,
strengthen your brothers." 33 And he
did to him, "Lord, I am ready to go
with you to prison and to death!" 34
Jesus said, "I tell you, Peter, the cock
will not crow this day, until you have
denied three times that you know me.
35 He did to them, "When I sent you
out without a purse, bag, or sandals, did
you lack anything?" They said, "No,
not a thing." 36 He did to them, "But
now, the one who has a purse must take
τό· καὶ μετὰ ἀνόμου ἐλογίσθη· καὶ γὰρ
τὸ περὶ ἔμοι τέλος ἔχει· 38 οἱ δὲ εἰπαν·
kύρε, ἴδοι μάχαραι ὑδὲ δύο. ὃ δὲ
eἶπεν αὐτοῖς· ἵκανον ἑστίν. 39 Καὶ
ἐξελθὼν ἐπορεύθη κατά τὸ ἐδώς εἰς τὸ
δρόσον τοῦ ἔλαιον, ἤκολούθησαν δὲ
αὐτῷ καὶ οἱ μαθηταί. 40 γενόμενος δὲ
ἐπὶ τοῦ τόπου εἶπεν αὐτοῖς·
προσεύχεσθε μὴ εἰσέλθειν εἰς
πειρασμόν. 41 καὶ αὐτὸς ἀπεσάθη
ἀπ’ αὐτῶν ὡσεὶ λίθῳ βολὴν καὶ θεῖς τὰ
gόνατα προσήχετο 42 ἕγον: πάτερ, εἰ
βούλει παρένεγκε τούτῳ τὸ ποτήριον
ἀπ’ ἐμοῦ· πλὴν μὴ τὸ θῆλημα μου ἀλλὰ
τὸ σῶν γινέσθω. 43 [[ἀφθὴ δὲ αὐτῷ
ἀγγέλος ἀπ’ οὐρανοῦ ἐνίσχυον αὐτόν.
44 καὶ γενόμενος ἐν ἀγονίᾳ ἐκτένεστερον
προσήχετο· καὶ ἐγένετο
ὁ ἱδρὸς αὐτοῦ ὡσεὶ θρόμβῳ ἄματος
καταβαίνοντες ἐπὶ τὴν γῆν.]] 45 καὶ
ἀναστὰς ἀπὸ τῆς προσευχῆς ἐλθὼν
πρὸς τοὺς μαθητὰς εὗρεν κοιμῶμένους
αὐτοῦ ἀπὸ τῆς ὄρης, 46 καὶ εἶπεν
αὐτοῖς· τί καθευδεῖτε; ἀναστάντος
προσεύχεσθε, ἵνα μὴ εἰσέλθητε εἰς
πειρασμόν. 47 Ἡ τοῦ αὐτοῦ λαλῶντος
ἰδοὺ ὄχλος, καὶ ὁ λεγόμενος Ἰσώδας εἰς
tὸν δώδεκα προήρχετο αὐτοὺς καὶ
ἠγιγνεν τὸ Ἰησοῦ φύλασα αὐτὸν. 48
Τίς ἔπεεν αὐτῷ· Ἰσώδα, φιλήματι
tὸν ἱων τοῦ ἄνθρωπον παραδίωκες; 49
ἰδόντες δὲ οἱ περὶ αὐτοῦ τὸ ἐσόμενον
eἶπαν· κύρε, εἰ πατάξωμεν ἐν μαχαίρῃ;
50 καὶ ἐπάταξεν εἰς τις εἰς αὐτὸν τοῦ
ἀρχιερέως τοῦ δοῦλον καὶ ἀφείλεν τὸ
οὐς αὐτὸ ἄρα τοῦ δεξιῶν. 51 ἀποκρίθης δὲ ὁ
Ἰησοῦς εἶπεν· ἔσται ἐως τοῦτον· καὶ
ἀνάμενος τοῦ ὑμῶν ἱάσατο αὐτόν. 52
Εἶπεν δὲ Ἰησοῦς πρὸς τοὺς
παραγενομένους ἐπ’ αὐτὸν ἀρχιερεῖς
καὶ στρατηγοὺς τοῦ ἱεροῦ καὶ
πρεσβυτέρους· ὡς ἐπὶ λήστην εξῆλθατε
μετὰ μαχαίρων καὶ ἄξιων; 53 καθ’
ἡμέραν ὄντος μεθ’ ὕμων ἐν τῷ
ἱερῷ οὐκ ἔξετειντε τὰς γέφρας ἐπ’ ἐμὲ,
ἀλλ’ αὐτὴ ἑστὶν ὑμῶν ἢ ὅρα καὶ ἡ
ἐξουσία τοῦ σκότους. 54 Συλλαβόντες
dὲ αὐτὸν ἤγαγον καὶ εἰςήγαγον εἰς τὴν
οἰκίαν τοῦ ἀρχιερέως· ὁ δὲ Πέτρος
ὁμολούθει μακροθεν. 55 περιπασάντων
it, and likewise a bag. And the one who
has no sword must sell his cloak and
buy one. 37 For I tell you, this scripture
must be fulfilled in me, 'And he was
counted among the lawless'; and indeed
what is written about me is being
fulfilled." 38 They said, "Lord, look,
here are two swords." He replied, "It is
enough." 39 He came out and went, as
was his custom, to the Mount of
Olives; and the disciples followed him.
40 When he reached the place, he said
to them, "Pray that you may not come
into the time of trial." 41 Then he
withdrew from them about a stone's
throw, knelt down, and prayed. 42
"Father, if you are willing, remove this
cup from me; yet, not my will but yours
be done." 43 Then an angel from
heaven appeared to him and gave him
strength. 44 In his anguish he prayed
more earnestly, and his sweat became
like great drops of blood falling down
on the ground. 45 When he got up from
prayer, he came to the disciples and
found them sleeping because of grief,
46 and he said to them, "Why are you
sleeping? Get up and pray that you may
not come into the time of trial." 47
While he was still speaking, suddenly
a crowd came, and the one called Judas,
one of the twelve, was leading them.
He approached Jesus to kiss him; 48
but Jesus said to him, "Judas, is it with
a kiss that you are betraying the Son of
Man?" 49 When those who were
around him saw what was coming, they
asked, "Lord, should we strike with
the sword?" 50 Then one of them struck
the slave of the high priest and cut off
his right ear. 51 But Jesus said, "No
more of this!" And he touched his ear
and healed him. 52 Then Jesus said to
the chief priests, the officers of the
temple police, and the elders who had
come for him, "Have you come out
with swords and clubs as if I were a
bandit? 53 When I was with you day
after day in the temple, you did not
lay hands on me. But this is your hour, and
Then the assembly rose as a body and brought Jesus before Pilate. 2 They seized him and led him away, bringing him into the high priest's house. But Peter was following at a distance. 55 When they had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat down together, Peter sat among them. 56 Then a servant-girl, seeing him in the firelight, stared at him and said, "This man also was with him." 57 But he denied it, saying, "Woman, I do not know him." 58 A little later someone else, on seeing him, said, "You also are one of them." But Peter said, "Man, I am not!" 59 Then about an hour later still another kept insisting, "Surely this man also was with him; for he is a Galilean." 60 But Peter said, "Man, I do not know what you are talking about!" At that moment, while he was still speaking, the cock crowed. 61 The Lord turned and looked at Peter. Then Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said to him, "Before the cock crows today, you will deny me three times." 62 And he went out and wept bitterly. 63 Now the men who were holding Jesus began to mock him and beat him; 64 they also blindfolded him and kept asking him, "Prophesy! Who is it that struck you?" 65 They kept heaping many other insults on him. 66 When day came, the assembly of the elders of the people, both chief priests and scribes, gathered together, and they brought him to their council. 67 They said, "If you are the Messiah, the Son of God, tell us." He replied, "If I tell you, you will not believe; 68 and if I question you, you will not answer. 69 But from now on the Son of Man will be seated at the right hand of the power of God." 70 All of them asked, "Are you, then, the Son of God?" He said to them, "You say that I am." 71 Then they said, "What further testimony do we need? We have heard it ourselves from his own lips!"

