

PILGRIM'S PROGRESS

March 2025



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CONGREGATIONAL
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WELCOME HOME!

Mission:

Pilgrim Congregational Church is an independent community of Christian faith which glorifies God through worship and service to others, respects individual spiritual growth, and inspires compassionate fellowship.

Vision:

Pilgrim Congregational Church is the spiritual home of our community where all people are welcomed, known, and loved.

Church Office Hours:

Monday - Friday, 9am to 4pm
Appointments are recommended.

Worship Service:

Sundays at 10am ~ In-person or Online

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MESSAGE FROM THE SENIOR MINISTER

The Lord's Grief

"Jerusalem, Jerusalem ~ Luke 13:34

One of the repeated themes in the Bible is a father's grief over a wayward son. King David deeply grieved the death of his son, Absalom, even though Absalom had sworn to kill his father. David's own servants and soldiers were shocked and offended when David publicly mourned the death of Absalom. Those servants did not understand why David expressed such strong feelings of love for a son who had so thoroughly betrayed him.

In the parable of the Prodigal Son, the father is deeply grieved when the youngest son asks for his inheritance and goes off to another land. His grief is relieved when the younger son returns, so much so that he throws a party. The older son is not happy about this, at all. He doesn't understand why his father would so willingly open his arms to the return of the wayward son.



In Luke 13, we have an account of Jesus grieving over the city of Jerusalem. The words, "Jerusalem, Jerusalem," remind us of King David's cry for his son, "Absalom, Absalom." Jesus seems to already be aware that the city and its leadership are going to put him to death. His response is not anger or retaliation; his response is the grief of a parent.

God's love for us is so radically unconditional that no matter what we do, we cannot escape that love. Just as King David's love for Absalom did not make sense to the servants and the love of the father for the Prodigal did not make sense to the older son, God's love for us does not make sense. This love grieves the heart of God when we break that relationship.

Rev. Dr. Patrick Horn
Sr. Minister

Let us return to the love that will not let us go.

HOLY HILARITY



"My whole family's giving up something for Lent. Mom's giving up cookies, Dad's giving up cake, and I'm giving up squash."



"I prayed for snow on Christmas eve, Sir, and it didn't arrive 'til Easter eve. A small computer would clear up that backlog."



"This year I'm prepared with my egg-hunting app."

MESSAGE FROM THE MODERATOR



Please continue to pray for our church and its leadership as we plan and move toward our future. There will be a number of opportunities to assist in the activities and ministries of the church and to introduce our friends, neighbors, and family members to the church as we move into and through the spring months. Remember that we do not pray

to change God's mind. God wants the church to touch and change the lives of people. God wants the church to grow. We pray in order to align ourselves with God's plan. Listening is a part of our communication with God. We "listen" through reading and meditating on God's word, through watching and listening to the people around us, and, believe it or not, through participating in the worship of the church and listening to sermons. Your presence and participation makes a difference in the services of the church.

We will begin our observance of the Lenten Season on Wednesday, March 5, with our Ash Wednesday Service. This has become one of my favorite services of the year. It does not have the largest attendance, nor is it one of our most elaborate services. It is a quiet service, when we read passages from the Bible, when we read the words of hymns, and meditate on what Jesus did for us and on our commitment to Jesus. When we are ready, we go forward and receive communion from the minister, and when we are ready, we quietly leave. It has never been an easy service for me to get to. My work takes me all through western San Bernardino and Riverside counties, and I never know for sure when or where my work day will end, but I make every effort to get to the church before the Ash Wednesday service ends, because I have come to value that time of silent meditation and contemplation. The message of Christmas merits more than one day of reflection, so we observe the Advent Season. The messages of Good Friday and Easter Sunday merit more than two days of reflection, so we observe the Lenten Season. I would encourage you to try the Ash Wednesday service if you haven't before.

Prayerfully,
Keith Eades ~ Moderator

DIACONATE BOARD



USHERS NEEDED!

Pilgrim needs you to sign up today to serve as an usher for Sunday Services. For more information and to sign up please contact Susan Shedd at saintshedd@roadrunner.com



Join us for the
PILGRIM AUXILIARY
Meeting, Program & Luncheon
April 1st, 2025

10:00am ~ Meeting
11:30am ~ Program
12:30pm ~ Luncheon & Fellowship

Everyone is cordially invited to attend our April program being presented by Mary Kay Ogden. We will have the opportunity to learn more about the Red Cross Shelters for Children. Please plan to remain and join us for a delicious luncheon.

