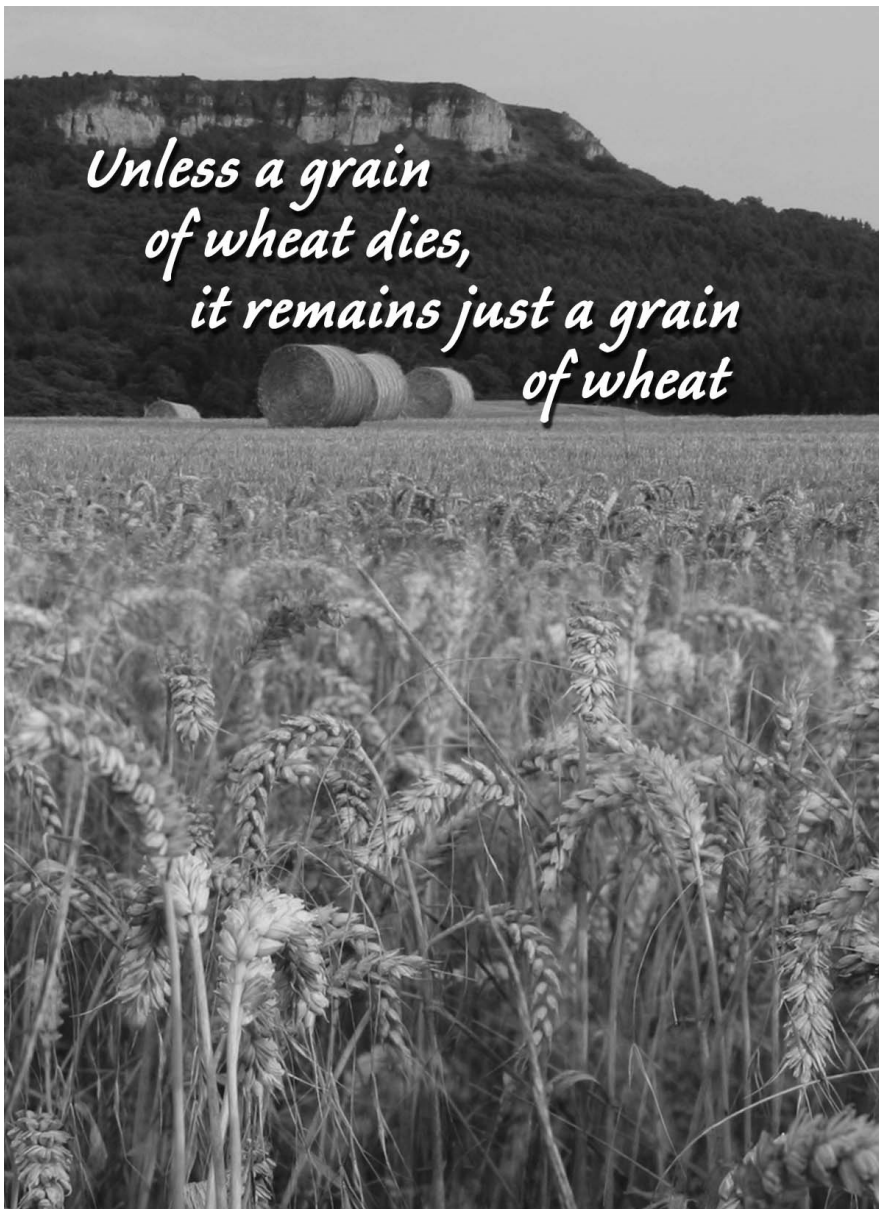


Our Lady of Victory Parish

300 Capt. Thomas Boulevard, West Haven CT 06516

*“Let us then pursue what leads to peace
and to build up one another.” (Romans 14:19)*

March 21, 2021 | Fifth Sunday of Lent



*Unless a grain
of wheat dies,
it remains just a grain
of wheat*

LENTEN ACTIVITIES appear on pg. 3.
READINGS for Mass appear on pg. 7.
MUSIC for Mass appears on pg. 8.

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekdays at 7:30 AM
(except Thursday)

Saturday Vigil: 4:30 PM

Sunday: 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 AM

Weekend Mass with music can be viewed online each week by visiting our website. To attend in person, **please sign up by Friday** by visiting our Facebook page for more details (addresses below).

