**Psalm 118:19-29**

**19**Open for me the gates of the righteous;  
    I will enter and give thanks to the Lord.  
**20**This is the gate of the Lord  
    through which the righteous may enter.  
**21**I will give you thanks, for you answered me;  
    you have become my salvation.

**22**The stone the builders rejected  
    has become the cornerstone;  
**23**the Lord has done this,  
    and it is marvelous in our eyes.  
**24**The Lord has done it this very day;  
    let us rejoice today and be glad.

**25**Lord, save us!  
    Lord, grant us success!

**26**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
    From the house of the Lord we bless you.[[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=psalm+118&version=NIV#fen-NIV-15896b)]  
**27**The Lord is God,  
    and he has made his light shine on us.  
With boughs in hand, join in the festal procession  
    up[[c](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=psalm+118&version=NIV#fen-NIV-15897c)] to the horns of the altar.

**28**You are my God, and I will praise you;  
    you are my God, and I will exalt you.

**29**Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;  
    his love endures forever.

### **Old Testament Reading – Zechariah 9:9-12**

**The Coming of Zion’s King**

**9**Rejoice greatly, Daughter Zion! Shout, Daughter Jerusalem! See, your king comes to you,  
    righteous and victorious, lowly and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.  
**10**I will take away the chariots from Ephraim and the warhorses from Jerusalem,  
    and the battle bow will be broken. He will proclaim peace to the nations.  
    His rule will extend from sea to sea and from the River[[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Zechariah+9&version=NIV#fen-NIV-23010b)] to the ends of the earth.  
**11**As for you, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will free your prisoners from the waterless pit. **12**Return to your fortress, you prisoners of hope;  
    even now I announce that I will restore twice as much to you.

**New Testament Reading - Philippians 2:5-11**

**Imitating Christ’s Humility**

**5**In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:

**6**Who, being in very nature[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Philippians+2&version=NIV#fen-NIV-29398a)] God,  
    did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage;  
**7**rather, he made himself nothing  
    by taking the very nature[[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Philippians+2&version=NIV#fen-NIV-29399b)] of a servant,  
    being made in human likeness.  
**8**And being found in appearance as a man,  
    he humbled himself  
    by becoming obedient to death—  
        even death on a cross!

**9**Therefore God exalted him to the highest place  
    and gave him the name that is above every name,  
**10**that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,  
    in heaven and on earth and under the earth,  
**11**and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
    to the glory of God the Father.

**Gospel Reading - John 12:1-11**

**12**Six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus lived, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. **2**Here a dinner was given in Jesus’ honor. Martha served, while Lazarus was among those reclining at the table with him. **3**Then Mary took about a pint[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=john+12&version=NIV#fen-NIV-26584a)] of pure nard, an expensive perfume; she poured it on Jesus’ feet and wiped his feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume.

**4**But one of his disciples, Judas Iscariot, who was later to betray him, objected, **5**“Why wasn’t this perfume sold and the money given to the poor? It was worth a year’s wages.[[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=john+12&version=NIV#fen-NIV-26586b)]” **6**He did not say this because he cared about the poor but because he was a thief; as keeper of the money bag, he used to help himself to what was put into it.

**7**“Leave her alone,” Jesus replied. “It was intended that she should save this perfume for the day of my burial. **8**You will always have the poor among you,[[c](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=john+12&version=NIV#fen-NIV-26589c)] but you will not always have me.”

**9**Meanwhile a large crowd of Jews found out that Jesus was there and came, not only because of him but also to see Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. **10**So the chief priests made plans to kill Lazarus as well, **11**for on account of him many of the Jews were going over to Jesus and believing in him.