

A photograph of a man lying on his back in a lush green field filled with yellow wildflowers. He is wearing a light orange long-sleeved shirt and olive green trousers. His head is resting on a dark blue and white backpack. In the background, there is a rolling green landscape with a stone wall, trees, and a small red-roofed building under a clear blue sky. A bright, out-of-focus yellow light source is visible on the left side of the frame.

# I WILL GIVE you rest

MATTHEW 11:28

## Announcements



### 8:00 AM Service

Please remember to bring a lawn chair or blanket upon which to sit.

Thank you for your faithfulness in sending your offering through the mail or by using online options from your financial institution or through the “Donate” now from the church website **stpaulsyork.org**. Your gifts are keeping us current with the commitments associated with St. Paul’s and our ministry partners.

**Ushers are urgently needed** now that we can hold services. Since new guidelines are now in place we need your response even if you were an usher in the past. Please contact the church secretary if you can serve. (New procedures were emailed to those who historically served and can also be found in the July Our Church newsletter)

**Cottage Meeting** hosts are anticipating your call! Please remember to select a meeting date, time, and location that works for your schedule. A complete list is in the July newsletter or on the last page of today’s bulletin.

We continue to experience a surge in families needing assistance through the Food Pantry. We can use some additional volunteers. We are seeking folks who are not in the “at risk” category for COVID-19. Simply notify Larry or Janet Moore if you can help on a Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday morning. **Our most critical need is with help on Tuesday mornings.**

Members of our COVID-19 task force will assist us as we work to open up St. Paul’s and to do so in the safest, healthiest way possible. Please thank Deacon Ellen Doughty, Dr. Jessica Ericson, Sheridan Palmer, Deacon Harold Sargeant, and Tim Yakim for their service.

### *In our prayers we remember...*

*Sandy Shellenberger, Brian McKenna, George Fitch, Gene Shue, Abbie Gayle Guyton, Amanda, Jim Young, Penny Bailey, Eddie Turner, Sr., Jessica Ericson, Kristine Gross, Porter Stacey . Please keep all medical personnel and those in the military and in mission work in your daily prayers.*

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**WELCOME** Thank you for being with us.

We are a Christian church within the Lutheran tradition (Evangelical Lutheran Church of America) and we welcome people of all Christian traditions as well as people of other faiths and people of little or no faith. Christian worship has been offered to God in this congregation for 184 years. By worshipping with us today, you become part of that living tradition.

**Restrooms** are available in the Good Shepherd Room (Springettsbury lobby) and the narthex. Baby changing stations are provided in these restrooms.

## Guidelines for Worship during the time of COVID-19

### Entering and Leaving the Church:

*Face masks are required both inside and outside. If you do not have a mask you may use one of the pre-packaged masks located at the entrances or at the usher stations.*

*If a face mask was provided upon arrival, kindly deposit it in the specially marked basket at the exterior doors or at the usher stations as you leave so that it can be properly washed and prepared for use again.*

*Please take your service bulletin with you or dispose of it properly. We will no longer be reusing bulletins. Please don't place it back into a basket.*

### Offerings:

*Monetary offerings may be placed in the basins provided at the entrances to the nave or at the usher stations outdoors prior to the service or immediately following the service. You may also donate via our website at [www.stpaulsyork.org](http://www.stpaulsyork.org)*

### While in the Nave or on the lawn:

*You may sit together as a family. Outside worshippers should place their lawn chairs using social distancing. Inside worshippers should sit in designated pews only. We ask that you practice social distancing from one family to the next within the pew.*

### Communion Procedure:

**For the outside service:** Communion positions are designated with a chalk cross marked on the sidewalks on Springettsbury Ave. and surrounding the lawn. Wearing your face mask., proceed to the closest sidewalk and take your place at a Communion position.