CONFESSIONS

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available on Mondays 6-7 PM, and Saturdays, from 3-4 PM in the church. Masks must be worn; social distancing must be followed.

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Weekly Mass Intentions

If you would like to honor a friend or family member with a Mass, please see available dates on pg. 6.

SATURDAY, March 20 — Lenten Weekday; Vigil

4:30 PM: **Beverly Halligan**, Req. by Tom and Marilyn Halligan

SUNDAY, March 21 — **Fifth Sunday of Lent**

8:00 AM: **Leo and Marie Castrcane**, Req. by Caesar

9:30 AM: **Enderline Anaeché**, Req. by Judith Abaidoo

11:00 AM: **Manuel Tavares**, Req. by his Family

MONDAY, March 22

7:30 AM: **Grace Ofei**, Req. by Judith Abaidoo

TUESDAY, March 23

7:30 AM: **Mary Bike**, Req. by Frank and Marilyn Torre

WEDNESDAY, March 24

7:30 AM: **John Cervero**, Req. by the Diana Family

THURSDAY, March 25 — **The Annunciation of the Lord**

7:30 AM: **No Mass**

FRIDAY, March 26

7:30 AM: **Kate Moriarty**, Req. by Vicki

SATURDAY, March 27 — Lenten Weekday; Vigil

7:30 AM: **Rose and John Starno**, Req. by Barbara

4:30 PM: **Louis E. Capelli, Jr.**, Req. by Tom and Marilyn Halligan

SUNDAY, March 28 — **Palm Sunday of the Passion of Our Lord**

8:00 AM: **Ernest and Rita Pimer**, Req. by Mike and Sue Pimer

9:30 AM: **Theresa R. Dini**, Req. by the Dini Children

11:00 AM: **Gil Cunha**, Req. by his Family

THE SANCTUARY LAMP

this week honors

KAREN MORIARTY,

requested by

her family.



Eucharistic Adoration

*“Come to me, all you who labor
and are burdened,
and I will give you rest.” (Mt 11:28)*

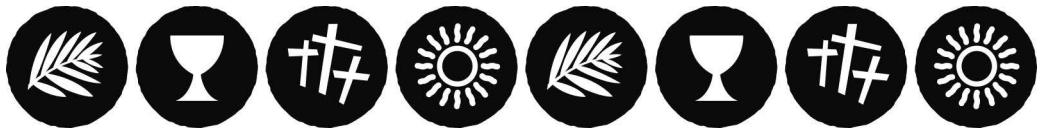
Adoration takes place on Saturday morning for one hour,
immediately following the 7:30 AM Mass.

Social distancing and masks are required.



Lent

5th Sunday of Lent



Lenten Schedule

**Stations of the Cross,
Every Friday at 6:30 PM**
Stations will be prayed every Friday during Lent at 6:30pm. Please note the time change. Per COVID-19 prevention guidelines, booklets will not be distributed and there will be no singing by the congregation. Advance sign-up is not necessary unless communicated at a later date.

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

Available on Mondays 6-7 PM and Saturdays 3-4 PM in the church. Masks must be worn; social distancing must be followed.

PALM SUNDAY

March 28, 2021

*See information at right
for details
regarding the distribution
of palms.*

HOLY WEEK

Holy Thursday: April 1 at 7 PM

Good Friday: April 2 at 3 PM

Holy Saturday (Easter Vigil):

April 3 at 7:30 PM

EASTER SUNDAY

April 4 at 8, 9:30 and 11 AM

LENTEN ACTIVITIES

Drive-Up Palm Distribution

*Palm Sunday, March 28, 2021 | 12:30-1:30 PM
(Also distributed at Masses that weekend.)*

Palm Sunday commemorates Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem, an event mentioned in each of the four Gospels. It also marks the first day of Holy Week, the week of that precedes the arrival of the Easter Season.

We celebrate Palm Sunday with the blessing and distribution of palm branches, representing the palm branches which the crowd scattered in front of Christ as He rode into Jerusalem.



Palms will be distributed on Palm Sunday, March 28, at all of our **Masses** AND between 12:30-1:30 PM by **driving around the loop** in front of the church, rolling down your window and receiving the palms hands-free.

Will You Walk with Jesus on Good Friday?

