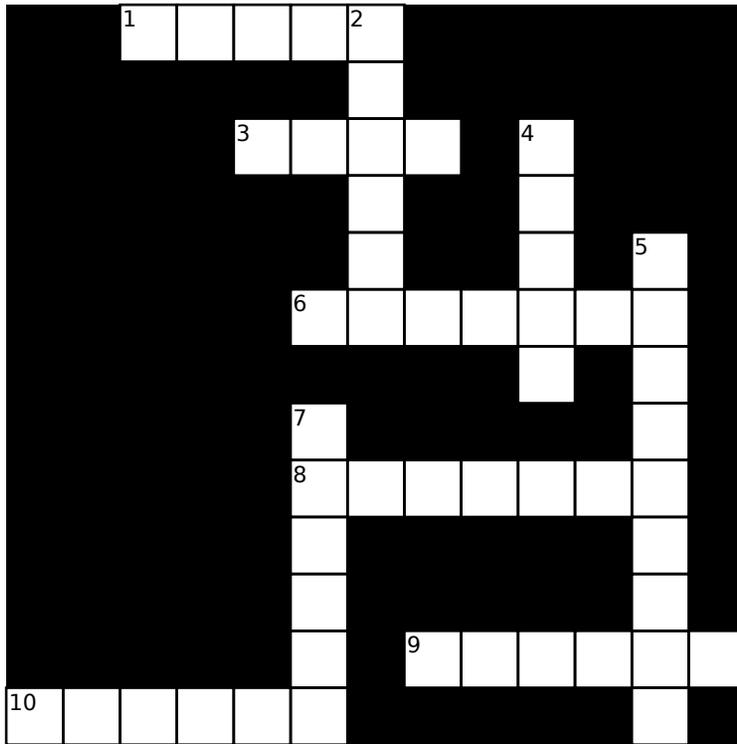


LESSONS FOR LAMBS

FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT (AD TE LEVAVI)

The phrase "Ad Te Levavi" is from the Latin language. In English it means "To You I lift up." These are the beginning words of the Psalm (also called Introit) this week. Look in your parent's service folder and read the Introit. The color for Advent is blue or purple.

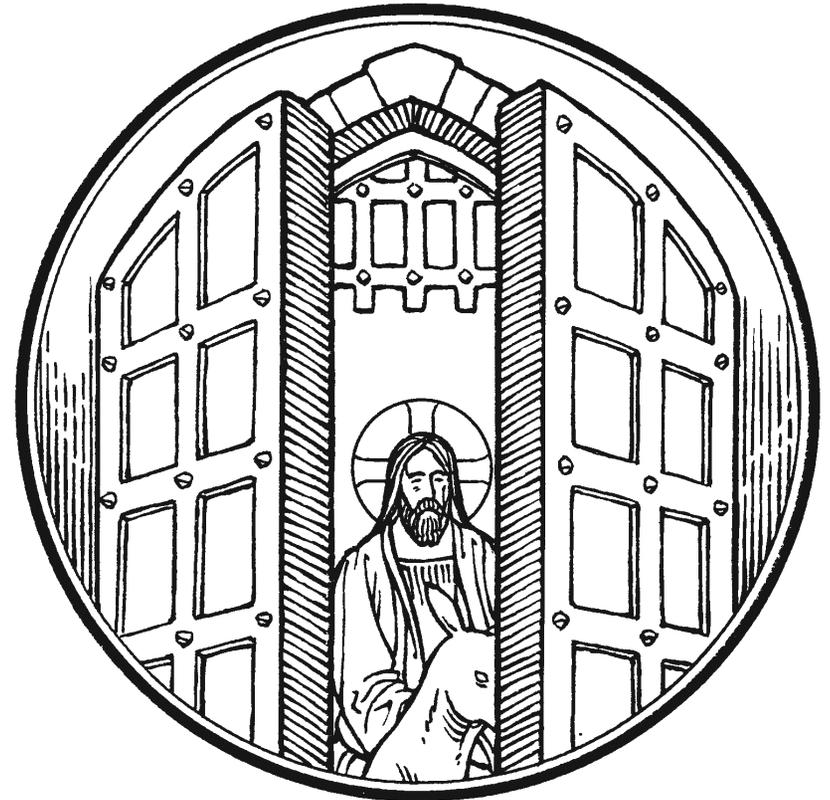


Across

- _____ is our Savior and King.
- Jesus is the _____, mounted on a donkey.
- God kept His _____ to David, and to us.
- We sing "Hosanna" during this part of the worship service.
- David was chosen by God to be the king of _____.
- Many in the crowd spread their _____ in the road for Jesus.

Down

- Like us, David was a _____, & needed God's love & mercy.
- The crowd shouted, "Hosanna, to the Son of _____."
- Jesus rode the donkey into _____.
- David was the writer of the _____.



What to listen for during the service?

This week listen for the word "Hosanna." We will hear this word in the Gospel reading today and in one other place. In the reading the people in the crowd shout this as Jesus is entering Jerusalem. When do we sing it and what is about to happen in the service when we sing it?

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Gospel Reading: Matthew 21:1-9

(The Gospel Reading is from the part of the Bible that is about Jesus and His ministry.)

1 Now when they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, 2 saying to them, "Go into the village in front of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to me. 3 If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, 'The Lord needs them,' and he will send them at once." 4 This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying,

5 "Say to the daughter of Zion, 'Behold, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.'"

6 The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them. 7 They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and he sat on them. 8 Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. 9 And the crowds that went before him and that followed him were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!"

Questions to talk about with your parents:

- 1) Why was Jesus going to Jerusalem?
- 2) When do we sing "Hosanna" during the worship service?
- 3) What does "Hosanna" mean?
- 4) Why did the people call Jesus the "Son of David"?
- 5) What is Advent?

People of the Bible: David

In the reading, the crowds are shouting "Hosanna to the Son of David!" But who is David and why is Jesus called the "Son of David"? David was chosen by God to be the King of Israel. David went through many hard times in his life because other people did not want him to be king. David was the writer of the Psalms in the Bible. We see some of the difficult times David went through in his life by reading them and we see that he is a sinner. However, we also see David's faith in

God. He trusted in God to help him and God did help him. God kept His promise to David and He keeps His promises to us too. Jesus is called the "Son of David" because he was from the family of David, and was born many, many years later. Like David, Jesus was also chosen by God to be a king, but He was King over all people and He still is. He is also our Savior. We can have faith in Jesus to keep His promises, to forgive all the things we do wrong and be with us forever.

Catechism Corner

The First Commandment

Thou shalt have no other gods before Me.

What does this mean? Answer:

We should fear, love, and trust in God above all things.

Hymn of the Day – "Savior of the Nations, Come"

(Listen for this hymn during the service and sing along if you hear it.)

- 1 Savior of the nations, come
Virgin's Son, make here Your home!
Marvel now, O heav'n and earth,
That the Lord chose such a birth.
- 2 Not by human flesh and blood,
By the Spirit of our God,
Was the Word of God made flesh—
Woman's offspring pure and fresh.

Draw a picture of the people singing to Jesus