**For inside services:** Ushers will direct you. The pulpit side of the nave communes first followed by the font side.

*Wearing your face mask, come to the chancel step taking your place at one of the five positions marked on the chancel floor with a green cross.*

*Your entire household may gather at one of the five positions marked by the green cross.*

**For all to receive the sacrament:** Please extend your arms and cup your hands together to receive the host. Please do not reach out to take it from the minister. Once the minister has moved to the next group, remove your mask, receive the host, replace your mask and return to your pew/seat by the closest side aisle. There is no need to hurry. We will be receiving communion in one kind only.



# Fifth Sunday of Pentecost

July 5, 2020

8:00 & 10:30 AM

During the time of COVID -19

## GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**10:30 AM PRELUDE**

Overture to Royal Firework Music George F. Handel

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*The assembly stands. The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

In the name of the Father, and of the ✙ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**  
Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

Most merciful God,

**We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen**

Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✙ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

## KYRIE

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. **Amen**

## GLORIA IN EXCELSI

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

*All*

**Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father:**

*Women*

**We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.**

*Men*

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God:**

*Women*

**You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**

*Men*

**You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.**

*Women*

**For you alone are the Holy One,**

*Men*

**You alone are the Lord,**

*All*

**You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us pray. . . O God our defender, storms rage about us and cause us to be afraid.

Rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and daughters from fear, and preserve us all from unbelief; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

*Sit*

**READING** *Zechariah 9:9-12*

(on back page)

*At the conclusion of the reading*

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm** *Psalm 145:8-14*

*8:00AM spoken responsively by half verse*

*10:30AM sung by the cantors to a setting by Mark Mummert*

<sup>8</sup> The LORD is gracious and full | of compassion,\*

**slow to anger and | of great kindness.**

<sup>9</sup> The LORD is loving to | everyone\*

**and his compassion is over | all his works.**

<sup>10</sup> All your works praise | you, O LORD,\*

**and your faithful | servants bless you.**

<sup>11</sup> They make known the glory | of your kingdom\*

**and speak | of your power;**

<sup>12</sup> that the peoples may know | of your power\*

**and the glorious splendor | of your kingdom.**

<sup>13</sup> Your kingdom is an ever- | lasting kingdom;\*

**your dominion endures through- | out all ages.**

<sup>14</sup> The LORD is faithful in | all his words\*

**and merciful in | all his deeds.**

*Stand*

**ALLELUIA**

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? **You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.**

**GOSPEL**     **Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30**

*(back page)*

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*At the conclusion of the Gospel.*

The Gospel of the Lord.     **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Sit*

**SERMON**

Pastor Reep

*Stand*

**APOSTLE’S CREED**

We confess our faith using the words of the Apostle’s Creed.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended into hell.\***

**On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

*Called into unity with one another and the whole creation, let us pray for our shared world.*

*A brief silence.*

*We pray for the church. Sustain us as we share your word. Embrace us as we struggle to find our common ground. Lift up leaders with powerful and prophetic voices. Free us from stagnant faith. Hear us, O God.*

**Your mercy is great.**

*We pray for the well-being of creation. Protect the air, water, and land from abuse and pollution. Free us from apathy in our care of creation and direct us toward sustainable living. Hear us, O God.*

**Your mercy is great.**

*We pray for the nations (especially the United States and Canada, celebrating their nationhood). Guide leaders in developing just policies and guide difficult conversations. Lead us to expansive love for our neighbor. Hear us, O God.*

**Your mercy is great.**

We pray for all in need. For all who are tired, feeling despair, sick, or oppressed. Take their yoke upon you and ease their burdens. Give your consolation and free us from all that keeps us bound. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We pray for this congregation. Bless pastors, deacons, and congregational leaders. Energize children's ministry volunteers, church administrators, and those who maintain our building. Shine in this place that we might notice the ways your love transforms our lives. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We give thanks for those who have died in faith. Welcome them into your eternal rest and comfort us in our grief until we are joined with them in heaven. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Receive these prayers, O God, and those too deep for words; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## **PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**

## **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Blessed are you,

**O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

## **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## **PREFACE**

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## **SANCTUS**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might:**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

## **EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,  
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,  
who preached good news to the poor,  
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,  
we await his coming in glory.