23:1 Then the assembly rose as a body and brought Jesus before Pilate. 2 They
3 And when Pilate heard this, he asked whether the man was a Galilean. 7 And when he learned that he was under Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him off to Herod, who was himself in Jerusalem at that time. 8 When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad, for he had been wanting to see him for a long time, because he had heard about him and was hoping to see him perform some sign. 9 He questioned him at some length, but Jesus gave him no answer. 10 The chief priests and the scribes stood by, vehemently accusing him. 11 Even Herod with his soldiers treated him with contempt and mocked him; then he put an elegant robe on him, and sent him back to Pilate. 12 That same day Herod and Pilate became friends with each other; before this they had been enemies. 13 Pilate then called together the chief priests, the leaders, and the people, 14 and said to them, "You brought me this man as one who was perverting the people; and here I have examined him in your presence and have not found this man guilty of any of your charges against him. 15 Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us. Indeed, he has done nothing to deserve death. 16 I will therefore have him flogged and release him." 17 Then they all shouted out together, "Away with this fellow! Release Barabbas for us!" 19 (This was a man who had been put in prison for an insurrection that...
καὶ τὸ Κράνος ἡ ἡ ἡ ἡ καὶ τὸν διὰ στάσιν καὶ φόνον ὑπελήμενον εἰς φυλακὴν ἄν Ἡρῴδου, τὸν δὲ Ἡρῴου παρέδωκεν τῷ θελήματι αὐτῶν. 25 Καὶ Καὶ ὡς ἀπήγαγον αὐτὸν, ἐπιλαβόμενοι Σιμώνα τινα Κυρηναίων ἐρχόμενον ἀπ’ ἄγρον ἐπέδηκαν αὐτῷ τὸν σταυρὸν φέρειν ὡς σήμεν τοῦ Ἡσυχοῦ. 27 Ἡκολούθει δὲ αὐτῷ πολὺ πλήθος τοῦ λαοῦ καὶ γυναικῶν αἱ ἐκκόπτοντο καὶ ἔθηκαν αὐτὸν. 28 στραφείς δὲ πρὸς αὐτᾶς ὁ Ἡσυχὸς εἶπεν· θυγατέρες Ἴερουσαλήμ, μὴ κλαίετε ἐπ’ ἐμὲ· πλὴν ἐρ’ ἐαυτᾶς κλαίετε καὶ ἐπὶ τὰ τέκνα ὑμῶν, 29 ὅτι ἴδου ἐρχόντα ἡμέρα ἐν αἷς ἐροῦσιν· μακάρια αἱ στειραὶ καὶ αἱ κοιλίαι αἱ ὑπὸ ἐγεννησαν καὶ μαστοὶ ὑπὸ ἐθρέψαν. 30 τότε ἀρέστα συντέλεσαν τῷ δραματίῳ· πέστε ἐρ’ ἡμᾶς, καὶ τοὺς βουνοὺς· καλύματε ἡμᾶς. 31 ὅτι εἰ ἐν τῷ ύπνῳ τοῦ ταῦτα ποιοῦσιν, ἐν τῷ ἔρωτι τί γένηται; 32 Ἡγούντο δὲ καὶ ἔτεροι κακούργοι δύο σὺν αὐτῷ ἀναρεθήναι. 33 Καὶ δέτε ἦλθον ἐπὶ τὸν τόπον τὸν κακούργον Κρανίον, ἔκει ἐσταύρωσαν αὐτὸν καὶ τοὺς κακούργους, ὅλον μὲν ἐκ δεξιῶν ὡς ὑπό αὐτοῦ. 34 Ἡσυχὸς ἐλέγετο· πάτερ, ἄρας αὐτοῖς, ὅχαρ ἀνάσας τι ποιοῦσιν. 35 Ἡγούντο δὲ καὶ ἔτεροι κακούργοι δύο σὺν αὐτῷ ἀναρεθήναι. 36 ἐξεκούσαν δὲ καὶ οἱ ἀρχοντες λέγοντες· ἄλλους ἔσωσαν, σωσάτω ἐαυτὸν, εἰ ὑμᾶς ἔστιν ὁ χρῖστός τοῦ θεοῦ ὁ ἐκλεκτός. 37 ἔνεπαισαν δὲ αὐτῷ καὶ οἱ στρατιῶται προσερχόμενοι, ἔξως προσφέροντες αὐτῷ καὶ λεγόντες· εἴ σὺ εἶ ὁ βασιλεὺς τῶν Ἰουδαίων, σώσον σεαυτόν. 38 ἂν δὲ καὶ ἐπιγραφή ἔπε αὐτῷ· ὁ βασιλεὺς τῶν Ἰουδαίων ὁ ὑπὸ νομοῦν συνελήφθη. 39 Εἶς δὲ τῶν κρεμασθέντων.
κακούργησαν ἐβλασφήμει αὐτὸν λέγων· ὕψι σὺ εἰ ὁ χριστός; σῶσον σεαυτὸν καὶ ἡμᾶς. 40 ἀποκρίθεις δὲ ὁ ἔτερος ἐπιτιμῶν αὐτῷ ἔφη· οὐδὲ φοβῆ σὺ τὸν θεόν, ὅτι ἐν τῷ αὐτῷ κρίματι εἰ; 41 καὶ ἡμεῖς μὲν δικαίοις, ἢξια γὰρ ὁν ἐπράξαμεν ἀπολαμβάνομεν· οὗτος δὲ οὐδὲν ἄτοπον ἔπραξεν. 42 καὶ ἐλέγεν· Ησσοῦ, μνήσθητί μου ὅταν ἔλθῃς εἰς τὴν βασιλείαν σου. 43 καὶ εἶπεν αὐτῷ· ἀμὴν σοι λέγω, σήμερον μετ᾽ ἐμοῦ ἔσῃ ἐν τῷ παραδείσῳ. 44 Καὶ ἦν ἡδὸν ὑσεὶ ὥρα ἐκτι καὶ σκότος ἐγένετο ἐφ᾽ ὅλην τὴν γῆν ἔξω ὡρας ἑνήκης 45 τοῦ ἡλίου ἐκλιπόντος, ἐσχίσθη δὲ τὸ καταπέτασμα τοῦ ναοῦ μέσον. 46 καὶ φονήσας φωνῇ μεγάλῃ ὁ Ἱησοῦς εἶπεν· πάτερ, εἰς χειράς σου παρατίθεμαι τὸ πνεῦμά μου. 47 ἐξέπνευσεν. 48 εἶδον δὲ ὁ ἐκατοντάρχης τὸ γενόμενον ἐδόξαζεν τὸν θεόν λέγων· ὧντας ὁ ἄνθρωπος οὗτος δίκαιος ἐν. 48 καὶ πάντες οἱ συμπαγεῖσθαι δύο ὑδίοι ἐπὶ τὴν θεορίαν ταύτην, τεθέομεν, τᾶς στῆθες ὑπόστρεψαν. 49 Εἰσῆλθε ἐσφαγνοῦ ἐκ τοῦ ἱεροῦ, ἦλθοι ἐπὶ τὴν θεορίαν ταύτην, ὑπέστρεψαν τὰς στῆθες τῆς ἱερου. 50 ὁ ἔλεγεν· οὐκ ἐγὼ ἀντικείμενοι δύο ἢ τρεῖς ἐν τῷ παραδείσῳ. 51 ἦλθος δὲ ἀντικείμενοι δύο ἢ τρεῖς ἐν τῷ παραδείσῳ. 52 ἦλθος δὲ ἀντικείμενοι δύο ἢ τρεῖς ἐν τῷ παραδείσῳ.
Maundy Thursday – March 24, 2016
Exodus 12:1-14
1The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: 2 This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. 3 Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. 4 If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. 5 Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. 6 You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. 7 They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. 8 They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. 9 Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. 10 You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. 11 This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the LORD. 12 For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD. 13 The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt. 14 This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

1 Corinthians 11:23-26
23 For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, 24 and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." 25 In the same way
he took the cup also, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." 26 For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

John 13:1-17, 31-35
1 Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. 2 The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper 3 Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, 4 got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. 5 Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. 6 He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" 7 Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." 8 Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." 9 Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" 10 Jesus said to him, "One who has bathed does not need to wash,
except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you."
11 For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean." 12 After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you? 13 You call me Teacher and Lord--and you are right, for that is what I am. 14 So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. 15 For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. 16 Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. 17 If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.

John 13:31-35

When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. 32 If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. 33 Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' 34 I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. 35 By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."
Good Friday – March 25, 2016
Isaiah 52:13-53:12
13 See, my servant shall prosper; he shall be exalted and lifted up, and shall be very high. 14 Just as there were many who were astonished at him-- so marred was his appearance, beyond human semblance, and his form beyond that of mortals-- 15 so he shall startle many nations; kings shall shut their mouths because of him; for that which had not been told them they shall see, and that which they had not heard they shall contemplate.