COMING UP

May 6th, 2025

Thank You Luncheon

Presenters: Judy Sanders & Jan Manildi

Lunch Host: Deborah Walden



Dear Pilgrim Church Members and Friends,

Once again, on behalf of Pilgrim Auxiliary, a very special “thank you” to everyone who dedicated Sunday Sanctuary Flowers and Boutonnieres this past year. You ***are*** very special people! Each and every heartwarming dedication provided an inspiring addition to our Sunday morning worship services. I sincerely hope you will join me again this next year in continuing this longstanding tradition.

Sunday bouquets will be \$42 each; our monthly boutonnieres will be \$26. Please complete the form displayed, and send it with your payment to the church office by the first of the month prior to your Dedication: Attention Bonnie Seath. If you would like to take the arrangement home after the service, please be sure to check the “WILL TAKE” box, otherwise your arrangement will be delivered to one of our homebound members.

Bonnie Seath, Flower Chairperson

Phone 909-953-2577 or email Bonniehbd@verizon.net

SANCTUARY FLOWERS ORDER FORM

February 2025 through August 2025

Bouquet \$42 Date_____ Number of Bouquets_____ \$ _____
Boutonnieres \$26 Month_____ \$ _____
TOTAL \$ _____

Return this **order form & check** to **Bonnie Seath, Pilgrim Auxiliary**
(mailbox in church office)

Dedication is to read: (Please print)

Name_____ Address_____

City_____ State _____ Zip_____

Phone_____

WILL TAKE ARRANGEMENT_____ or **WILL NOT TAKE ARRANGEMENT**_____

RUMMAGE RUN DOWN

Join the Rummage Team every Friday at 9am for rummage sorting (weather permitting.)
Contact Judy Sanders for information and inquiries.

Mark your calendars with the following important dates:

March 23rd ~ Last day to bring rummage donations.

March 30th ~ Rummage Moving & Set-Up day with lunch provided.

April 5th ~ RUMMAGE SALE!!! All hands on deck from 8AM to 1PM

FROM THE LIBRARY COMMITTEE

A SPECIAL THANK YOU FROM THE LIBRARY COMMITTEE

Your librarian and the library committee would like to thank everyone who attended our annual library coffee on Sunday afternoon, February 16th. There were about 60 in the audience. Claremont author **Constance Cassinelli** told us about her adventures in Italy tracing her great grandfather, who was the subject of her book *Caro Nicola Promise Kept*. The top readers of 2024 were announced and **Marjorie Archer** won (in absentia) a bookmark for reading the most books. The door prize was also bookmark, won by **Cynthia Shoultz**. Around 20 books were purchased, and the author was very pleased with the warm welcome she received here at Pilgrim Church.

Megan ~ Church Librarian



MUSIC NOTES

HARMONIA FUNDRAISER



Palm Sunday, Sandwiches and Song

**April 13, 11:00am
Pilgrim Hall**

**Silent and Live Auctions
Entertainment for Bid**



LUNCH IS FREE
(Donations accepted)

Support Pilgrim's Music Department

Pilgrim's Progress ~ March

MEMBERSHIP EVENTS



Cooking Class

with Chef D.J. Campbell

March 25th, 2025 at 6:30pm

\$50 per team of 2 (includes all supplies)

LEARN:

To cook a delicious meal highlighting the main course of Stuffed Shells
(vegetarian options available.)

ENJOY:

A nice dinner together following class to enjoy the fruits of your efforts.

PARENTS:

Babysitting for children 10 and younger will be available.

Space is limited to 12 teams of 2. RSVP by March 20th.

Call 909-622-1373 or email: MembershipBoard@pilgrimchurchpomona.com



BINGO NIGHT

Saturday, May 10th, 5pm to 9pm

Join us for Food, Fun & Fellowship

Spaghetti Dinner by Chef D.J. Campbell

Fun Bingo hosted by Bill Parnell

Fellowship with our Pilgrim Family

Raffle for Prizes

Please RSVP by May 5th:

by email to MembershipBoard@pilgrimchurchpomona.com or visit our online calendar and click on the event for details and to RSVP. You can also call the Pilgrim office at 909-622-1373.