April 2, 2021 | 10:00 AM | Front Doors of the Church

Walk the Boardwalk and pray the Stations of the Cross with Deacon Dean on Good Friday morning, starting at 10:00 at the church. More information to come!

The Stations of the Cross are a 14-step Catholic devotion that commemorates Jesus Christ's last day on Earth as a man. The devotions, or stations, focus on specific events of His last day, beginning with His condemnation. The stations are commonly used as a mini pilgrimage as the individuals recall and meditate on a specific event from Christ's last day.

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

Mondays | 6:00-7:00 PM | In the Church

During Lent, this special day and time for Confession is available to all in our community. Masks must be worn and social distancing followed. The sacrament is also available at the usual day/time of Saturdays from 3:00-4:00 PM.

We pray for those who are sick.

Out of respect for whom we pray, only family members may add names to this list.

Jason Adams, Maureen Alonso, Charles Asarisi, Augliera Family, Louis Altieri, Amanda, Valeria Asperelli, Priscilla Banning, Danielle Boros, Gerard Canadeo, Danny Caudell, Kevin Colleran, Michael Cote, Rosalie, Lucy Anne Criscuolo, Deanna Cusano, Jeff Davis, Dawn DellaRocco, DeNigris Family, Frank Dini Jr., Patti Dowling, Michael Duffy, Monique Ek, Sandy Eocai, Linda Foley, Tony Fusco, Maureen Freeman, Patti Fusco, Joseph Galatie, Geraldine, Therese Gill, Dee Green, Ray Guarino, Tom Halligan, Karen Hodgdon, Bill Kapinos, Hank Kowalski, Rose Jarvie, Florence Johnson, Ann LaBonia, Patricia Lesko, Carmen Limauro, Claudine Lopez, Martin Luth, Theresa Luth, Charles Maddelena, Noah McEachern, Genevieve Mieczkowski, Theresa Montz, Edwin Morales, Mary Moran, Gabby Murillo, Devin O'Connor, Judy Palmer, Joseph Pekar, Kristin Purdy, Joseph R., Marsha R., John Rakos, Don Robillard, Elizabeth Ross, Rose Santilli, Elizabeth Shamaly, Jack and Joan Shea, Richard and Suzanne Smallman, Anthony Spina, Daniel Steinau, Gwen Stiewing, Anthony Terassi Sr., Anthony Terassi, Jr., Jessie Terassi, Jane Thomson, Tiernan, Lynn and Jacques Veillette, Doris Worrell



In loving memory, we pray for these souls.

Our Parish extends sympathy to the family and friends of:

**Catherine Coyle, Steve Franco,
The Victims of the Coronavirus**

Please pray for those serving in our military.

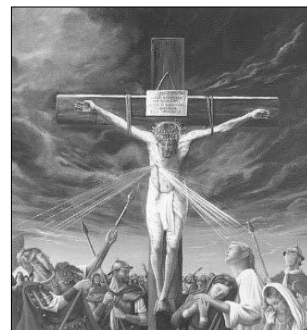
Parishioners are invited to add the names of armed forces personnel on active duty to this list by calling the rectory office.

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Staff Sgt. Danielle Luby
Cpl. Teagan Fransen, USMC
SPEC Giovanni Gigola | Capt. William Austin
Airman Gabriella Gigola
Airman Aaron Butner | Airman Sean Hufcut
E3 Lexi Ronan, USN | E5 Ryan Ronan, USN
Pvt. Christopher Miller
SPC Alexander Capuras
E4 Raymond Mayberry, USMC
Senior Airman, Hunter Cole, USAF
Airman 1st Class Skylar Hampton
1st Lt. Pilot Michael Dupliesse
2nd Lt. Jared Carlson

Weekly Lenten Devotion: *The Crucifixion*

*This year's Lenten theme is "Merciful Love." What better way to feel Our Lord's mercy and love for us than by His Sorrowful Passion? This week focus on: **The Crucifixion***

Our Lord is stripped of His garments and nailed brutally to the cross. The crowd continues to jeer and torment Him as He suffers in the greatest agony and pain. Our Blessed Mother stands at the foot of the cross, enduring this heart-shattering sorrow. Jesus and Mary suffer this for our salvation in complete submission to God's Will. Do we understand this incredible gift of love and mercy we have been given? Do we except our crosses for Jesus's sake as He accepted His for us? As St. John Vianney said, "Nothing afflicts the heart of Jesus so much as to see His suffering of no avail to so many." We are called every day to offer all sufferings to Jesus, uniting ourselves to His suffering on the cross. As we move closer to Holy Week, let us remember Our Lord's Passion and His Merciful Love poured out for us all!