53:1 Who has believed what we have heard? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? 2 For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him. 3 He was despised and rejected by others; a man of suffering and acquainted with infirmity; and as one from whom others hide their faces he was despised, and we held him of no account. 4 Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted. 5 But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed. 6 All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way, and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. 7 He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearsers is silent, so he did not open his mouth. 8 By a perversion of justice he was taken away. Who could have imagined his future? For he was cut off from the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people. 9 They made his grave with the wicked and his tomb with the rich, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth. 10 Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him with pain. When you make his life an offering for sin, he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days; through him the will of the LORD shall prosper. 11 Out of his anguish he shall see light; he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge. The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. 12 Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he poured out himself to death, and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

Hebrews 10:16-25
16 αὐτή ἡ διαθήκη ἢν διαθήσομαι πρὸς αὐτούς μετὰ Ἢν 16 “This is the covenant that I will make with them after
those days, says the Lord: I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds," 17 he also adds, "I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more." 18 Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin. 19 Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, 20 by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), 21 and since we have a great priest over the house of God, 22 let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. 23 Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. 24 And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, 25 not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

John 18:1-19:42
1 After Jesus had spoken these words, he went out with his disciples across the Kidron valley to a place where there was a garden, which he and his disciples entered. 2 Now Judas, who betrayed him, also knew the place, because Jesus often met there with his disciples. 3 So Judas brought a detachment of soldiers together with police from...
ἔρχεται ἐκεῖ μετὰ φανόν καὶ λαμπάδων καὶ ὑπλῶν. 4 Ἡσυχαί δὲν εἶδος πάντα τὰ ἐρξόμενα ἐπ’ αὐτὸν ἐξῆλθεν καὶ λέγει αὐτοῖς· τίνα ζητεῖτε; 5 ἀπεκρίθησαν αὐτῷ· Ἡσυχαί τὸν Ναζωραῖον. λέγει αὐτοῖς· ἐγὼ εἰμί. εἰσῆλθε δὲ καὶ Ἰουδαῖος ὁ παραδίδοτας αὐτὸν μετ’ αὐτῶν. 6 ὡς οὖν εἶπεν αὐτοῖς· ἐγὼ εἰμί, ἀπῆλθον εἰς τὰ ὅπως καὶ ἐπέσαν χαμάι. 7 πάλιν οὖν ἐπηρώτησαν αὐτοῖς· τίνα ζητεῖτε; οἱ δὲ εἶπαν· Ἡσυχαί τὸν Ναζωραῖον. 8 ἀπεκρίθη Ἡσυχαί· εἶπον ὑμῖν ὅτι ἐγὼ εἰμί. εἰ ὄνειρα ζητεῖτε, ἀφετε τούτοις ὑπάγετε· 9 ἵνα πληρωθῇ ὁ λόγος ἐκεῖνος ὅτι οὐκ ἐπολέματα εἰς αὐτῶν οὐδένα. 10 Σίμων δὲν Πέτρος ἔχων μάχαραν ἐκλύσαν αὐτὴν καὶ ἐπέσαν τὸν ὁ Ἀρχιερεὺς δοῦλον καὶ ἀπέκοψαν αὐτὸν τὸ ὀφείλον τὸ δεξιόν· ἵνα ὀξύνῃ τὸ κρατήτωρ ὁ δεδοκιμασμένος ὁ πατήρ οὐκ. 11 ἐπεί οὖν ὁ Ἡσυχαί τὸν Πέτρον· βάλε τὴν μάχαραν εἰς τὴν θήκην· τὸ ποτήριον ὁ δεδοκιμασμένος ὁ πατήρ οὐκ. 12 Ἡ οὖν σπείρα καὶ ὁ χιλιάρχος καὶ οἱ ὑπηρέται τῶν Ἰουδαίων συνέλαβον τὸν Ἡσυχαί καὶ ἐδίσαν αὐτὸν 13 καὶ ἤγαγον πρὸς Ἀραβάν πρῶτον· ἦν γὰρ πενθόρος τοῦ Καΐσαρα, ὅτι ἦν ἀρχιερεὺς τοῦ ἐνιαυτοῦ ἐκείνου. 14 ἦν δὲ Καΐσαράς ὁ συμβουλεύοντας τοῖς Ἰουδαίοις ὅτι συμφέρει ἕνα ἀνθρώπον ἀποθανεῖν ὑπὲρ τοῦ λαοῦ. 15 Ἡκολούθησα δὲ τῷ Ἡσυχαί· Σίμων Πέτρος καὶ ἄλλος μάθητής. ὁ δὲ μάθητής ἐκεῖνος ὑπεντέλεσεν τὸν Ἐμμανελίου εἰς τὴν αὐλήν τοῦ Ἀρχιερείου. 16 ὁ δὲ Πέτρος εἰσῆλθεν πρὸς τὴν θύρα ἐξε. ἐξῆλθεν οὖν ὁ μάθητής ὁ ἄλλος ὁ γνωστὸς τοῦ Ἀρχιερείου καὶ ἐπέγεν τῇ θυρωρίᾳ καὶ εἰσῆλθεν αὐτὸν αὐτὸν τοῦ Ἀρχιερείου· λέγει ἐκεῖνος· οὐκ εἰμι. 18 the chief priests and the Pharisees, and they came there with lanterns and torches and weapons. 4 Then Jesus, knowing all that was to happen to him, came forward and asked them, "Whom are you looking for?" 5 They answered, "Jesus of Nazareth." Jesus replied, "I am he." Judas, who betrayed him, was standing with them. 6 When Jesus said to them, "I am he," they stepped back and fell to the ground. 7 Again he asked them, "Whom are you looking for?" And they said, "Jesus of Nazareth." 8 Jesus answered, "I told you that I am he. So if you are looking for me, let these men go." 9 This was to fulfill the word that he had spoken, "I did not lose a single one of those whom you gave me." 10 Then Simon Peter, who had a sword, drew it, struck the high priest's slave, and cut off his right ear. The slave's name was Malchus. 11 Jesus said to Peter, "Put your sword back into its sheath. Am I not to drink the cup that the Father has given me?" 12 So the soldiers, their officer, and the Jewish police arrested Jesus and bound him. 13 First they took him to Annas, who was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, the high priest that year. 14 Caiaphas was the one who had advised the Jews that it was better to have one person die for the people. 15 Simon Peter and another disciple followed Jesus. Since that disciple was known to the high priest, he went with Jesus into the courtyard of the high priest, 16 but Peter was standing outside at the gate. So the other disciple, who was known to the high priest, went out, spoke to the woman who guarded the gate, and brought
eisitēkeisan dē oĩ dōl oi και oĩ ὑπηρέται ανθρακίαν πεποικότες, ὅτι ψῡχὸς ἦν, καὶ θερμαίνοντο· ἦν δὲ καὶ ὁ Πέτρος μετ᾽ αὐτῶν ἐστῶς καὶ θερμαίνομενος. 19 Ὁ οὖν ἀρχιερεὺς ἠρώτησε τὸν Ἰησοῦν περὶ τὸν μαθητὴν αὐτοῦ καὶ περὶ τῆς διδαχῆς αὐτοῦ. 20 ἀπεκρίθη αὐτῷ Ἰησοῦ· ἐγὼ παρρησία λειλάληκα τὸ κόσμῳ, ἐγὼ πάντοτε ἐδίδαξα ἐν συναγωγῇ καὶ ἐν τῷ ἱερῷ, ὅπου πάντες οἱ Ιουδαῖοι συνέρχονται, καὶ ἐν κρυπτῷ ἔλλασσα οὐδέν. 21 τὶ με ἐρωτᾷς; ἐρώτησον τοὺς ἀκηκοότας τὶ ἔλλασσα αὐτῶς· ὅτε οὗτοι οἴδασιν ἡ ἐπὶ ἐγὼ. 22 ταῦτα δὲ αὐτοῦ εἰπόντος εἰς παρεστηκός τῶν ὑπηρετῶν ἔδοκεν ῥάπτισμα τὸ Ἰησοῦ εἰπόν· οὗτος ἀποκρίνεται τῷ ἀρχιερεῖ; 23 ἀπεκρίθη αὐτῷ Ἰησοῦς· ἐι κυκᾶς ἔλλασσα· μαρτύρησον περὶ τοῦ κακοῦ· εἰ δὲ καλὸς· τί με δέρεις; 24 ἀπέστειλεν οὖν αὐτὸν ὁ Ἀνανὰς ἀδεδεμένον πρὸς Καίαφαν τὸν ἀρχιερέα. 25 Ἡν δὲ Σίμων Πέτρος ἐστῶς καὶ θερμαίνομενος, εἶπον οὖν αὐτῶ· μὴ καί σὺ ἐκ τῶν μαθητῶν αὐτοῦ εἶ· ἤρνησατο ἐκεῖνος καὶ εἶπεν· οὐκ εἰμί. 26 λέγει εἰς ἐκ τῶν δουλῶν τοῦ ἀρχιερεώς· συγγενῆς ἂν ὁ οὖ ἀπέκοψεν Πέτρος τὸ ὠάπτων· οὐκ ἐγὼ σε εἶδον ἐν τῷ κήπῳ μετ᾽ αὐτοῦ; 27 πάλιν οὖν ἤρνησατο Πέτρος καὶ εὐθεώς ἀλέκτορ ἔφωνησεν. 28 Ἀγονοι οὖν τὸν Ἰησοῦν ἀπὸ τοῦ Καίαφα εἰς τὸ πρατήριον· ἦν δὲ πρῳ· καὶ αὐτοὶ οὗκ εἰσήλθον εἰς τὸ πρατήριον, ἵνα μὴ μαθηθῶσιν ἀλλὰ φάγωσιν τὸ πάσχα. 29 ἤξηλθον οὖν ὁ Πιλάτος ἐξω πρὸς αὐτοὺς καὶ φησίν· τίνα κατηγορίαν φέρετε [κατὰ] τοῦ ἀνθρώπου τούτου; 30 ἀπεκρίθησαν καὶ εἶπαν αὐτῶ· εἰ μὴ ἦν οὗτος κακὸν ποιῶν, οὐκ ἂν σοὶ παρεδόκαμεν αὐτὸν. 31 εἶπεν οὖν αὐτοῖς ὁ Πιλάτος· λαβεῖτε αὐτὸν ὑμεῖς καὶ κατὰ τὸν νόμον ὑμῶν
κρίνατε αὐτὸν. εἶπον αὐτῷ οἱ Ἰουδαῖοι· ἦμιν οὐκ ἔξεστιν ἀποκταίνειν οὐδένα· 32 ἵνα ὁ λόγος τοῦ Ἰησοῦ πληρωθῇ ὃν εἶπεν σημαίνον ποίῳ θανάτῳ ἠμέλλειν ἀποθνησκεῖν. 33 Εἰσῆλθεν οὖν πάλιν εἰς τὸ πραιτόριον ὁ Πιλᾶτος καὶ ἐφώνησεν τὸν Ἰησοῦν καὶ εἶπεν αὐτῷ· σὺ εἰ ὁ βασιλεύς τῶν Ἰουδαίων; 34 ἀπεκρίθη ὁ Ἰησοῦς· ἀπὸ σεαυτοῦ σὺ τοῦτο λέγεις ἢ ἄλλοι εἶπόν σοι περὶ ἐμοῦ; 35 ἀπεκρίθη ὁ Πιλᾶτος· μήτι εὖ ἦν Ἰουδαίος εἰμι; τὸ θένος τὸ σὸν καὶ οἱ ἀρχιερεῖς παρέδωκαν σε ἐμοὶ· τί ἐποίησας; 36 ἀπεκρίθη ὁ Ἰησοῦς· ἡ βασιλεία ἡ ἐμὴ οὐκ ἔστιν ἐκ τοῦ κόσμου τούτου· ἐκ τοῦ κόσμου τούτου ἂν ἦν ἡ βασιλεία ἡ ἐμὴ, οἱ υπηρέται οἱ ἐμοὶ ἤγονίζοντο [ἂν] ἵνα μὴ παραδοθῶ τοῖς Ἰουδαίοις· νῦν δὲ ἡ βασιλεία ἡ ἐμὴ οὐκ ἔστιν ἐντεῦθεν. 37 εἶπεν οὖν αὐτῷ ὁ Πιλᾶτος· οὐκ οὶ βασιλεὺς εἰ σὺ; ἀπεκρίθη ὁ Ἰησοῦς· σὺ λέγεις ὅτι βασιλεύς εἰμι. ἐγώ εἰς τὸν κόσμον γεγέννημαι καὶ εἰς τὸν κόσμον ἐμοὶ ἀνεθήκα. 38 ἔστιν δὲ ἡ ἀληθεία καὶ λέγει αὐτοῖς· ἐγώ οὐδεμιαν εὐδοκεῖν ἐν τῷ αὐτῷ αἰτιῶν. 39 ἔστιν δὲ συνήθεια ὃν ἐν ὑπολογίῳ ὑμῖν ἤν τὸ πάσχα· βούλευσθε οὖν ἀπολύσω ὑμῖν τὸν βασιλέα τῶν Ἰουδαίων; 40 ἔκραυγασαν οὖν πάλιν λέγοντες· μή τοῦτον ἄλλα τὸν Βαραββᾶν. ἤν δὲ ὁ Βαραββᾶς λῃστὴς.

