

First Scripture Reading  
**Philippians 2:5-11**  
from the Common English Bible

<sup>5</sup>Adopt the attitude that was in Christ Jesus: <sup>6</sup>Though he was in the form of God, he did not consider being equal with God something to exploit. <sup>7</sup>But he emptied himself by taking the form of a slave and by becoming like human beings. When he found himself in the form of a human, <sup>8</sup>he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. <sup>9</sup>Therefore, God highly honored him and gave him a name above all names, <sup>10</sup>so that at the name of Jesus everyone in heaven, on earth, and under the earth might bow <sup>11</sup>and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

This is the word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

Psalm Reading  
**118:1-2, 19-29**  
from the Common English Bible

<sup>1</sup>Give thanks to the Lord because he is good, because his faithful love lasts forever.

<sup>2</sup>**Let Israel say it: “God’s faithful love lasts forever!”**

<sup>19</sup>Open the gates of righteousness for me so I can come in and give thanks to the Lord!

<sup>20</sup>**This is the Lord’s gate; those who are righteous enter through it.**

<sup>21</sup>I thank you because you answered me, because you were my saving help.

<sup>22</sup>**The stone rejected by the builders is now the main foundation stone!**

<sup>23</sup>This has happened because of the Lord; it is astounding in our sight!

<sup>24</sup>**This is the day the Lord acted; we will rejoice and celebrate in it!**

<sup>25</sup>Lord, please save us! Lord, please let us succeed!

<sup>26</sup>**The one who enters in the Lord’s name is blessed; we bless all of you from the Lord’s house.**

<sup>27</sup>The Lord is God! He has shined a light on us!

**So lead the festival offering with ropes all the way to the horns of the altar.**

<sup>28</sup>You are my God - I will give thanks to you! You are my God - I will lift you up high!

<sup>29</sup>**Give thanks to the Lord because he is good, because his faithful love lasts forever.**

Second Scripture Reading

**Mark 11:1-11**

from the Common English Bible

<sup>1</sup>When Jesus and his followers approached Jerusalem, they came to Bethphage and Bethany at the Mount of Olives. Jesus gave two disciples a task, <sup>2</sup>saying to them, “Go into the village over there. As soon as you enter it, you will find tied up there a colt that no one has ridden. Untie it and bring it here. <sup>3</sup>If anyone says to you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ say, ‘Its master needs it, and he will send it back right away.’” <sup>4</sup>They went and found a colt tied to a gate outside on the street, and they untied it. <sup>5</sup>Some people standing around said to them, “What are you doing, untying the colt?” <sup>6</sup>They told them just what Jesus said, and they left them alone. <sup>7</sup>They brought the colt to Jesus and threw their clothes upon it, and he sat on it. <sup>8</sup>Many people spread out their clothes on the road while others spread branches cut from the fields. <sup>9</sup>Those in front of him and those following were shouting, “*Hosanna! Blessings on the one who comes in the name of the Lord!*” <sup>10</sup>Blessings on the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest!” <sup>11</sup>Jesus entered Jerusalem and went into the temple. After he looked around at everything, because it was already late in the evening, he returned to Bethany with the Twelve.