



FIRST READING
Revelation 5

GOSPEL
Matthew 2:1-12

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The Lamb who was Slaughtered
FOLLOWING THE LAMB IN THE DYING DAYS OF THE DRAGON

1) The only one who SAVES is also the only one who is in _____
of God's _____ for the _____.

2) There is one _____ not two _____ ; one _____
not two _____ ; one _____ not two _____ ; and
the _____ is not the _____.

3) The Lamb who was slain _____.

4) In a world without _____ for real _____,
we worry that God has provided _____ means for
redemption - the Lamb who was slain.

5) When I belong to God I become part of a _____ of
_____ who are called to _____ over _____
for the glory of God.

Questions/ comments about the sermon or scripture text?
Email George at questionpastor@gmail.com.



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Divine Assignments

Dear Friends,

I will write more about this in the weeks ahead, but I'd like to introduce you to three big areas in need of prayer over the next months.

First, please pray that we will seek to know what assignments God has for us in the months, years and decades ahead. Pray that we will both seek to know what the assignments are and also that we will know what the assignments are. Pray that we will not evaluate assignments from God by our own resources. Please pray that we will seek to keep the assignments that come from God in faith, trusting that He has the strength, wisdom and resources needed for us to fulfill His assignments. Please pray that we will begin and end those assignments for God's glory and not for our own.

I have two specific reasons for asking that you pray for the leadership of the church and the people of the church that together we will seek to know what assignments God has for us. Over the next two months we need to think about, then pass a church budget. As well, over the next two to four months we need to deal with our rental situations. One of easiest things in the world is for a church to think about such things in a prayer-less manner. It is also easy for a church to think about money and property completely divorced from discerning what assignments God has for us. So please commit to pray and please pray! The following is some extra background.

Our fiscal year goes from January 1 to December 31. It will take us a couple of weeks before we know whether we finished 2013 with a small deficit or a small surplus. The Council will meet on January 14 to look at the best financial info to date, and prayerfully build a budget for 2014. We plan to have our Annual Vestry (Anglicanese for Annual Meeting) on Saturday, March 1. Prior to that we will make a draft of the budget available for comments from the congregation.

On June 30 the lease on our office space ends. As of now, it looks like we will have to find new space. Our lease at the OLT also ends on June 30, but we have the right to extend the lease for one more year at the same rates if we so choose. We know what the OLT lease rate is. We have no idea about office rates as of July 1. Obviously there are many options in regards to office and Sunday Morning rental needs. Please pray! Please share wisdom!

George +

Tuesday

6:30pm Lowertown Home Group
7:00pm Messiah Prayer Meeting

Wednesday

5:30pm Men's Bible Study
7:30pm The Wurtemberg Home Group

Thursday

6:30pm The House @ St. Joe's

Friday

7:00pm Youth Group @ Saint Anne's School

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Today we celebrate The Epiphany of our Lord!

THE COLLECT for EPIPHANY

O God, who by the leading of a star didst manifest thy only-begotten Son to the Gentiles: Mercifully grant, that we, who know thee now by faith, may be led onward through this early life, until we see the vision of thy heavenly glory; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ, who with thee and the Holy Ghost liveth and reigneth, one God, world without end. Amen.

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