BNT 19:1 Τότε οὖν ἔλαβεν ὁ Πιλᾶτος τὸν Ἰησοῦν καὶ ἐμαστίγωσεν. 2 καὶ ὁ στρατηγὸς πλέξαντες στέφανον εὑς ἀκανθών ἐπέθηκαν αὐτῷ τῇ κεφαλῇ καὶ ἰμάτιον πορφυρὸν περιέβαλον αὐτὸν 3 καὶ ἤρθον πρὸς αὐτὸν καὶ ἔλεγον· χαίρε ὁ βασιλεὺς τῶν NRS 19:1 Then Pilate took Jesus and had him flogged. 2 And the
soldiers wove a crown of thorns and put it on his head, and they dressed him in a purple robe. 3 They kept coming up to him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" and striking him on the face. 4 Pilate went out again and said to them, "Look, I am bringing him out to you to let you know that I find no case against him." 5 So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them, "Here is the man!" 6 When the chief priests and the police saw him, they shouted, "Crucify him! Crucify him!" Pilate said to them, "Take him yourselves and crucify him; I find no case against him." 7 The Jews answered him, "We have a law, and according to that law he ought to die because he has claimed to be the Son of God." 8 Now when Pilate heard this, he was more afraid than ever. 9 He entered his headquarters again and asked Jesus, "Where are you from?" But Jesus gave him no answer. 10 Pilate therefore said to him, "Do you refuse to speak to me? Do you not know that I have power to release you, and power to crucify you?" 11 Jesus answered him, "You would have no power over me unless it had been given you from above; therefore the one who handed me over to you is guilty of a greater sin." 12 From then on Pilate tried to release him, but the Jews cried out, "If you release this man, you are no friend of the emperor. Everyone who claims to be a king sets himself against the emperor." 13 When Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus outside and sat on the judge's bench at a place called The Stone Pavement, or in Hebrew Gabbatha. 14 Now it was
εἴχομεν βασιλέα εἰ μὴ Καῖσαρα. 16 Τότε οὖν παρεδόθηκεν αὐτὸν αὐτοῖς ἵνα σταυρωθῇ. Ἐπελεύσατο οὖν τὸν Ἰησοῦν, 17 καὶ βασιλίζων ἑαυτῷ τὸν σταυρόν ἐξῆλθεν εἰς τὸν λεγόμενον Κρανίου Τόπον, δόλος δὲ τὸν Ἰησοῦν. 19 ἔγραψεν δὲ καὶ τίτλον ὅ τι Πιλάτος καὶ ἔθηκεν ἐπὶ τοῦ σταυροῦ· ἵνα γεγραμμένον· Ὅ τι Ναζωραῖος ὁ βασιλεὺς τῶν Ἰουδαίων. 20 τούτοις οὖν τὸν τίτλον πολλοὶ ἀνέγραγαν τῶν Ἰουδαίων, ὅτι ἐγγὺς ἦν ὁ τόπος τῆς πόλεως ὅπου ἐσταυρώθη ὁ Ἰησοῦς· καὶ ἦν γεγραμμένον Ἐβραίστι, Ῥωμαίστι, Ἐλληνστι. 21 ἔλεγον οὖν τῷ Πιλάτῳ· ἤρχερενς τῶν Ἰουδαίων· μὴ γράψῃ· ὁ βασιλεὺς τῶν Ἰουδαίων, ἀλλὰ ὅτι ἐκεῖνος εἶπε· μὴ γράψῃ· ὁ βασιλεὺς εἰμὶ τῶν Ἰουδαίων. 22 ἰδείκηθη ὁ Πιλάτος· ἦ γέγραφα, γέγραφα. 23 οἱ δὲ στρατιώται, ὅτε ἐσταυρώσασιν τὸν Ἰησοῦν, ἔλαβαν τὰ ἱματιά αὐτοῦ καὶ ἐποίησαν τάσσαρα μέρη, ἐκάστῳ στρατιώτῃ μέρος, καὶ τὸν χιτώνα. ἦν δὲ ὁ χιτών ἁρπαγμός, ἐκ τὸν ἄνωθεν ὑπάνθως δι᾽ ᾧ οὖν. 24 εἴπαν οὖν πρὸς ἄλληλους· μὴ σχίσομεν αὐτὸν, ἀλλὰ ἀνάχωμεν περὶ αὐτοῦ τίνος ἔσται· ἴδε ἡ γραφὴ πληρωθῇ· ἤ γέγραφα. 25 διεμείρισαν τὰ ἱματιά μου ἕνας καὶ ἐπὶ τὸν ἱματισμὸν μου ἔβαλον κλήρον. Οἱ μὲν οὖν στρατιώται ταῦτα ἐποίησαν. 26 Εἰσῆλθεν δὲ παρὰ τὸν σταυρόν τοῦ Ἰησοῦ· ὁ μήτηρ αὐτοῦ καὶ ἡ ἱδρυκτή τῆς μητρὸς αὐτοῦ, Μαρία καὶ τοῦ Κλωπᾶ καὶ Μαρία ἡ Μαγδαληνή. 27 Ἰησοῦς οὖν ἴδὼν τὴν μητέρα καὶ τὸν μαθητὴν παρεστῶτα ἐν ἡγάμῃ, λέγει τῇ μητρί· γυναι, ἵδε ὁ υἱός σου. 27 ἔτα λέγει τῷ μαθητῇ· ἴδε ἡ μήτηρ σου. καὶ ἀπεκλίνης τῆς ὀρας ἐλαβεν ὁ μαθητής αὐτὴν εἰς τὰ ἴδια. 28 Μετὰ τοῦτο εἶδος ὁ the day of Preparation for the Passover; and it was about noon. He said to the Jews, "Here is your King!" 15 They cried out, "Away with him! Away with him! Crucify him!" Pilate asked them, "Shall I crucify your King?" The chief priests answered, "We have no king but the emperor." 16 Then he handed him over to them to be crucified. So they took Jesus; 17 and carrying the cross by himself, he went out to what is called The Place of the Skull, which in Hebrew is called Golgotha. 18 There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, with Jesus between them. 19 Pilate also had an inscription written and put on the cross. It read, "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews." 20 Many of the Jews read this inscription, because the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city; and it was written in Hebrew, in Latin, and in Greek. 21 Then the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, "Do not write, 'The King of the Jews,' but, 'This man said, I am King of the Jews.'" 22 Pilate answered, "What I have written I have written." 23 When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his clothes and divided them into four parts, one for each soldier. They also took his tunic; now the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from the top. 24 So they said to one another, "Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see who will get it." This was to fulfill what the scripture says, "They divided my clothes among themselves, and for my clothing they cast lots." 25 And that is what the soldiers did. Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas,
Ἰησοῦς ὁτι ἦδη πάντα τετελέσται, ἦνα τελείωθη ἴῃ γραφή. λέγει· λίγον. 29 σκεύος ἐκεῖτο ἄδεους μεστόν· πογγόν οὖν μεστὸν τοῦ ἁρύου ὠσ懑ῳ περιθόνες προσήνεκαν αὐτοῦ τὸ στῶμα. 30 ὅτε οὖν ἔλαβεν τὸ ἁρύον ὁ Ἰησοῦς εἴπεν· τετελέσται, καὶ κλίνας τὴν κεφαλὴν παρέδοκεν τὸ πνεῦμα. 31 Οἱ οὖν Ἰουδαῖοι, ἐπεὶ παρασκευήν ἦν, ἵνα μὴ μείνῃ ἐπὶ τοῦ σταυροῦ τὰ σῶματα ἐν τῷ σαββάτῳ, ἵνα γὰρ μεγάλη ἡ ἡμέρα ἐκείνου τοῦ σαββάτου, ἢρώτησαν τὸν Πιλάτον ἦνα κατεαγόσαν αὐτόν τὰ σκέλη καὶ ἄρθόν. 32 ἦλθον οὖν οἱ στρατιώται καὶ τοῦ μὲν πρῶτου κατέξαυσαν τὰ σκέλη καὶ τοῦ ἄλλου τοῦ συσταυρωθέντος αὐτοῦ· 33 ἐπὶ δὲ τὸν Ἰησοῦν ἐλθόντες, ὡς εἶδον ἠδὴ αὐτὸν τεθνηκότα, οὐ κατέξαυσαν αὐτὸν τὰ σκέλη, 34 ἀλλ᾽ ἐξ τῶν στρατιωτῶν λόγχη αὐτοῦ τὴν πλευρὰν ἤνεξεν, καὶ ἔζηλθεν ἐνθής αἵμα καὶ ὁμώρ. 35 καὶ ὁ ἐωρακὸς μεμαρτύρησε, καὶ ἀληθὴν αὐτοῦ ἐστίν ἡ μαρτύρια, καὶ εκεῖνος οἶδεν ὅτι ἀληθὴ λέγει, ίνα καὶ ὡμεὶς πιστεύσητε. 36 ἔγενετο γὰρ ταῦτα ἦνα ἡ γραφὴ πληρωθή· ὡστὸν οὖν συντριβήσεται αὐτὸς. 37 καὶ πάλιν ἔτερα γραφή λέγει· ὄσονται εἰς ὅν ἐξεκέντησαν. 38 Μετὰ δὲ ταῦτα ἢρώτησαν τὸν Πιλάτον Ἰουσίφ [ὁ] ἀπὸ Αριμαθαίας, ὧν μαθητὴς τοῦ Ἰησοῦ κεκρυμμένος δὲ διὰ τὸν φόβον τῶν Ἰουδαίων, ἵνα ἄρῃ τὸ σῶμα τοῦ Ἰησοῦ καὶ ἔπτρεψην ὁ Πιλάτος. ἦλθεν οὖν καὶ ἦρεν τὸ σῶμα αὐτοῦ. 39 ἦλθεν δὲ καὶ Νικόδημος, ὁ ἐλθὼν πρὸς αὐτὸν νυκτὸς τὸ πρῶτον, φέρων τὸ μίμημα σμαργυρίας καὶ ἀλόγης ὡς λίθρα ἐκατόν. 40 ἔλαβον οὖν τὸ σῶμα τοῦ Ἰησοῦ καὶ ἔδησαν αὐτὸ ὀθόνοις μετὰ τῶν ἁρωμάτων, καθὼς ἔθος ἔστιν τοῖς Ἰουδαίοις ἐνταφιάζειν. 41 ἦν δὲ ἐν τῷ τόπῳ ὑπὸν ἐσταυρωθή κῆπος, καὶ ἐν τῷ κῆπῳ μνημεῖον κατίσκων ἐν ὧν συνετέρω ὑδάτες ἦν and Mary Magdalene. 26 When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, "Woman, here is your son." 27 Then he said to the disciple, "Here is your mother." And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home. 28 After this, when Jesus knew that all was now finished, he said (in order to fulfill the scripture), 'I am thirsty.' 29 A jar full of sour wine was standing there. So they put a sponge full of the wine on a branch of hyssop and held it to his mouth. 30 When Jesus had received the wine, he said, "It is finished." Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit. 31 Since it was the day of Preparation, the Jews did not want the bodies left on the cross during the sabbath, especially because that sabbath was a day of great solemnity. So they asked Pilate to have the legs of the crucified men broken and the bodies removed. 32 Then the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first and of the other who had been crucified with him. 33 But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. 34 Instead, one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once blood and water came out. 35 (He who saw this has testified so that you also may believe. His testimony is true, and he knows that he tells the truth.) 36 These things occurred so that the scripture might be fulfilled, "None of his bones shall be broken." 37 And again another passage of scripture says, "They will look on the one whom they have pierced." 38 After these things, Joseph of Arimathaea, who
was a disciple of Jesus, though a secret one because of his fear of the Jews, asked Pilate to let him take away the body of Jesus. Pilate gave him permission; so he came and removed his body. 39 Nicodemus, who had at first come to Jesus by night, also came, bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, weighing about a hundred pounds. 40 They took the body of Jesus and wrapped it with the spices in linen cloths, according to the burial custom of the Jews. 41 Now there was a garden in the place where he was crucified, and in the garden there was a new tomb in which no one had ever been laid. 42 And so, because it was the Jewish day of Preparation, and the tomb was nearby, they laid Jesus there.
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Isaiah 65:17-25
17 For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind. 18 But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating; for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight. 19 I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in my people; no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it, or the cry of distress. 20 No more shall there be in it an infant that lives but a few days, or an old person who does not live out a lifetime; for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth, and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed. 21 They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. 22 They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. 23 They shall not labor in vain, or bear children for calamity; for they shall be offspring blessed by the LORD—and their descendants as well. 24 Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear. 25 The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, the lion shall eat straw like the ox; but the serpent—its food shall be dust! They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the LORD.

