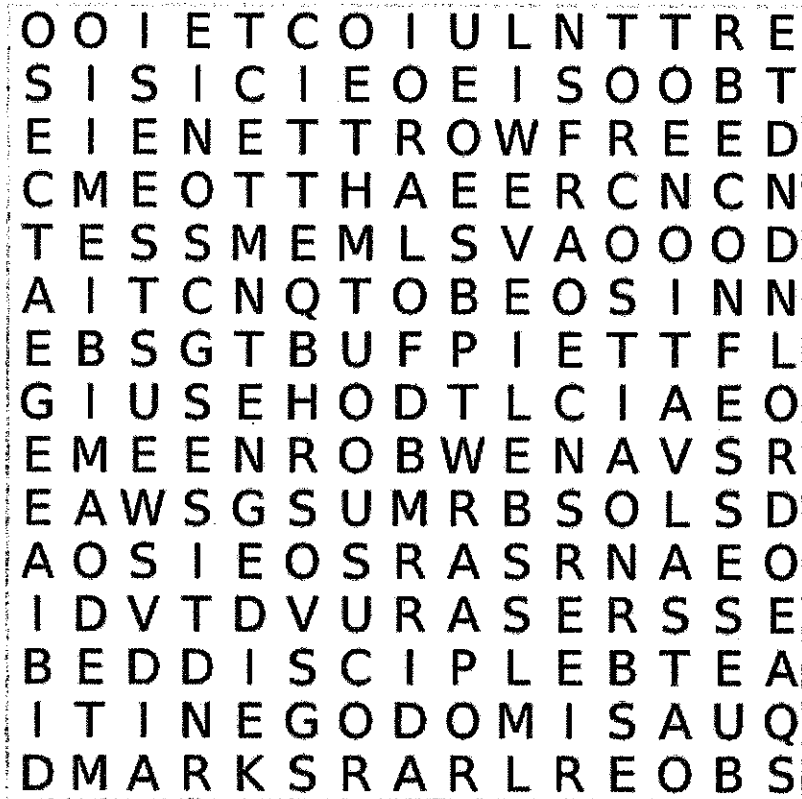


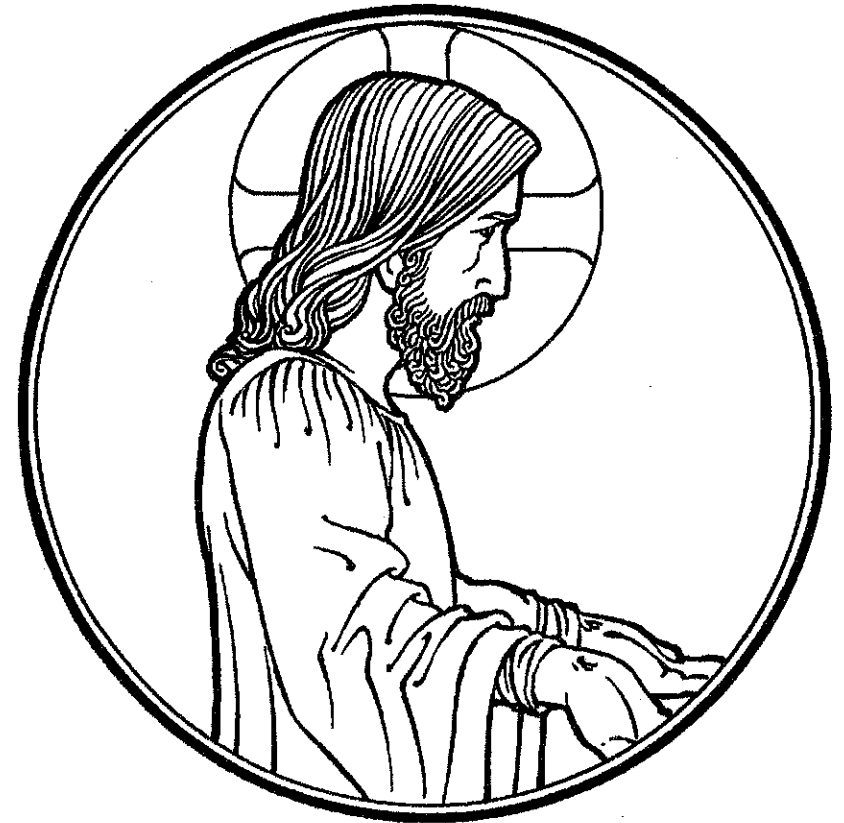
LESSONS FOR LAMBS

WEEK OF EASTER II (QUASIMODOGENITI)

The phrase "Quasimodogeniti" is from the Latin language. In English it means "As newborn babes." 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 Easter is white.



Quasimodogeniti	newborn	babes
Thomas	doubt	peace
Easter	forgive	marks
believe	disciple	confesses
resurrection	salvation	Lord



What to listen for during the service?

In the Gospel reading we hear Jesus say, "Peace be with you." When do we hear these words during the service? Who is saying them and what does this tell us about what is happening?

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Gospel Reading: John 20:19-31

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

19 On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." 20 When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. 21 Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." 22 And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. 23 If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld."

24 Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. 25 So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe."

26 Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." 27 Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe." 28 Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" 29 Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

30 Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; 31 but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

Questions to talk about with your parents:

- 1) Who was not there when Jesus first appeared to the disciples?
- 2) What does Jesus send His disciples to do? Who does Jesus send to do this for us today?
- 3) What did Thomas want to see to prove that Jesus had

arisen as the disciples said?

- 4) What happens to restore Thomas' faith?
- 5) When we have doubts where should we look for Jesus to strengthen us as He strengthened Thomas?

People of the Bible: Thomas

In the Gospel reading we hear about Thomas. But who was Thomas? Thomas was one of the twelve disciples. Thomas believed in Jesus and followed Him even though his life might be in danger, as we hear about in John 11. He was a faithful disciple who learned from Jesus during His ministry. However, Thomas, like all of us, was a sinner and did not always do everything just perfectly. Thomas is most known for doubting the resurrection of Jesus when he heard about it from the other disciples. In John 20 Thomas says, "Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe." When Jesus appears eight days later, He invites Thomas to touch the marks in His hands and side, and Thomas believes saying, "My Lord and my God." Though Jesus wanted Thomas to believe without seeing Him, Jesus forgives Thomas for his doubt. Thomas confesses that Jesus is the Christ and knows that salvation only comes through Him.

Catechism Corner

The Lord's Prayer: The Third Petition

Thy will be done.

What does this mean? Answer:

The good and gracious will of God is done indeed without our prayer; but we pray in this petition that it may be done among us also.

How is this done? Answer:

When God breaks and hinders every evil counsel and will that would not let us hallow God's name nor let His kingdom come, such as the will of the devil, the world, and our flesh; but strengthens and preserves us steadfast in His Word and faith unto our end. This is his gracious and good will.