Pour out your Holy Spirit,  
that by this Holy Communion we may know  
the unity we share with all your people  
in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever. Amen**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray;

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen**

**FRACTION** *The bread is broken. A brief silence is kept.*



## AGNUS DEI

*Pastor* Lamb of God

*Men* Lamb of God you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

*Women* Lamb of God you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

*All* Lamb of God you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace. Amen

*Sit* The pastor cleanses hands and prepares for the distribution of Holy Communion.

## COMMUNION OF THE FAITHFUL

*Please see instructions for receiving the sacrament on the inside front cover of the bulletin.*

*Stand*

## POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**Amen**

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

We give you thanks, almighty God that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

## HYMN

*My Country Tis of Thee (back pages)*

*Stanza 1 All, Stanza 2 & 3 Solo, Stanza 4 All*

## BLESSING & DISMISSAL

Almighty God, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**10:30 AM POSTLUDE** *God of Our Fathers, Whose Almighty Hand* Emma Lou Diemer

*Pastor Reep will be at the Springettsbury Ave. entrance.*

*Please be respectful of distancing and personal space as you leave. Feel free to gather outside for conversation.*

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This week's flowers are given to the Glory of God by the Berkey family and Tim & Melissa Yakim.

*Stanza 1 All, Stanza 2 & 3 Solo, Stanza 4 All*

## My Country, 'Tis of Thee

1 My coun - try, 'tis of thee, sweet land of lib - er - ty,  
2 My na - tive coun - try, thee, land of the no - ble free,  
3 Let mu - sic swell the breeze, and ring from all the trees  
4 Our fa - thers' God, to thee, au - thor of lib - er - ty,

of thee I sing: land where my fa - thers died, land of the  
thy name I love; I love thy rocks and rills, thy woods and  
sweet free-dom's song; let mor - tal tongues a - wake; let all that  
to thee we sing: long may our land be bright with free-dom's

pil - grims' pride, from ev - 'ry moun-tain - side let free-dom ring.  
tem - pled hills; my heart with rap - ture thrills like that a - bove,  
breathe par - take; let rocks their si - lence break, the sound pro - long.  
ho - ly light. Pro - tect us by thy might, great God, our king.

## **Cottage Meetings Begin Next Week!**

**Please call today!**

**Sundays July 12-August 9, 2020**

Cottage meetings have served our congregation well over the past several years. They are scheduled for Sunday afternoons and evenings beginning on July 12 and concluding on August 9. A complete list of host families is included. Rather than randomly assigning you, the members and friends of St. Paul's, to a specific location, we are asking you to contact the host that best fits your geographical location, day and time. In addition to the physical locations there is a Zoom meeting scheduled too! We really do need you to make a contact now so that adequate preparations can be made. We purposely planned that these gatherings could take place out of doors so you may need to pack a lawn chair. Your host family will be delighted to respond to your questions about maneuvering in their lawn or home. A special word of thanks and appreciation is extended to our hosts who graciously agreed to open their homes for our gatherings this summer.



July 12 @ 3:00 p.m., Josh & Lisa Miller, 2781 Rexwood Dr., Glen Rock – 443-615-5689

July 12 @ 3:00 p.m., ZOOM meeting with Kathryn Wicker 717-887-7616

July 12 @ 7:00 p.m., Sean & Leah McComas, 436 Rushmore Dr., York – 717-381-7363

July 19 @ 3:00 p.m., Alex & Erin Bastian, 344 S. George St., York – 717-814-2577

July 19 @ 7:00 p.m., Jim & Carolyn Kapoun, 116 Scarboro Dr., York – 330-629-2764

July 26 @ 3:00 p.m., Jeff & Rose Riese, 2800 Maple Dr., Red Lion – 717-891-3058

July 26 @ 7:00 p.m., Ann Anstadt, 116 Valmere Path, York – 717-741-0589

August 2 @ 3:00 p.m., Tina & Antolin Llorente, 7669 Grand Lake Dr., Seven Valleys  
717-676-9929