1 Corinthians 15:19-26
19 εἰ ἐν τῇ ζωῇ ταύτῃ ἐν Χριστῷ ἠλπικότες ἐσμὲν μόνον, ἔλεεινότεροι πάντων ἀνθρώπων ἐσμέν. 20 Νυνὶ δὲ Χριστὸς ἐγήγερται ἐκ νεκρῶν ἀπαρχὴ τῶν κεκοιμημένων. 21 Ἐπειδὴ γὰρ δὶ ἀνθρώπου θάνατος, καὶ δὶ ἀνθρώπου ἀνάστασις νεκρῶν. 22 Ὑστερω ἐὰν ἐν τῷ Αδὰμ πάντες ἀποθνῄσκοιν, ὡς καὶ ἐν τῷ Χριστῷ πάντες ἢμοιοθησόνται. 23 Ἐκαστὸς δὲ ἐν τῷ ίδίῳ τάγματι ἀπαρχὴ Χριστός, ἔπειτα οἱ τοῦ Χριστοῦ ἐν τῇ παρουσίᾳ αὐτοῦ, 24 εἶτα τὸ τέλος, ὅταν παραδίδῃ τὴν βασιλείαν τῷ θεῷ καὶ πατρί, ὅταν καταργήσῃ πᾶσαν ἀρχήν καὶ πᾶσαν ἐξουσίαν καὶ δύναμιν. 25 δὲ γὰρ αὐτὸν βασιλεύειν ἢμὶ οὐ θῇ πάντας τοὺς ἐχθροὺς ὑπὸ τοὺς πόδας αὐτοῦ. 26 Ἐσχάτος ἐχθρὸς καταργεῖται ὁ θάνατος;
Acts 10:34-43
34 Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, 35 but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. 36 You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ-- he is Lord of all. 37 That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: 38 how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. 39 We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; 40 but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, 41 not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. 42 He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. 43 All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