Thank you,
Cynthia Eades ~ Chair, Membership

OUR PILGRIM FAMILY



PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE
Baptism
OF OUR LITTLE PRINCESS

Reagan Elizabeth

SUNDAY, APRIL 27, 2025

10:00AM AT PILGRIM CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

600 N GAREY AVENUE

POMONA, CA 91767

RECEPTION TO FOLLOW CHURCH SERVICE

RSVP TO MARY AT 909-973-6709



Please take a moment to write a message to your favorite 1 year old to open in 2042! It can be a wish, a memory, a prediction, a prayer or words of encouragement. Feel free to add in a photo or two so we can give her a time capsule on her 18th birthday!



PERFECT FOR VALENTINE'S DAY



Download our RaiseRight mobile app



Spring Cleaning With Scrip while supporting Pilgrim Church Ministries.

It is that time of year again when we all think about spring cleaning. Whether you are needing to pick up cleaning equipment or supplies for a new renovation, there is scrip that will help you with that. Using scrip can also help with groceries, gas and other budgeting . Bonus: while crossing off items on your to do list you help support Pilgrim Church ministries at the same time. You can make orders, or refill cards at the Raise Right website or download the app and register through your phone or tablet. See instructions below:

1. Go to the Raise Right website - www.raiseright.com or download the RaiseRight app.
2. Click Join a Program
3. Enter Enrollment Code: 535323LC11L99 (case sensitive.) This code allows the profit from the sale to be applied to Pilgrim.
4. Create your personal account following the steps.
5. Go to Account in upper right hand corner.
6. Payment Options is located on left side. Strongly suggest you use a credit card and add the information at check out.
7. Order items and follow steps to place and check out your order.

The profits from each order will apply to Pilgrim Church once a month. You will be responsible for any charges (shipping/transaction fees.) Raise Right customer service is available to assist as well. If you have any questions, please call the church office at 909-622-1373.

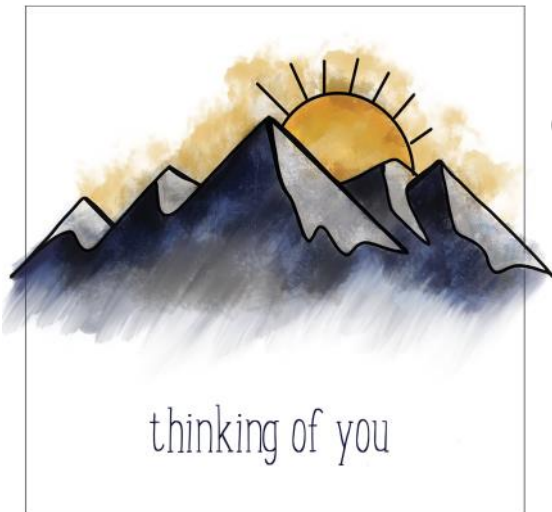
Thank you for supporting the scrip program for all these years.

A CHURCH THAT PRAYS TOGETHER, STAYS TOGETHER!



If you or someone you know is in need of prayer, please send your Band of Prayer requests to Sue Shedd via email at saintshedd@roadrunner.com or leave a message at 909-622-1373.

CARD CORNER



Every 3rd Sunday during Fellowship Hour, the Card Corner will be available with cards and addresses for Pilgrim members to share a friendly note with our families out of state, are home bound or we just haven't seen in awhile. Stop by and write a card to let our Pilgrims know we are thinking about them.

It's always nice to receive a note "Just Because!"

WAYS TO GIVE

ONLINE



Visit our link

<https://pushpay.com/g/pilgrimchurchpomona>

MOBILE



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Pilgrim Church
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Pomona, CA. 91767

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When you send "PILGRIMCHURCH" to 833-813-9522 you will receive a one-time reply containing a link to give to PILGRIM CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH (1msg/request). Please be aware that Msg & Data rates may apply. For full Terms & Conditions please visit <http://pushpay.com/terms>. For the Privacy Policy please visit <https://pushpay.com/privacy>. For help reply HELP or STOP to cancel. If you have any questions please call the church office at 909-622-1373.