August 2 @ 7:00 p.m., Wayne & Amber Dull, 1918 Cedar Dr., Spring Grove – 410-829-2601

August 9 @ 3:00 p.m., Dan & Kathryn Garber, 3533 Cimmeron Rd., York – 508-873-8173

August 9 @ 7:00 p.m., Sheridan & Jamie Palmer, 40 Dressage Ct., York – 717-451-3415

Rejoice greatly? Shout aloud? I don't think so, not these days. Rejoicing and shouting are not responses advised by the CDC, medical experts, or the Governor. The Prophet Zechariah is in a different time and place. What he is up against is different from what we are up against. In the Prophet's day rejoicing greatly and shouting aloud were appropriate responses to the coming king, the promised one, the one with whom there is a covenant. This is the one declaring restoration, not just restoration as things were, but rather a double portion of making things right! Imagine a double portion of things being made right for a people who consistently responded to God's love:

By grumbling against God

Disobeying God's Laws

Worshiping idols? These folks get a double portion!

And after centuries of warning, punishment had come. Jerusalem flattened. God's people had been overtaken by a foreign ruler. They were annexed, valuables plundered, educated members of the community hauled off and their intelligence and insight used to assist one who cared only about what he needed and wanted to secure his own future. What the people had lost was more than a battle; they lost their place in God's heart and their future as called out people; prized possession, precious treasure. Today we hear the Prophet Zechariah announcing a new day. "See" says the Prophet, "Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey."

That phrase sounds familiar to us "your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious and riding on a donkey, because we hear it in our life together in Christian community as we embark on Holy Week. It is quoted in the processional gospel on Palm Sunday leading us into the liturgical drama where we who grumble against God, who disobey God's laws, and who worship idols, are restored to right relationship through Christ's suffering, death and resurrection. We are given a new start. We are restored, you might, say double. And that is what the Prophet Zechariah announced for God's people. They were given a new start, they receive restoration, double. So says the prophet rejoice and shout!

This new start from exile allows people to return to rebuild, but more importantly to restore the proper place of God within their community, The proper place of God in decision making, The proper place of God in resetting their moral ethical compass, and the proper place of God in establishing justice and peace.

I have been giving some thought to what the restoration of God's place in our life, in our community, would like. If we aren't grumbling about God what words would be on our lips? What things would we say? If our speech was motivated by love how might we interact with neighbor, coworker, and family?

And what if we were indeed upholding the laws of God, living faithfully within the construct of our Baptismal Covenant? What things would we be undertaking to sup-

port one another in Christian faith, community engagement, and in missionary activity? How would others perceive us in work that was undertaken on behalf of others for the good of all?

And what if we stopped worshipping idols? Oh, you know the idols the things that take precedence over God and his message of hope and salvation? The things we have to have, the way we spend our money on things that don't draw us closer to God, or neighbor. Luther said everybody has a God, it just might not be the one revealed to us in Christ Jesus!

Are you able to envision such restoration? Imagine the lush conversations we would be having about what God is up to in your life and mine. Why we couldn't exhaust telling what God has done for us, is doing for us, and promises yet to do. Or think on our baptismal relationship calling us to order our days and deeds based on God's narrative for life and living. And how the chains that hold us fast to the many idols in our life would willingly be cut loose, abandon, for a generosity toward God that we have never quite experienced.