Springing to Life

A letter from Fr. Dillon

Dear Parishioners,

Spring has sprung! Well, maybe not sprung, but at least it is here. Last weekend we pushed the clocks forward one hour to usher in Daylight Saving Time and this past week we have passed the point in which the amount of daylight is greater than the amount of darkness each day.

As I mentioned in an article last year, I look to the “benchmark” days and events to help make what could be seen as a long, never-ending journey a bit easier to endure.

The advent of Spring and the increasing amount of daylight also has a theological analogy as well. Spring reminds us that even when all appears, on the surface, to be without life, there will come a day when new life will be before us. Throughout Winter, we look about and can easily think the life of the trees, shrubs, flowers and grass had ended. Through our knowledge of the cycles of nature, we know that in time what appears to be dead and life-less will soon become “alive” once again.

This is analogous to our life of faith. When the life of one of the faithful concludes, the non-believer will say that all is done; the journey has ended. We know, through the



promises Jesus made and His actions during His earthly ministry, the reality is that a new life has begun; the eternal life promised us on our Baptismal day. This is the life bought for us when Jesus allowed His humanity to be nailed to the cross and die, thus opening for us the gates of heaven and life eternal. What appears to be an end is the beginning of a life in the glory of eternity.

The increasing amount of daylight brings not only new life, but warmth as well. For so many of us, the increased amount of daylight causes a change in our mental and emotional state. Many become more positive and filled with extra energy. The same is true

for those who allow the light of Jesus to come more fully into their lives. Jesus' light brings with it a new outlook on life and how we live it. Our desire to live our call to holiness grows and we become more eager to live God's Way, Truth and Life.

Spring has sprung in the natural realm and may it also blossom and bloom in our spiritual life as well.

Sign Up to Attend Mass

Holy Week Masses Now Open

Masses are reaching capacity and walk-ins may not be allowed to enter. The link to sign up can be found here:

Website: Go to www.olv.org

- At top of page, click on “March Sign-ups”
- At the far left, click on SignUpGenius.com
- Click on the Mass you want to attend
- Then, at the bottom, click on “Submit.”
- Put in your name and email and click “Sign Up Now” then you're all set!

Facebook: @olv.westhavenct

Or, call the rectory by Noon on Friday:

(203) 934-6357



Weekly Offertory:

March 8-14, 2021: \$6,628

Your financial support is appreciated as we celebrate the new year and grow our community outreach.

Your offering is gladly accepted by mail, at Mass in the donation basket, or online. Visit ww.olv.org/OnlineGiving for information.



Please Make A Note of This Important Event

DRIVE-THROUGH FOOD COLLECTION to benefit W.H.E.A.T.



Saturday, April 10, 9 am – 12 noon

St. Louis Church, 89 Bull Hill Lane

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CURRENT NEEDS

Pasta

Soup

Hot and Cold Cereal

Tuna Fish

Rice

Canned Pasta

(Ravioli & SpaghettiOs)

Extension of Dispensation from Sunday Mass Obligation

Now through May 23, 2021

Each and every Catholic in the Archdiocese of Hartford has been dispensed from the obligation of attending Sunday Mass by Archbishop Leonard P. Blair due to the pandemic until May 23, 2021.



Preparation Classes

Baptism Preparation classes will be held on the second Tuesday of each month via Zoom. Please contact the Rectory office to register for the class.

Help Stop

State-Sponsored Suicide

The Connecticut General Assembly is considering legalizing a form of suicide in our state commonly referred to as "aid-in-dying" or "physician-assisted suicide." The legislation is House Bill 6425 "An Act Concerning Aid in Dying for Terminally Ill Patients."

Modern hospice care and the proper use of pain medications render suicide unnecessary, and we need to be mindful of the threat that a suicide mentality poses to vulnerable people and to people with disabilities

We should never allow legislators to establish suicide as a solution to medical issues. Catholic teaching condemns physician-assisted suicide because it, like murder, involves taking an innocent human life.

