



March 18, 2018

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Let's find out what happens when we serve Jesus.
Use a different color to trace each of the three sets of arrows
that point in the same direction.

Read each set in order.

Which set tells us something Jesus said about serving him?
(You can read John 12:26 in your Bible for help.)

Put a star on each of these arrows.

①
Whoever
serves
me

③
and
where
I am,

①
Whoever
serves
me

④
there also
will my
servant be.

②
must
follow
me,

②
must
follow
me,

②
should
sometimes
follow me,

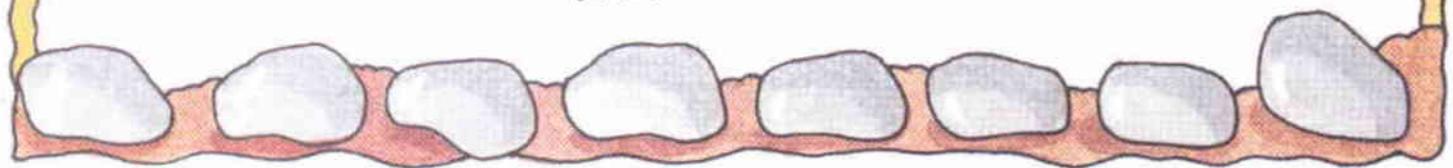
③
and
where
I am,

①
Whoever
serves
me

③
and
where
I am,

④
you
will
not be.

④
there also
will my
servant
be.



***Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies,
it remains just a grain of wheat.
John 12 : 24***





A CLEAN HEART

We are getting very close to the end of Lent. There are two choices for Gospels today. Whichever Gospel you hear—Jesus saying he would be lifted up on the cross (John 12:20–33) or the story of his friend Lazarus (John 11:1–45)—both psalms remind us that we need forgiveness and we can ask God’s help to change our hearts. Today’s two psalm responses psalms are:

Create a clean heart in me, O God. (Psalm 51:12a)

With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption. (Psalm 130:7)



If your parish has *catechumens*—people who will be baptized at Easter—part of their preparation is the celebration of *scrutiny rites* on the Third, Fourth, and Fifth Sundays of Lent. A scrutiny is an examination or careful study. The catechumens have the opportunity in these rites to examine their lives and ask the questions, “What am I doing that is good?” and “What things in my life do I need to change?” You might ask yourself the same questions. Use the letters of the word “forgiveness” to think of some actions or thoughts in your life that are good and others that need changing. Some examples are done for you. Mark good actions with a G and those you need to change with a C.

I am F riendly to others (G)
O
R
G
I
V
E
N
E
I will stop S aying mean things (C)
S

If you sing the psalm at Mass today, listen carefully to the melody of the response.

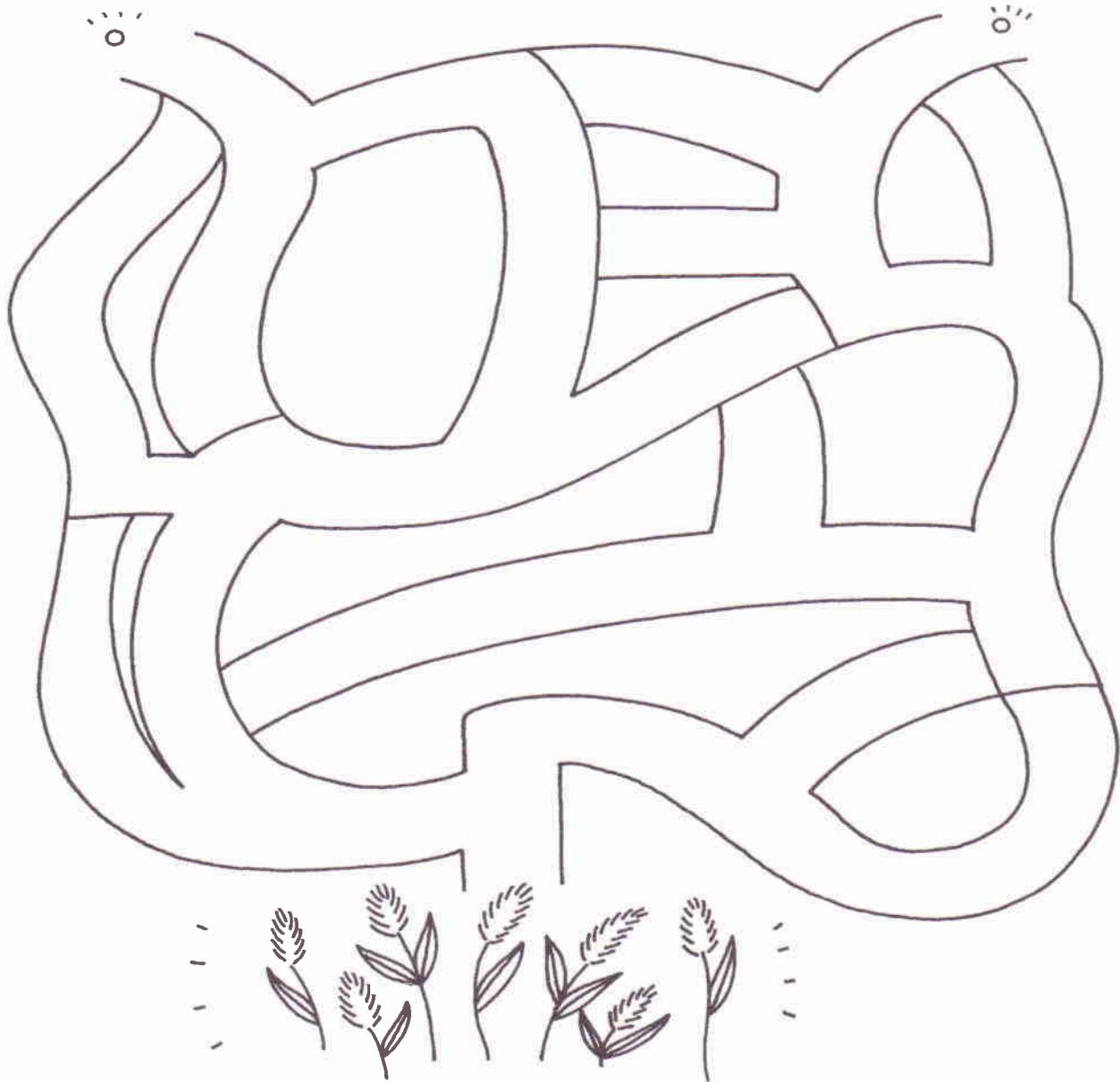
Try to remember it and sing it during the week.

Jesus said that when a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies,
it produces fruit.

In the same way, we need to surrender our lives to Jesus.

Then he can help us do wonderful things for God.

Find out which seed will be planted in the soil
and grow to become wheat.



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