SERVICE NOTES

March 9th

First Sunday in Lent

Presiding Minister: Mr. Jon Olson
Worship Assistant: Mrs. Sue Selters
Lesson 1: Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16
Lesson 2: Romans 10:8b-13
Theme: "The Promise of Salvation and the Righteousness of Faith"

Color: Purple
Sermon: "Courage on the Cross"
Fellowship Host: Patience Guild
Ushers: Susan Shedd, Sharon Willison, Lisa Keepers & Michael Lawing
Acolytes: Isabella & Jasmine Marceleno

This morning's flowers are lovingly & thoughtfully provided by:

1. Tom & Andrea Gray, "Happy Birthday, Aneeka. Thank you for our beautiful Liliana."
2. Bonnie Seath, "Happiest of Birthday Wishes to Grandma Vicki, brother-in-law Jim, and "Princess" Eva! Warm hugs and a bushel of Love to each of you on your Special Day!"

March 16th

2nd Sunday in Lent

Presiding Minister: Rev. Dr. Patrick Horn
Worship Assistant: Mr. Nathaniel Campbell
Lesson 1: Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18
Lesson 2: Luke 13:31-35
Theme: "Sorrow Over the Human Condition"
Sermon: "Jerusalem, Jerusalem"
Color: Purple
Fellowship Host: Trustees
Ushers: Sylvia Osborn, Guadalupe Ocegueda, Jenni Whyte & Lorraine Rogers

Acolytes: Samantha Campbell & Armondo Peirce
This morning's flowers are thoughtfully and lovingly provided by: Judy Sanders, "For the love of Pilgrim Church."

March 23rd

Third Sunday in Lent

Presiding Minister: Rev. Dr. Patrick Horn
Worship Assistant: Mr. Andrew Olson
Lessons 1: Isaiah 55:1-9
Lesson 2: Luke 13:1-9
Theme: "God's Infinite Mercy"
Sermon: "One More Year"
Color: Purple
Fellowship Host: Music Board
Ushers: Ben & Sue Selters, Janet McBride & Emmanuel Rickards-Ruiz

Acolytes: Kodie Gray & Emmanuel Rickards-Ruiz
This morning's flowers are thoughtfully provided, "with many thanks to Susan Winckler, Bruce Jones, and our extraordinary Choir for their beautiful music every Sunday."

March 30th

Fourth Sunday in Lent

Presiding Minister: Rev. Dr. Patrick Horn
Worship Assistant: Ms. Isabella Marcelano
Lesson 1: Joshua 5:9-12
Lesson 2: Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32
Theme: "God's Grace Is a Tender Kiss"
Sermon: "The Kiss of Grace"
Color: Purple
Lunch Host: Patience Guild
Ushers: Ron Vanyo & Dulce Ruiz
Acolytes: Preston Dague & Charlie McCormick
This morning's flowers are lovingly & thankfully provided, "To the Glory of God for His gift of eternal life."

Boutonnieres for **March** are provided by:
Sherry Glab,
"In thankfulness for the Pilgrim Staff."

Liturgical Notes by Rev. Dr. Patrick Horn:

Purple was originally associated with royalty because it was a more expensive color to dye, and it was used to welcome the coming of a king. It also evokes pain and suffering. Purple symbolizes fasting, faith, patience, and trust. It is the liturgical color used during the seasons of penance, Advent, and Lent. For Advent, purple symbolizes the impending birth of Jesus while foreshadowing his death.

To Listen to the Sunday Service on Your Phone:

Dial +1-669-900-9128. Then when prompted, enter the Meeting ID: 330 195 900, followed by the pound (#) sign. Then enter Passcode 1887, followed #.

To View Sunday Service Online:

Visit Facebook Page or YouTube Channel at:
Pilgrim Congregational Church Pomona.



MARCH

WEEKLY / MONTHLY

EVERY MORNING, MON. - FRI.