TAKE ACTION:

Go to the website below, **read more on the issue** and then sign the petition to stop the legalization of assisted suicide in Connecticut

www.ctstopsuicide.org



Reserve a Mass for a Loved One

Remember Them in a Special Way

You may book Mass intentions for 2021 through **December** by calling the Rectory Office at (203) 934-6357. Donations for daily Mass intentions are \$15; weekend Masses, \$25.

Available Weekend Masses:

Masses available June-December

4:30 PM Saturday Vigil,

Sundays at 8:00 AM, 9:30 AM, and 11:00 AM

Weekdays at 7:30 am

Many Masses available through December.

The Sanctuary Candle is Available:

4/18, 5/30, 6/6;

Also, many weeks through December.

Again and again!

By Deacon Frank Bevvino

How many times in our lives have we been hurt by someone we love, especially when s/he has offended us repeatedly? We try to forgive and make adjustments for that person's error or sins. A spouse, a child, a friend who has hurt us deeply -- at what point do we give up trying to forgive them and throw in the towel?

One thing that God asks of us is a commitment to love Him. As we see in the summation of the Ten Commandments, love of God and love of neighbor is essential. Over these weeks of Lent we are frequently reminded of God's unending forgiveness and mercy. Far beyond the "7 x 70" that seemed to satisfy St. Peter in the Gospel story.

Last Sunday, the Fourth Sunday of Lent, our readings alluded to God speaking through the Prophet Jeremiah. This week God again speaks through Jeremiah, announcing that He will give to His people a new Covenant. He says this new covenant will be unlike the one given to the Jews as He led them out of slavery. Under this new covenant, God's love for us is never quelled, even by repeated ungratefulness.

Signs and wonders did not convince the Jewish people in the Old Testament of God's love. They continually found themselves saying they loved the Lord and then would slip back into their old pattern of worshipping other gods and offering sacrifices to idols. God, through Jeremiah, promises this new covenant will speak not to the minds, but to the heart, of those who believe. Could this be the Blessed Trinity of which God is speaking?

Our Gospel from John this weekend has Jesus telling His followers that He must suffer in order to be glorified. As Jesus speaks these words, He gives us a preview of His agony in the garden. Jesus is aware of His need to suffer to be obedient to God's call.

At times, our life seems tedious, painful and an absolute drudgery, but our understanding of the life and death of Jesus strengthens us to hold fast to the course. Our recurring sinfulness

will always be greeted with God's love and mercy. As St. Paul often-times said in his letters, God's love is not earned as a reward for what we do or do not do, but it is a "grace" or unconditional gift. No work or action can earn it for us. The one condition is a steadfast commitment to always return to God when we stray. We must not lose sight of the goal. God's forgiveness is never ending.

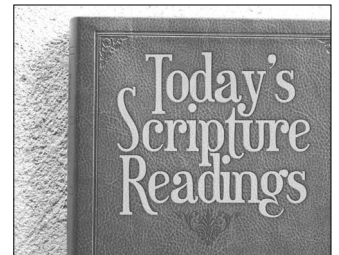
*"I have fought the good fight,
I have finished the race,
I have kept the faith.
From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing."
(2 Timothy 4:6-8)*

Sunday's Readings: March 21

"...This Word of God proclaimed in the liturgy possesses a special sacramental power to bring about in us what it proclaims. ...

How, then, do we respond to this wonderful gift of God's Word? We respond in word and song, in posture and gesture, in silent meditation and, most important of

*all, by **listening attentively** to that Word as it is proclaimed." -- General Instruction of the Roman Missal, United States Catholic Conference of Bishops.*



First Reading — I will make a new covenant; I will write my law upon their hearts (Jeremiah 31:31-34) or Ezekiel 37:12-14.

Second Reading — Christ learned obedience and became the source of eternal salvation (Hebrews 5:7-9) or Romans 8:8-11.

Gospel — If a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it produces much fruit (John 12:20-33) or John 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45].



Because of health guidelines to prevent the spread of COVID-19, we are unable to sing from the pews. The next few pages serve as your hymn book so you can follow along in silent, musical prayer.