1 Then, when two of them were going to Jerusalem, they met Jesus along the road, but he was going to appear to them. 2 And as they were talking about everything that had happened, Jesus himself took the bread, blessed it, broke it, and gave it to them, 3 saying, "This is my body given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." 4 And he did the same with the cup, after he had eaten, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you. 5 I tell you, I will not drink again of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom." 6 Then they took the part of the food and ate and were filled. And they said to one another, "Did not our hearts burn within us as he talked to us on the road while he opened the Scriptures to us? 7 And as he was sitting at table with them, he took bread and blessed it and broke it and gave it to them. 8 Then their eyes were opened and they knew him, and he vanished from their sight. 9 He said to them, "Bring some food here to me." 10 They gave him a piece of a Passover lamb. 11 And he took it, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." 12 And he took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "You proclaim the new covenant in this cup, which is given for you. 13 But I tell you, I will not drink again of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom." 14 Then they sat down to eat. 15 And he told them many other things in parables, and he said all these things to his disciples. 16 Then he took the cup, after he had given thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink your fill of this, 17 for the Son of man will be given over to men, and they will kill him, and the third day he will be raised up." And they drank their fill. 18 But he took the twelve, and he said to them, "Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and everything that is written through the prophets concerning the Son of man will be accomplished. 19 For he will be delivered over to men, and they will crucify him, and when he is crucified, on the third day he will rise again." 20 Then they understood all those things, but they did not dare to ask him about this.
13 Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, 14 and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. 15 While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, 16 but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. 17 And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. 18 Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" 19 He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, 20 and the chief priests and leaders of the people took him and dealt with him, as you know. 21 He was handed over to them by God's appointed time and manner, 22 and they crucified him. 23 But God raised him from the dead, 24 and he was seen over a period of forty days after he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, 25 and he commanded them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, "you will receive when the Holy Spirit comes on you." 26 They said to him, "Lord, are you telling us this by using parables?" 27 He said to them, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty for the captives and recovering of sight for the blind, to let the oppressed go free, 28 to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." 29 And he said, "At what time is it written that it is necessary for the Christ to suffer and to enter into his glory?" 30 As they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself took the bread and blessed it and broke it and gave it to them. 31 And their eyes were opened and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. 32 They said to each other, "Were our hearts not burning within us, as he talked to us on the way and opened the Scriptures to us?" 33 They rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, 34 saying, "The Lord is risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!" 35 Then they told what had happened on the road, and how they had seen him in the breaking of the bread."
καρδ, άσιδινην προφήτης δυνατός ἐν ἐργῷ καὶ λόγῳ ἐναντίον τοῦ θεοῦ καὶ παντός τοῦ λαοῦ, 20 ὅπως τε παρέδωκαν αὐτόν οἱ ἄρχηρες καὶ οἱ ἄρχοντες ἥμων εἰς κρίμα θανάτου καὶ ἐσταυρώσαν αὐτόν. 21 ἡμεῖς δὲ ἠλπίζουμεν ὅτι αὐτὸς ἐστιν ὁ μέλλων λυτρωθῆναι τὸν Ἰσραήλ. ἀλλὰ γε καὶ σὺν πᾶσιν τούτοις τρίτην ταύτην ἡμέραν ἀγεὶ ἀρ ὦ ταῦτα ἐγένετο. 22 ἀλλὰ καὶ γυναῖκές τινες εἰς ἥμων ἐξέστησαν ἡμᾶς, γενόμεναι ὑρθήσατε ἐπὶ τὸ μνημεῖον, 23 καὶ μὴ εὐρώσαι τὸ σῶμα αὐτοῦ ἠλθον λέγουσαι καὶ ὀπτασίαν ἀγέλεον ἐωρακέναι, οἰ λέγουσιν αὐτὸν ζήν. 24 καὶ ἀπήλθον τινὲς τὸν σὺν ἡμῖν ἐπὶ τὸ μνημεῖον καὶ ἐγέρον ὑπὸς καθός καὶ αἱ γυναῖκες εἶπον, αὐτὸν δὲ ὠκ ἐδο. 25 καὶ αὐτὸς εἶπεν πρὸς αὐτοὺς· ὦ ἀνόητοι καὶ βραδεῖς τῇ καρδίᾳ τοῦ πιστεύειν ἐπὶ πᾶσιν οἷς ἐλάλησαν οἱ προφηταί. 26 οὐχὶ ταύτα ἐδει παθεῖν τὸν χρύστον καὶ εἰσελθεῖν εἰς τὴν ὁδόν αὐτοῦ; 27 καὶ ἀρξάμενος ἀπὸ Μωϋσέως καὶ ἀπὸ πάντων τῶν προφητῶν διερμηνεύσασαν αὐτοὺς ἐν πάσαις ταῖς γραφαῖς τὰ περὶ ἑαυτοῦ. 28 Καὶ ἤγιγγαν εἰς τὴν κόμην οὐ ἐπορεύοντο, καὶ αὐτὸς προσεπισήματο πορρώτερον πορεύεσθαι. 29 καὶ παρεβίασαν αὐτὸν λέγοντες· μείνον μεθ᾽ ἡμῶν, ὅτι πρὸς ἑσπέραν ἐστίν καὶ κέκλικεν ἤδη ἡ ἡμέρα. καὶ εἰσῆλθεν τοῦ μείναι σὺν αὐτοῖς. 30 καὶ ἐγένετο ἐν τῷ κατακλυθῆναι αὐτὸν μετ᾽ αὐτῶν λαβόν τοὺς ἄρτους εὐλόγησεν καὶ κλάσας ἐπεδίδοντος αὐτοῖς, 31 αὐτῶν δὲ διηνούσαν οἱ ὁρθολογοὶ καὶ ἐπεγνωσαν αὐτοῦ· καὶ αὐτὸς ἀφαντὸς ἐγένετο ὁπ᾽ αὐτῶν. 32 καὶ εἶπαν πρὸς ἀλλήλους· οὐχὶ ἡ καρδία ἡμῶν κατεμένη ἦν [ἐν ἡμῖν] ὥς ἠλάλει ἡμῖν ἐν τῇ ὀδῷ, ὡς διήνυσεν ἡμῖν τὰς γραφάς; 33 Καὶ hand him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. 21 But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. 22 Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, 23 and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. 24 Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.” 25 Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! 26 Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?” 27 Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. 28 As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. 29 But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.” So he went in to stay with them. 30 When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. 31 Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. 32 They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?” 33 That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. 34 They were
καὶ τούς σὺν αὐτοῖς. 34 λέγοντας ὅτι Ἰωάννης ἦγερθη ο κύριος καὶ ὠφθη Σίμων. 35 καὶ αὐτοὶ ἐξηγούντο τὰ ἐν τῇ ὁδῷ καὶ ὡς ἐγνώσθη αὐτοῖς ἐν τῇ κλάσει τοῦ ἄρτου. 36 Ταῦτα δὲ αὐτῶν λαλοῦντον αὐτὸς ἢστη ἐν μέσῳ αὐτῶν καὶ λέγει αὐτοῖς· εἰρήνη ὑμῖν. 37 πτοηθέντες δὲ καὶ ἐμφασιοί γενόμενοι ἐδόκουν πνεύμα θεωρεῖν. 38 καὶ εἶπεν αὐτοῖς· τί τεταραγμένοι ἐστέ καὶ διὰ τὰ διαλογισμοῖς ἀναβαίνοντι ἐν τῇ καρδίᾳ ὑμῶν; 39 ἵδετε τὰς χειρὰς μου καὶ τοὺς πόδας μου ὅτι ἐγὼ εἰμί αὐτοῖς· ψηλαφήσατε με καὶ ἱδεῖτε, ὅτι πνεύμα σάρκα καὶ σῶμα ὑμῶν ἔχει καθὼς ἐμὲ θεωρεῖτε ἔχοντα. 40 καὶ τοῦτο εἰπὼν ἐδείξεν αὐτοῖς τὰς χειρὰς καὶ τοὺς πόδας. 41 ἔτι δὲ ἀπιστούντων αὐτῶν ἀπὸ τῆς χαρᾶς καὶ θαυμαζόντων εἶπεν αὐτοῖς· ἔχετε τι βρόσιμον ἐνθάδε; 42 οἱ δὲ ἐπέδωκαν αὐτῷ ἱεροθεσίαν ὑπὸ τοῦ μέρους· 43 καὶ λαβὼν ἐνώπιον αὐτῶν ἔφαγεν. 44 Εἶπεν δὲ πρὸς αὐτοὺς· οὕτως οἱ λόγοι μου ὡς ἐλάλησα πρὸς ὑμᾶς ἐπὶ οὗν σὺν ὑμῖν, ὅτι δὲ πληρωθῆναι πάντα τὰ γεγραμμένα ἐν τῷ νόμῳ Μοῦσσως καὶ τοῖς προφήταις καὶ ψαλμοῖς περὶ ἐμοῦ. 45 τότε διήνοιξεν αὐτῶν τὸν νοῦν τοῦ συνιέναι τὰς γραφὰς. 46 καὶ εἶπεν αὐτοῖς ὅτι οὕτως γέγραπται παθεῖν τὸν χριστὸν καὶ ἀναστήσειν εἰς νεκρῶν τῇ τρίτῃ ἡμέρᾳ. 47 καὶ ἤκρυβόταν ἐπὶ τῷ ὄνοματι αὐτοῦ μετανοοῦνταν εἰς ἄφεσιν ἀμαρτιῶν εἰς πάντα τὰ ἐξήν. ἀράμαριοι ἀπὸ Ἰερουσαλήμ 48 ὑμεῖς μάρτυρες τούτων. 49 καὶ ἢδον ἐγὼ ἀποστέλλω τὴν ἐπαγγελίαν τοῦ πατρὸς μου ἐφ’ ὑμᾶς· ὑμεῖς δὲ καθίσατε ἐν τῇ πόλει ἑως ὧν ἐνδούσησθε ἐξ ὑπόκους ὅναμον.
John 20:1-18
1 Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. 2 So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." 3 Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. 4 The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. 5 He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. 6 Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, 7 and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. 8 Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; 9 for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. 10 Then the disciples returned to their homes. 11 But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; 12 and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. 13 They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." 14 When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. 15 Jesus said to her, "Woman,
are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?” Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.” 16 Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). 17 Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" 18 Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.
Second Sunday of Easter – April 3, 2016

