

**SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR SUNDAY Sept. 5, 2021**  
**Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**First Reading:** Philippians 2:4-11 (NRSV)

**4** Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. **5** Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

**6** who, though he was in the form of God,  
did not regard equality with God  
as something to be exploited,

**7** but emptied himself,  
taking the form of a slave,  
being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form,

**8** he humbled himself  
and became obedient to the point of death—  
even death on a cross.

**9** Therefore God also highly exalted him  
and gave him the name  
that is above every name,

**10** so that at the name of Jesus  
every knee should bend,  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

**11** and every tongue should confess  
that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.

**Psalm 99:1-4, 9**

1 The Lord is king; let the peoples tremble!  
He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!

2 The Lord is great in Zion;  
he is exalted over all the peoples.

3 Let them praise your great and awesome name.  
Holy is he!

4 Mighty King, lover of justice,  
you have established equity;  
you have executed justice  
and righteousness in Jacob.

9 Extol the Lord our God,  
and worship at his holy mountain;  
for the Lord our God is holy.

**Gospel Reading:** Mark 11:1-11

**11** When (Jesus and his disciples) were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples **2** and said to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. **3** If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.'" **4** They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, **5** some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" **6** They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. **7** Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. **8** Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. **9** Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,  
"Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

**10** Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!  
Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

**11** Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.