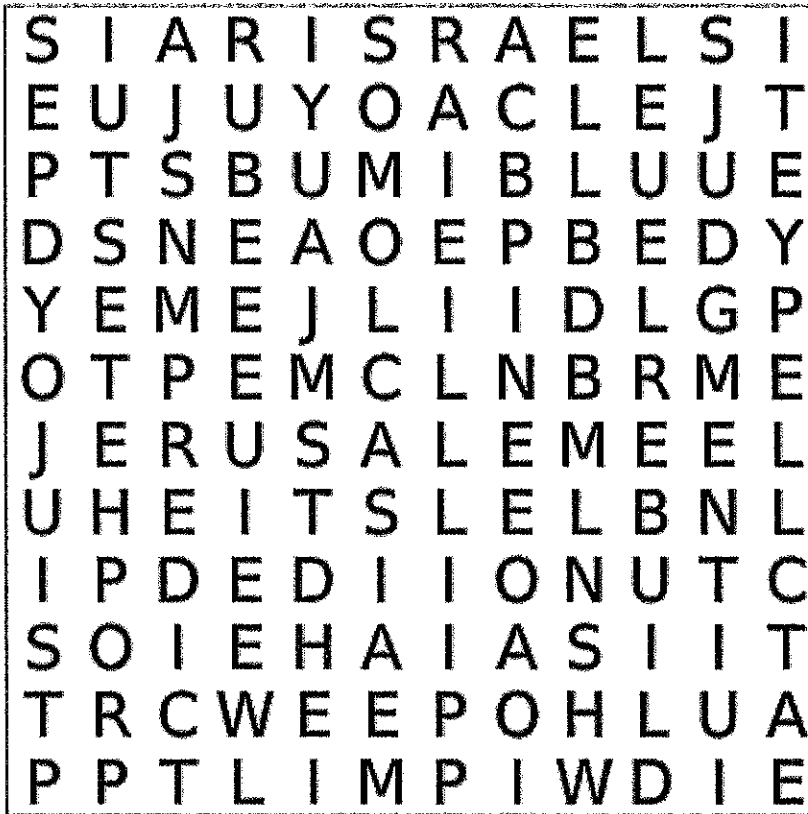


LESSONS FOR LAMBS

WEEK OF EASTER IV (JUBILATE)

The phrase "Jubilate" is from the Latin language. In English it means "Make a joyful noise." 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.



Jubilate
Jesus
lament
prophet
Jerusalem
predict

while
disciples
rejoice
Israel
judgment
rebuild

joy
weep
Isaiah
Messiah
hope
Alleluia



What to listen for during the service?

When do we make a "joyful noise" during the service?
What instrument does everyone have that we can use to make a joyful noise? (See Psalms 95:1 & 98:4)

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Gospel Reading: John 16:16-22

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

16 [Jesus said] "A little while, and you will see me no longer; and again a little while, and you will see me." 17 So some of his disciples said to one another, "What is this that he says to us, 'A little while, and you will not see me, and again a little while, and you will see me'; and, 'because I am going to the Father'?" 18 So they were saying, "What does he mean by 'a little while'? We do not know what he is talking about." 19 Jesus knew that they wanted to ask him, so he said to them, "Is this what you are asking yourselves, what I meant by saying, 'A little while and you will not see me, and again a little while and you will see me'? 20 Truly, truly, I say to you, you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice. You will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will turn into joy. 21 When a woman is giving birth, she has sorrow because her hour has come, but when she has delivered the baby, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world. 22 So also you have sorrow now, but I will see you again, and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you.

Questions to talk about with your parents:

- 1) What is Jesus talking about when He says that the disciples won't see Him for a "little while" and then they will see Him again?
- 2) Why does Jesus say the disciples will "weep and lament, but the world will rejoice"?
- 3) Where do we get our true joy in life? What has Jesus given us in Him?
- 4) Is it possible for anyone to take our joy away from us?

People of the Bible: Isaiah

The Old Testament reading today is from Isaiah. But who was Isaiah? Isaiah was a "major prophet" of the Old Testament, and the author of the book of Isaiah in the Bible. Isaiah was called to ministry around 740 B.C. In his ministry, Isaiah speaks to the people of Jerusalem and Judah about

the judgment of God against those who oppose God, as well as the hope of salvation in the coming Messiah. Isaiah prophesies, or predicts, what God was going to do in the future, including rebuilding Israel and sending the Messiah. Isaiah urges the people to repent of their sin and rebellion against God, and trust in the hope of the coming Messiah to save them from their sins. The Gospels of the New Testament often explain how Isaiah spoke of Jesus.

HYMN – "Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain"

- 1 Come, you faithful, raise the strain
 Of triumphant gladness!
 God has brought His Israel
 Into joy from sadness,
 Loosed from Pharaoh's bitter yoke
 Jacob's sons and daughters,
 Led them with unmoistened foot
 Through the Red Sea waters.
- 2 'Tis the spring of souls today:
 Christ has burst His prison
 And from three days' sleep in death
 As a sun has risen;
 All the winter of our sins,
 Long and dark, is flying
 From His light, to whom is giv'n
 Laud and praise undying.

Draw a picture of how the front of your church looks during this season of Easter