Acts 5:27-32
27 When they had brought them, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, 28 saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us."
29 But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority.
30 The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. 31 God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. 32 And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

Revelation 1:4-8
4 John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, 5 and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, 6 and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. 7 Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. 8 "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.
John 20:19-31

19 When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." 20 After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. 21 Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." 22 When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. 23 If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." 24 But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. 25 So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and put my hand in his side, I will not believe." 26 A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." 27 Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." 28 Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" 29 Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." 30 Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. 31 But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.
Third Sunday of Easter – April 10, 2016
Acts 9:1-20

1 Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest 2 and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. 3 As he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. 4 He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" 5 He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. 6 But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." 7 The men who were traveling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. 8 Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus.

9 For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank. 10 Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." He answered, "Here I am, Lord." 11 The Lord said to him, "Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, 12 and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight." 13 But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; 14 and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name." 15 But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen..."
Revelation 5:11-14
11 Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders: they numbered myriads and thousands of thousands, 12 singing with full voice, "Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!" 13 Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing, "To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!" 14 And the four living creatures said, "Amen!" And the elders fell down and worshiped.

Revelation 5:5-11
5 Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders: they numbered myriads and thousands of thousands, 6 singing with full voice, "Worthy is the One who sits on the throne and the Lamb to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!" 7 And every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, sang: "Amen! Praise our God, for he is righteous!" 8 And the voice which I heard came from heaven again, saying, "Amen! Praise the Lord!" 9 Then the voice which I heard from heaven said, "Now write this: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on. " "Yes," said the Spirit, "they will rest from their labor, for their labor has become their glory."
1 After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. 2 Gathered together there were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two of his disciples. 3 Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. 4 Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. 5 Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." 6 He said to them, "Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. 7 That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. 8 But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off. 9 When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. 10 Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." 11 So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. 12 Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it...
ἀρτον καὶ δίδωσιν αὐτοῖς, καὶ τὸ ὀψάριον ὀμοίως. 14 τούτῳ ἦδη τρίτον ἐφαινομένη Ἰησοῦς τοῖς μαθηταῖς ἐγερθεὶς ἐκ νεκρῶν. 15 Ὁτε οὖν ἤριστήσαν λέγει τῷ Σίμωνι Πέτρῳ ὁ Ἰησοῦς· Σίμων Ιωάννου, ἀγαπᾶς με πλέον τούτον; λέγει αὐτῷ· ναὶ κύριε, σὺ οἶδας ὅτι φιλῶ σε. λέγει αὐτῷ· βόσκε τὰ ἄρνια μου. 16 λέγει αὐτῷ πάλιν δεύτερον· Σίμων Ιωάννου, ἀγαπᾶς με; λέγει αὐτῷ· ναὶ κύριε, σὺ οἶδας ὅτι φιλῶ σε. λέγει αὐτῷ· ποίμαινε τὰ πρόβατά μου. 17 λέγει αὐτῷ τὸ τρίτον· Σίμων Ιωάννου, φιλεῖς με; ἐλυπήθη ὁ Πέτρος ὅτι εἶπεν αὐτῷ τὸ τρίτον· φιλεῖς με; καὶ λέγει αὐτῷ· κύριε, πάντα σὺ οἶδας, σὺ γινώσκεις ὅτι φιλῶ σε. λέγει αὐτῷ [ὁ Ἰησοῦς·] βόσκε τὰ πρόβατά μου. 18 ἀμὴν ἀμὴν λέγω σοι, ὅτι ἦς νεώτερος, ἐξόνυμνος σωτόν καὶ περιπατεῖς ὡς ἤθελες· ὅταν δὲ γηράσῃς, ἐκτενεῖς τὰς χεῖράς σου, καὶ ἄλλος σε ζώσει καὶ οἶσει ὧς οὐ χάρις. 19 τούτῳ δὲ εἶπεν σημαίνον ποίῳ θανάτῳ δοξάσει τὸν θεόν, καὶ τούτῳ εἶπον λέγει αὐτῷ· ἀκολούθει μοι.
Fourth Sunday of Easter – April 17, 2016

Acts 9:36-43
36 Εν Ἰόππῃ δὲ τις ἦν μαθητής ὅνομας Ταβιθά, ἢ διερμηνευόμενη λέγεται Δορκάς· αὐτὴ ἦν πλήρης ἔργων ἁγάθων καὶ ἐλεημοσύνῳ ἄνευς. 37 Ἐγένετο δὲ ἐν ταῖς ἡμέρας ἐκεῖναι άσθενήσαν αὐτήν ἀποθανεῖν· λούσαντες δὲ έθηκαν [αὐτήν] ἐν ύπερφυίᾳ. 38 Ἐγένετο δὲ εὕσης Λυδίας τῇ Ἰόππῃ οἱ μαθηται ἀκούσαντες ὅτι Πέτρος ἐστίν ἐν αὐτῇ ἀπεστείλαν δύο ἄνδρας πρὸς αὐτῶν παρακαλοῦντες· μὴ ἐκνησῆς διελθεῖν ἐως ἡμῶν. 39 Ἀναστὰς δὲ Πέτρος συνῆλθεν αὐτοῖς· ὅσα παραγενομένον ἀνήγαγον εἰς τὸ ὑπερφύον καὶ παρέστησαν αὐτῷ πάσαι αἱ χήραι κλαίουσαι καὶ ἐπιδεικνύμεναι χίτώνας καὶ ἰμάτια ὡς ἐποίει μετ᾿ αὐτῶν οὔσα ἢ Δορκάς. 40 Ἐκβαλὼν δὲ ἔξο πάντας ὁ Πέτρος καὶ θείς τὰ γόνατα προσημεῖατο καὶ ἐπιστρέψας πρὸς τὸ σῶμα ἐπεν· Ταβιθά, ἀνάστηθι. ἢ ἦν ὕπαξεν τοὺς ὄρθωλιμως αὐτῆς, καὶ ἰδοὺ τὸν Πέτρον ἀνεκάθισεν. 41 Δοὺς δὲ αὐτῇ χεῖρα ἀνέστησεν αὐτήν· φωνήσας δὲ τοὺς ἄγιους καὶ τὰς χήρας παρεστήσας αὐτήν ζώσαν. 42 Γνωστὸν δὲ ἐγένετο καθ’ ὅλης τῆς Ἰόππης καὶ ἐπιστευσαν πολλοὶ ἐπὶ τὸν κύριον. 43 'Εγένετο δὲ ἡμέρας ικανάς μεῖναι ἐν Ἰόππῃ παρὰ τινὶ Σίμωνι βυρσεῖ.

Revelation 7:9-17
9 After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. 10 They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" 11 And all the angels stood around the throne and the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, 12 singing, "Amen! Blessing and
Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?” 14 I said to him, “Sir, you are the one that knows.” Then he said to me, “These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. 15 For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. 16 They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; 17 for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

John 10:22-30
22 At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, 23 and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. 24 So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." 25 Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father’s name testify to me; 26 but if you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. 27 My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. 28 I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. 29 What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father’s hand. 30 The Father and I are one."
Fifth Sunday of Easter – April 24, 2016

Acts 11:1-18

1 Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. 2 So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, 3 saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" 4 Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, 5 'I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. 6 As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. 7 I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' 8 But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' 9 But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' 10 This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. 11 At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. 12 The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. 13 He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; 14 he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' 15 And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. 16 And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized...
with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' 17 If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?” 18 When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

Revelation 21:1-6
Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. 2 And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. 3 And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; 4 he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." 5 And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." 6 Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.