Daily Devotional
9am via Facebook Live and Zoom

EVERY SUNDAY

9am – Gather & Greet
10am – Worship Service (In-person & Online)
Sunday School for 1st – 12th grade
(following the Lord's Prayer)
11am - Fellowship Hour
11:30am - Choir Rehearsal

EVERY TUESDAY

Twilight Bible Study
5:45pm via Facebook Live & YouTube

EVERY 1ST TUESDAY (OCTOBER - JUNE)

Pilgrim Auxiliary
Meeting, Program & Luncheon

EVERY 1ST WEDNESDAY

7pm ~ Church Council Meeting

EVERY THURSDAY

10am ~ Joyful Endeavors

EVERY FRIDAY

8am ~ Men's Breakfast at Roberta's Inn, La Verne
Rummage Sorting ~ 9am to 11am

EVERY 3RD SUNDAY

11:30am ~ Board Meetings

EVERY 5th SUNDAY

Sunday Funday (Sunday School)

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 4th (Shrove Tuesday)

Pilgrim Auxiliary:
Meeting/Program/Lunch
Pancake Dinner & Races
(Twilight Bible Study Cancelled)

March 5th (Ash Wednesday)

Newsletter Articles DUE
Ash Wednesday Service
Church Council Meeting

March 16th (Meeting Sunday)

