



October 4, 2020. 18th Sunday after Pentecost. Narrative Lectionary week 4 of year 3.

**GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE**

**PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

Prelude

Greeting

Call to Worship

Psalm 105:1-9

One: Give thanks to the Lord, call upon his name. Make his deeds known to all people.

**All: Sing to God; sing praises to the Lord; dwell on God's wondrous works.**

One: Give praise to God's holy name. Let the hearts rejoice of all those seeking the Lord.

**All: Pursue the Lord and his strength; seek his face always!**

One: Remember the wondrous works he has done, all God's marvelous works, and the justice God declared.

**All: You who are the offspring of Abraham, his servant, and the children of Jacob, his chosen ones.**

One: God remembers his covenant forever, the word he commanded to a thousand generations,

**All: Which he made with Abraham, the solemn pledge he swore to Isaac.**

Prayer of Confession

Psalm 51:1-10

**Have mercy on me, God, according to your faithful love. Wipe away my wrongdoings according to your great compassion. Wash me completely clean of my guilt. Purify me of my sin. I know my wrongdoings, my sin is always in front of me. I've sinned against you... And yes, you want truth in the most hidden places; you teach me wisdom in the most secret space. Purify me. Wash me. Let me hear joy and celebration again. Create a clean heart for me, God. Put a new, faithful spirit deep inside of me.**

*Pause for Silent Reflection and Confession*

Words of Assurance

Share the Peace of Christ with others

Hymn #374

"Standing on the Promises"

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Offering and Prayer of Thanksgiving

Hymn #94

"Praise God"

Exodus 12:1-13, 29-31 (CEB)

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, "This month will be the first month; it will be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole Israelite community: On the tenth day of this month they must take a lamb for each household, a lamb per house. If a household is too small for a lamb, it should share one with a neighbor nearby. You should divide the lamb in proportion to the number of people who will be eating it. Your lamb should be a flawless year-old male. You may take it from the sheep or from the goats. You should keep close watch over it until the fourteenth day of this month. At twilight on that day, the whole assembled Israelite community should slaughter their lambs. They should take some of the blood and smear it on the two doorposts and on the beam over the door of the houses in which they are eating.

That same night they should eat the meat roasted over the fire. They should eat it along with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Don't eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over fire with its head, legs, and internal organs. Don't let any of it remain until morning, and burn any of it left over in the morning. This is how you should eat it. You should be dressed, with your sandals on your feet and your walking stick in your hand. You should eat the meal in a hurry. It is the Passover of the Lord. I'll pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I'll strike down every oldest child in the land of Egypt, both humans and animals. I'll impose judgments on all the gods of Egypt. I am the Lord. The blood will be your sign on the houses where you live. Whenever I see the blood, I'll pass over you. No plague will destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt...

At midnight the LORD struck down all the first offspring in the land of Egypt, from the oldest child of Pharaoh sitting on his throne to the oldest child of the prisoner in jail, and all the first offspring of the animals. When Pharaoh, all his officials, and all the Egyptians got up that night, a terrible cry of agony rang out across Egypt because every house had someone in it who had died. Then Pharaoh called Moses and Aaron that night and said, "Get up! Get away from my people, both you and the Israelites! Go! Worship the LORD, as you said!

Hymn #619

"Now the Silence"

Sermon

"The Promises of Passover"

**RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE**

Hymn #593

"Here I Am, Lord"

Blessing



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**Coming Next:**

Oct. 11	Golden Calf	Exodus 32:1-14
Oct. 18	Hannah Promises	1 Samuel 1:9-2:10
Oct. 25	God's promise to David	2 Samuel 7:1-17
Nov. 1	The Widow of Zarephath	1 Kings 17:1-16



**WEEKLY GPS**

**GROW**

**PRAY**

**STUDY**

**SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THE WEEK: Exodus 13:3**

Moses said to the people, "Remember this day on which you came out of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, because the Lord brought you out from there by strength of hand; no leavened bread shall be eaten."

**DAILY BIBLE READINGS**

Monday	Exodus 13:17-22	The Pillars of Cloud and Fire
Tuesday	Exodus 14:5-25	Crossing the Red Sea
Wednesday	Exodus 16:1-8	Bread from Heaven
Thursday	Exodus 19:1-9, 20-25	The Israelites Reach Mt. Sinai
Friday	Exodus 20:1-17	The Ten Commandments
Saturday	Exodus 24:9-18	Moses on the Mountain

**CARING CONVERSATIONS or REFLECTIONS**

- **Thinking About This Week's Story:** By marking their homes with blood, God spared the Israelites from the last plague. What a remarkable love God had for the Israelites. Who has shown you love or kindness today?
- **Getting Ready for Next Week's Story:** God's people, the Israelites, turned away from God to worship a golden calf. It might sound funny to bow down to a gold cow, but people worship, or get distracted by, all sorts of things. What distracted you today?