Revelation 21:1-6
1 Καὶ εἶδον οὐρανὸν καινὸν καὶ γῆν καινήν. ὁ γὰρ πρῶτος οὐρανὸς καὶ ἡ πρώτη γῆ ἀπῆλθαν καὶ ἡ θάλασσα παῦσα ὡς εὐρήμην κεκοσμημένην τῷ ἀνδρὶ αὐτῆς. 2 καὶ τὴν πόλιν τὴν ἀγίαν Ἰερουσαλήμ καινὴν εἰδὼν καταβαίνουσαν ἐκ τοῦ οὐρανοῦ ἀπὸ τοῦ θεοῦ ἐτοιμασμένην ὡς νύμφην κοσμημένην τῷ ἀνδρὶ αὐτῆς. 3 καὶ ἤκουσα φωνῆς μεγάλης ἐκ τοῦ θρόνου λεγομένης· ἴδου ἡ σκηνὴ τοῦ θεοῦ μετὰ τῶν ἀνθρώπων, καὶ σκηνώσει μετ᾽ αὐτῶν, καὶ αὐτοὶ λαοὶ αὐτοῦ ἔσονται, καὶ αὐτὸς ὁ θεὸς μετ᾽ αὐτῶν ἔσται [αὐτῶν θεός], 4 καὶ ἔσχατοι πάντων ἐκ τοῦ οὐρανοῦ ἀπῆλθαν καὶ ὁ θάνατος ὡς ἔσται ἐπὶ οὓς πένθος ὡς κραυγὴ ὡς πόνος ὡς ζωὴ ἔσται ἐπὶ, [ἐπὶ] τὰ πρῶτα ἀπῆλθαν. 5 Καὶ εἶπεν ὁ καθήμενος ἐπὶ τῷ θρόνῳ· ἴδοὺ καὶ πάντα πάντα καὶ λέγει· γράψον, ὅτι αὐτοὶ οἱ λόγοι πιστῶν καὶ ἀληθείνων οἰκοδομῶν. 6 καὶ εἶπεν· γέγοναν. ἐγώ [εἰμι] τὸ ἀλφά καὶ τὸ οἶ, ἡ ἀρχὴ καὶ τὸ τέλος. ἐγώ τὸ διψῶνι δόσω ἐκ τῆς πηγῆς τοῦ ὕδατος τῆς ζωῆς δωρεάν.
John 13:31-35
31 When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. 32 If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. 33 Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' 34 I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. 35 By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."
Sixth Sunday of Easter – May 1, 2016

Acts 16:9-15
9 And on one occasion when we had departed from them and had gone a short distance, a certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, met us. She was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. 10 When she and her household were baptized, she urged us to remain in Philippi, and after saying goodbye, we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. 14 A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. 15 When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

Revelation 21:10-22:5
10 And in the spirit he carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God. 22 And I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. 23 And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb.
24 καὶ περιπατήσουσιν τὰ ἑθνη διά
tοῦ φωτὸς αὐτῆς, καὶ οἱ βασιλείς τῆς
gῆς φέρουσιν τὴν δόξαν αὐτῶν εἰς
αὐτήν, 25 καὶ οἱ πυλόνες αὐτῆς οὐ
μὴ κλείσθωσιν ἡμέρας, νῦν γὰρ οὐκ
ἔσται ἕκατεν, 26 καὶ οἴνουσιν τὴν
dόξαν καὶ τὴν τιμὴν τῶν ἐθνῶν εἰς
αὐτήν. 27 καὶ οὐ μὴ εἰσέλθῃ εἰς
αὐτήν πάντα κοινὸν καὶ ὁ ποιῶν
βδέλυγμα καὶ ψεύδος εἰ μὴ οἱ
γεγραμμένοι ἐν τῷ βιβλίῳ τῆς ζωῆς
tοῦ ἄρνιου.

BNT 22:1 Καὶ ἐδείξεν μοι ποταμὸν
ὕδατος ζωῆς λαμπρὸν ὡς
κρύσταλλον, ἐκπορευόμενον ἐκ τοῦ
θρόνου τοῦ θεοῦ καὶ τοῦ ἄρνιου. 2
ἐν μέσῳ τῆς πλατείας αὐτῆς καὶ τοῦ
ποταμοῦ ἐντείθηνε καὶ ἐκεῖθεν ξύλον
ζωῆς ποιοῦν καρποὺς δώδεκα, κατὰ
μήνα ἔκαστον ἀποδίδον τὸν καρπὸν
αὐτοῦ, καὶ τὰ φύλλα τοῦ ξύλου εἰς
θεραπεύειν τῶν ἐθνῶν. 3 καὶ πᾶν
cατάθεμα οὐκ ἔσται ἐπὶ. καὶ ὁ
θρόνος τοῦ θεοῦ καὶ τοῦ ἄρνιου ἐν
αὐτῇ ἔσται, καὶ οἱ δούλοι αὐτοῦ
λατρεύσουσιν αὐτῷ 4 καὶ ὄψονται τὸ
πρόσωπον αὐτοῦ, καὶ τὸ ὄνομα
αὐτοῦ ἐπὶ τῶν μετώπων αὐτῶν. 5 καὶ
νῦν οὐκ ἔσται ἐπὶ καὶ οὐκ ἔχονται
χρείαν φωτὸς λύγνου καὶ φωτὸς
ἥλιου, ὅτι κύριος ὁ θεὸς φωτίσε ἐπ’
αὐτούς, καὶ βασιλεύσουσιν εἰς τοὺς
αἰῶνας τῶν αἰῶνων.
John 14:23-29
23 Jesus answered him, "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. 24 Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me. 25 "I have said these things to you while I am still with you. 26 But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. 27 Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. 28 You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. 29 And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe.

John 14:23-29
23 ἀπεκρίθη Ἰησοῦς καὶ εἶπεν αὐτῷ· ἐάν τις ἀγαπᾷ με τὸν λόγον μου τηρήσει, καὶ ὁ πατὴρ μου ἀγαπήσει αὐτὸν καὶ πρὸς αὐτὸν ἔλευσόμεθα καὶ μονὴν παρ᾽ αὐτῷ ποιησόμεθα. 24 ὁ μὴ ἀγαπῶν με τοὺς λόγους μου οὐ τηρεῖ· καὶ ὁ λόγος ὃν ἀκοῦσετε οὐκ ἔστιν ἐμός ἀλλὰ τοῦ πέμψαντός με πατρὸς. 25 Ταῦτα λελάληκα ὑμῖν παρ᾽ ὑμῖν μένων· 26 ὁ δὲ παράκλητος, τὸ πνεῦμα τὸ ἀγιον, ὁ πέμψει ὁ πατὴρ ἐν τῷ ὑμοίματί μου, ἐκεῖνος ὑμᾶς διδάξει πάντα καὶ ὑπομνήσει ὑμᾶς πάντα αὐτὸν ὑμῖν [ἔγω]. 27 Εἰρήνην ἐφήμι ὑμῖν, εἰρήνην τὴν ἐμὴν δίδωμι ὑμῖν· οὐ καθὼς ὁ κόσμος δίδωσιν ἐγὼ δίδωμι ὑμῖν. μὴ ταρασσέσθω ὑμῖν ἡ καρδιά μηδὲ δειλιάτω. 28 ἤκοσάτε ὅτι ἐγὼ εἶπον ὑμῖν· ὑπάγω καὶ ἔρχομαι πρὸς ὑμᾶς, εἰ ἤγαπάτε με ἐξάρθητε ἄν ὅτι πορεύομαι πρὸς τὸν πατέρα, ὅτι ὁ πατὴρ μείξαλον μοῦ ἔστιν. 29 καὶ νῦν εἴρηκα ὑμῖν πρὶν γενέσθαι, ἵνα ὅταν γένηται πιστεύσητε.
Acts 1:1-11

1 In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning 2 until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. 3 After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. 4 While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; 5 for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." 6 So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" 7 He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. 8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." 9 When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. 10 While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. 11 They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."
Ephesians 1:15-23
15 I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason 16 I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. 17 I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, 18 so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, 19 and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. 20 God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, 21 far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. 22 And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, 23 which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

44 Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you-- that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled."

45 Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, 46 and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, 47 and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. 48 You are witnesses of these things. 49 And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high." 50 Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. 51 While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. 52 And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; 53 and they were continually in the temple blessing God.
Acts 16:16-34

16 One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave-girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. 17 While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, "These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation." 18 She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour. 19 But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. 20 When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, "These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews 21 and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe." 22 The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. 23 After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. 24 Following these instructions, they put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks. 25 About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. 26 Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; the doors of all the牢 were opened and everyone's chains were escaped. 28 But Paul shouted in a loud
Revelation 22:12-21

12 "See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone's work. 13 I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end." 14 Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates.

[15 Outside are the dogs and sorcerers and fornicators and murderers and idolaters, and everyone who loves and practices falsehood.] 16 "It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star." 17 The Spirit and the bride say, "Come." And let everyone who hears say, "Come." And let everyone who is thirsty come. Let everyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift.

[18 I warn everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: if anyone adds to them, God will add to that person the plagues described in this book; 19 if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this
John 17:20-26

20 "I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, 21 that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. 22 The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, 23 I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. 24 Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. 25 "Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. 26 I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them."