OPENING SONG:

IN THESE DAYS OF LENTEN JOURNEY

Ricky Manalo, CSP

Refrain

In these days of Len-ten jour-ney we have seen and we have heard
the call to sow jus-tice in the lives of those we serve.

Verses

1. We reach out to those who are home-less, to
2. We o - pen our eyes to the hun - gry and
3. We o - pen our ears to the wea - ry and
4. We call on the Spir - it of Jus - tice and

1. those who live with - out warmth. In the cool-ness of
2. see the fac - es of Christ. As we nour - ish all
3. hear the cry of the poor. To the voic - es that
4. pray for righ-teous-ness' sake. We will sing for the

1. eve - ning we'll shel - ter their dreams; we will
2. peo - ple who hun - ger for food, may their
3. ech - o the song of de - spair, we will
4. free - dom of all the op - pressed; we will

2 to Refrain

1. clothe them in mer - cy and peace.
2. faith in our God be re - newed.
3. show our com - pas - sion and care.
4. loos - en the bonds of dis - tress.

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Mass XVI, Chant, Mode III

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Cre-ate in me- a clean- heart

LENTEN GOSPEL ACCLAMATION NO. IX-A

R. Praise to you, Lord Je-sus Christ, King of end-less glo-ry!

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OFFERTORY:

OPEN MY EYES
 Abre Mis Ojos

Jesse Manibusan

Verses

1, 5.	O - pen my eyes,	Lord.	Help me to
2.	O - pen my ears,	Lord.	Help me to
3.	O - pen my heart,	Lord.	Help me to
4.	I live with - in you.		Deep in your
1, 5.	A - bre mis o - jos,		que quie - ro
2.	A - bre mis o - í - dos,		que quie - ro -
3.	A - bre mi co - ra - zón,		que quie - ro a -
4.	Ven y des - can - sa		en mi

1, 5.	see your face.	O - pen my eyes,	Lord.
2.	hear your voice.	O - pen my ears,	Lord.
3.	love like you.	O - pen my heart,	Lord.
4.	heart, O Love.	I live with - in you.	
1, 5.	ver co - mo tú.	A - bre mis o - jos,	
2.	ír co - mo tú.	A - bre mis o - í - dos,	
3.	mar co - mo tú.	A - bre mi co - ra - zón,	
4.	co - ra - zón.	Ven y des - can - sa,	

1, 5.	Help me to see.
2.	Help me to hear.
3.	Help me to love.
4.	Rest now in me.
1, 5.	a - yú - da - me a ver.
2.	a - yú - da - me a o - ír.
3.	a - yú - da - me a a - mar.
4.	te a - li - via - ré.

Bridge

And the first shall be last,
 and our eyes are opened
 and we'll hear like never before.
 And we'll speak in new ways,
 and we'll see God's face
 in places we've never known.

*Dame la alegría de tu salvación,
 crea en mí un corazón puro.
 No me arrojes lejos de tu rostro, Señor,
 no me quites tu santo espíritu.*

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COMMUNION:

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Unless A Grain Of Wheat

Bernadette Farrell

REFRAIN

Un-less a grain of wheat shall fall up-on the ground and
die, it re-mains but a sin-gle grain with no life.

VERSES

1. If we have died with him then we shall live with him;
2. If an-y one serves me then they must fol-low me;
3. Make your home in me as I make mine in you;
4. If you re-main in me and my word lives in you;
5. Those who love me are loved by my Fa-ther;
6. Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you;

1. if we hold firm we shall reign with him.
2. wher-ev-er I am my ser-vants will be.
3. those who re-main in me bear much fruit.
4. then you will be my dis-ci-ples.
5. we shall be with them and dwell in them.
6. peace which the world can-not give is my gift.

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4. pray for righ-teous-ness' sake. We will sing for the

1. eve-ning we'll shel-ter their dreams; we will
2. peo-ple who hun-ger for food, may their
3. ech-o the song of de-spair, we will
4. free-dom of all the op-pressed; we will

1. clothe them in mer-cy and peace.
2. faith in our God be re-newed.
3. show our com-pas-sion and care.
4. loos-en the bonds of dis-tress.

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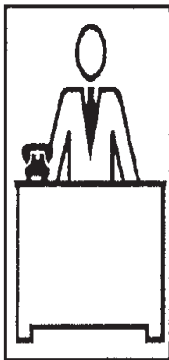
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