

LIVING WITH CHRIST THIS WEEK

Sunday, March 21:	Fifth Sunday in Lent (C) - violet
Monday 22:	Ferial - purple
Tuesday 23:	Ferial - purple
Wednesday 24:	Ferial - purple
Thursday 25:	Annunciation of the Lord - white
Friday 26:	Ferial - purple
Saturday 27 :	Ferial - purple
Sunday 28:	Passion Sunday (Palm Sunday) (C) - red

3. Our Future is Assured

Each page from the Bible that we read today has references to the past which invite us to face the present fearlessly and encourage us to look toward the future. Why is this? Because with God on our side, evil will never have the last word. God never condones evil. Astonishing transformations are possible for those who risk their future with God. The following images explicitly express these facts.

**R: From ostriches, jackals and psalms came
Astonishing words of praise for the unerring Word.
Inspired words celebrated the everlasting Word.**

1. To the ancients, jackals represented maliciousness
And ostriches embodied stupidity.
Yet in the prophet's words, they became witnesses
of a happy transformation.
They sang the praises of the Lord God.
For God changed the arid desert into a garden,
An enslaved people into messengers of joy!
2. As Paul focused on God's promises,
He knew he was on the right track.
This disciple of the Risen Lord knew whom to believe.
Nothing else mattered – material possessions were relegated to the dustbin,
And swept away leaving only the knowledge that
The crucified Christ had risen from the dead.
3. His apostles recognized Jesus,
The new Moses who would judge and dispense God's mercy.
The Messiah wrote in the dust
And challenged those who would deny the Source of life.
Clairvoyant when faced with an acknowledged sin,
He offered life to a guilty person.

**R: Ostriches, scavengers and psalms
Proclaimed that our future is wide open with Jesus
As we share his holiness, rediscover communion, and anticipate Easter morning.**

Lenten Prayers for Today



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