Choir Rehearsal

March 17th

Happy St. Patrick's Day

March 19th

Pilgrim Church Non-Profit Mixer

March 23rd

Trustees Meeting

March 25th

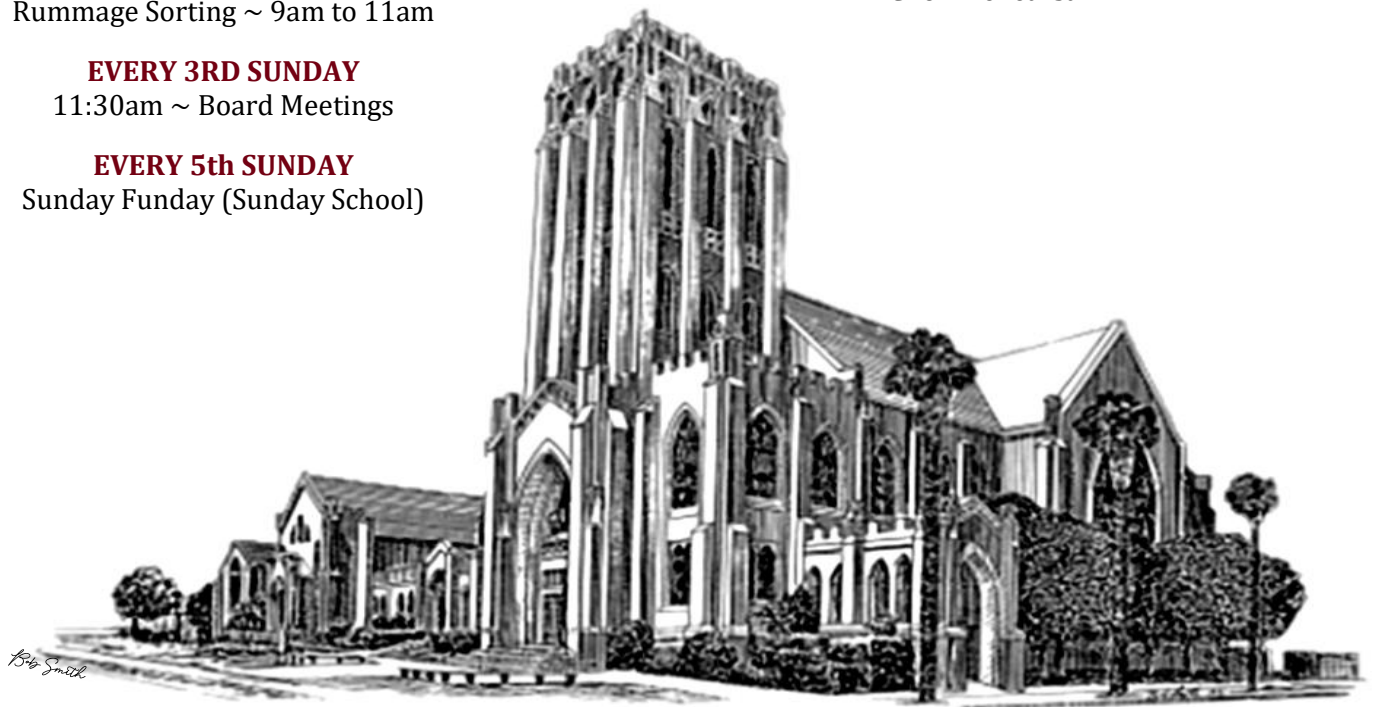
Cooking Class






March 26th

Library Committee Meeting

March 30th

Rummage Moving
Choir Rehearsal



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 NOON NA Group Meeting
2 9:00am Gather & Greet 9:45am Worship Service 11:00am Fellowship Hour 11:00am Youth Lenten Lunch 11:30am Choir Rehearsal	3 9:00am Morning Devotional 10:00am Alanon "Serenity" 7:30pm Mountainside Rehearsal	4 Shrove Tuesday 9:00am Morning Devotional 10:00am Pilgrim Auxiliary Meeting & Program 9:30am CEA/HOW 5:45pm Pancake Races & Dinner 7:30pm AA	5 9:00am Morning Devotional 6:00pm Ash Wednesday Service 6:00pm Basketball  7:30pm NA Support	6 9:00am Morning Devotional 10:00am Joyful Endeavors 7:30pm AA Mother Group	7 9:00am Morning Devotional 8:00am Men's Breakfast 9:00am Rummage Sorting 7:00pm Mountainside Dress Rehearsal	8 NOON NA Group Meeting 3:00pm Mountainside Concert 
9 9:00am Gather & Greet 9:45am Worship Service 11:00am Fellowship Hour 3:00pm Pomona Moose	10 9:00am Morning Devotional 8:00am Sigma Chi Meeting 10:00am Alanon "Serenity" 6:30pm Mountainside Board Meeting & Rehearsal	11 9:00am Morning Devotional 8:00am Sigma Chi Meeting 9:30am CEA/HOW 5:15pm Cheerleaders 5:45pm Twilight Bible Study 7:30pm AA	12 9:00am Morning Devotional 8:00am Sigma Chi Meeting 6:00pm Basketball 7:30pm NA Support	13 8:00am Sigma Chi Meeting 9:00am Morning Devotional 10:00am Joyful Endeavors 7:30pm AA Mother Group	14 9:00am Morning Devotional 8:00am Men's Breakfast 8:00am Sigma Chi Meeting 9:00am Rummage Sorting	15 8:00am Sigma Chi Meeting 10:00am Christian Business 360 Meeting NOON NA Group Meeting
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BIBLE READING PLAN: *From Death to Life*

During Lent, Christians observe 40 days of confession, prayer and renewal. Just as our Savior fasted and faced temptation in the desert for 40 days, we use this season to grow our faith and prepare to minister.

Use this Bible Reading Plan to follow Jesus to the cross and then rejoice at his empty tomb on Easter. Travel through Scripture to reflect on who Jesus is and what he lovingly endured to give us life.



The Dry Desert

- Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 [Ash Wednesday]
- Genesis 3
- Psalm 63:1-8
- Matthew 4:1-11
- Sunday: Hebrews 4:14-16



Hope on the Horizon

- Numbers 21:4-9
- 2 Samuel 7:1-16
- Job 19:23-27
- Isaiah 42:1-9
- Daniel 7:13-14
- Zechariah 9:9-17
- Sunday: Romans 8:22-30



Our Sacrificial Lamb

- Genesis 22:1-18
- Exodus 12:1-17
- Psalm 23
- John 1:1-34
- John 10:1-18
- 1 Peter 1:18-23
- Sunday: Revelation 5



Hatred & Persecution

- Psalm 22
- Jeremiah 20:7-13
- Matthew 24:1-31
- John 11:45-57
- John 15:18-25
- 2 Timothy 3:10-17
- Sunday: 2 Corinthians 4



Hosannas for a King

- Psalm 24:7-10
- Jeremiah 23:5-6
- Matthew 21:1-11
- John 18:33-40
- John 19:1-16
- Hebrews 1:1-12
- Sunday: Revelation 7:9-17



Journey to the Cross

- John 2:13-22
- Mark 14:1-11
- John 13:1-17
- Matthew 26:26-30
- Luke 22:39-46
- Mark 14:27-31, 66-72
- Palm Sunday: Ephesians 1:18-23



Victory Through Christ

- Isaiah 53
- Matthew 26:47-56
- Mark 15:16-20
- John 6:47-58 [Maundy Thursday]
- Matthew 27:32-54 [Good Friday]
- Psalm 16:5-11 [Holy Saturday]
- Easter Sunday: Luke 24:1-8;
- 1 Corinthians 15:47-57

Note: Sundays, known as "mini-Easters," are excluded from Lent's 40 days. But this reading plan includes verses for each day from Ash Wednesday through Easter Sunday.