Now if you are able to catch a glimpse of just such a life, now, double it. That overwhelming abundant life is what God has instore for those who love him. It was that kind of life that the Prophet Zechariah was proclaiming for a people who had grown weary from living apart from God and under a dominant foreign rule. In the gospel narrative it is Jesus who knows how burdensome all of these things are as they are weighing us down. He tells the disciples and us "Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

These days we may not be returning from exile. We may still feel that we are in a foreign land apart from one another with physical distance during this global pandemic. It is difficult these days to want to rejoice or shout aloud about the state of things. Except as children of God, beloved by Christ Jesus we know that the gentle one, the humble one, comes to us; first as the child of Bethlehem, then as the one condemned to death on a cross, and the one God raised from death to life on Easter and who pours forth his Spirit gathering us in gracious forgiveness and sending us in humble service to the world. He comes in the Word proclaimed and the Meal celebrated. Such rejoicing takes on new forms. Such shouting takes on quieter tones. Such service is carried out from sea to sea because of the covenant God made with us in baptism. Today we return to the Lord, our strong hold, who comes to us with an easy yoke and who lightens the heaviest of burdens. Christ Jesus is releasing us from our sinful past through his forgiveness. "Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious," he comes setting you right. Amen.



**FIRST READING: Zechariah 9:9-12**

Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!  
 Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!  
 Lo, your king comes to you;  
 triumphant and victorious is he,  
 humble and riding on a donkey,  
 on a colt, the foal of a donkey.  
<sup>10</sup>He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim  
 and the war-horse from Jerusalem;  
 and the battle bow shall be cut off,  
 and he shall command peace to the  
 nations;  
 his dominion shall be from sea to sea,  
 and from the River to the ends of the  
 earth.

<sup>11</sup>As for you also, because of the blood of  
 my covenant with you,  
 I will set your prisoners free from  
 the waterless pit.  
<sup>12</sup>Return to your stronghold, O prisoners  
 of hope;  
 today I declare that I will restore to you  
 double.

**Psalms 145:8-14**

**SECOND READING: Romans 7:15-25a**

I do not understand my own actions. For I do  
 not do what I want, but I do the very thing I  
 hate. <sup>16</sup>Now if I do what I do not want, I agree  
 that the law is good. <sup>17</sup>But in fact it is no longer  
 I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.  
<sup>18</sup>For I know that nothing good dwells within  
 me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right,  
 but I cannot do it. <sup>19</sup>For I do not do the good  
 I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do.  
<sup>20</sup>Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer  
 I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.

<sup>21</sup>So I find it to be a law that when I want to  
 do what is good, evil lies close at hand. <sup>22</sup>For  
 I delight in the law of God in my inmost self,  
<sup>23</sup>but I see in my members another law at war  
 with the law of my mind, making me captive  
 to the law of sin that dwells in my members.  
<sup>24</sup>Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue  
 me from this body of death? <sup>25a</sup>Thanks be to  
 God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

**GOSPEL: Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30**

[Jesus spoke to the crowd saying:] "To what  
 will I compare this generation? It is like chil-  
 dren sitting in the marketplaces and calling to  
 one another,

<sup>17</sup>'We played the flute for you, and you did  
 not dance;  
 we wailed, and you did not mourn.'

<sup>18</sup>For John came neither eating nor drinking,  
 and they say, 'He has a demon'; <sup>19</sup>the Son of  
 Man came eating and drinking, and they say,  
 'Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of  
 tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is vin-  
 dicated by her deeds."

<sup>25</sup>At that time Jesus said, "I thank you,  
 Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you  
 have hidden these things from the wise and  
 the intelligent and have revealed them to in-  
 fants; <sup>26</sup>yes, Father, for such was your gracious  
 will. <sup>27</sup>All things have been handed over to me  
 by my Father; and no one knows the Son ex-  
 cept the Father, and no one knows the Father  
 except the Son and anyone to whom the Son  
 chooses to reveal him.

<sup>28</sup>"Come to me, all you that are weary and  
 are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you  
 rest. <sup>29</sup>Take my yoke upon you, and learn from  
 me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and  
 you will find rest for your souls. <sup>30</sup>For my yoke  
 is easy, and my burden is light."

**Next Sunday's Readings:** Isaiah 55:10-13; Psalm 65:[1-8] 9-13; Romans 8:1-11; Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23.

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