

**YOU ARE WELCOME TO OUR SERVICE**

and we hope you enjoy the company of God, and your family in Christ here

**Monday**

**6.30pm**

**Alpha Course** in Mahboula – bring a friend! Talk to Bill Schuilenberg for more details  
[hisbie4me@yahoo.ca](mailto:hisbie4me@yahoo.ca)

**Tuesday**

**7.00pm**

**Reading Offering Prayer Encouragement Group2** in Ahmadi. More details from  
Andy [stpaulskuwait@yahoo.com](mailto:stpaulskuwait@yahoo.com)

**6.45pm**

**House Group** at the home of Brent and Rosalee. [brentandrosalee@yahoo.com](mailto:brentandrosalee@yahoo.com)

**Thursday**

**8.30am**

**Reading Offering Prayer Encouragement Group1** Talk to Bill Schuilenberg for more  
details [hisbie4me@yahoo.ca](mailto:hisbie4me@yahoo.ca)

**COLLECT**

O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**1<sup>ST</sup> BIBLE READING**

*A reading from the book of 2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10*

All the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron and said, "We are your own flesh and blood. In the past, while Saul was king over us, you were the one who led Israel on their military campaigns. And the LORD said to you, 'You will shepherd my people Israel, and you will become their ruler.' " When all the elders of Israel had come to King David at Hebron, the king made a compact with them at Hebron before the LORD, and they anointed David king over Israel. David was thirty years old when he became king, and he reigned forty years. In Hebron he reigned over Judah seven years and six months, and in Jerusalem he reigned over all Israel and Judah thirty-three years. David then took up residence in the fortress and called it the City of David. He built up the area around it, from the supporting terraces inward. And he became more and more powerful, because the LORD God Almighty was with him.

*This is the word of the Lord - Thanks be to God*

**nd BIBLE READING**

*A reading from the book of 2 Corinthians 12:2-10*

I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven. Whether it was in the body or out of the body I do not know—God knows. And I know that this man—whether in the body or apart from the body I do not know, but God knows— was caught up to paradise. He heard inexpressible things, things that man is not permitted to tell. I will boast about a man like that, but I will not boast about

myself, except about my weaknesses. Even if I should choose to boast, I would not be a fool, because I would be speaking the truth. But I refrain, so no one will think more of me than is warranted by what I do or say. To keep me from becoming conceited because of these surpassingly great revelations, there was given me a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me. Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me. But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong

*This is the word of the Lord - Thanks be to*

## PSALM

**Response: In the city of our God is his holy hill.**

R Great is the Lord and highly to be praised; in the city of our God is his holy hill. Beautiful and lofty, the joy of all the earth, is the hill of Zion, the very centre of the world and the city of the great king. God is in her citadels; he is known to be her sure refuge. R Behold, the kings of the earth assembled and marched forward together. They looked and were astounded; they retreated and fled in terror. Trembling seized them there; they writhed like a woman in childbirth, like ships of the sea when the east wind shatters them. R As we have heard, so have we seen, in the city of the Lord of hosts, in the city of our God; God has established her for ever. We have waited in silence on your loving-kindness, O God, in the midst of your temple. R Your praise, like your name, O God, reaches to the world's end; your right hand is full of justice. Let Mount Zion be glad and the cities of Judah rejoice, because of your judgements. R Make the circuit of Zion; walk round about her; count the number of her towers. Consider well her bulwarks; examine her strongholds; that you may tell those who come after. This God is our God for ever and ever; he shall be our guide for evermore. R

## GOSPEL READING

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to  
**Glory to you, O Lord**

**Mark 6 :1-13**

Jesus left there and went to his hometown, accompanied by his disciples. When the Sabbath came, he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were amazed. "Where did this man get these things?" they asked. "What's this wisdom that has been given him, that he even does miracles! Isn't this the carpenter? Isn't this Mary's son and the brother of James, Joseph,[a] Judas and Simon? Aren't his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. Jesus said to them, "Only in his hometown, among his relatives and in his own house is a prophet without honor." He could not do any miracles there, except lay his hands on a few sick people and heal them. And he was amazed at their lack of faith. Then Jesus went around teaching from village to village. Calling the Twelve to him, he sent them out two by two and gave them authority over evil[b] spirits. These were his instructions: "Take nothing for the journey except a staff—no bread, no bag, no money in your belts. Wear sandals but not an extra tunic. Whenever you enter a house, stay there until you leave that town. And if any place will not welcome you or listen to you, shake the dust off your feet when you leave, as a testimony against them." They went out and preached that people should repent. They drove out many demons and anointed many sick people with oil and healed them.

**This is the Gospel of the Lord Praise to you, O Christ**