

Catholic Bible Institute – April 29, 2017
Opening Prayer – Luke Group

Opening Song: (vv. 1-2)

BEHOLD THE LAMB

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1. Those who were in the dark are thank - ful for the
2. Peace - ful now, those whose hearts are blessed with un - der -
3. Gen - tle one, Child of God, join with us at this
4. Lord of all, give us light. De - liv - er us from



1. sun - light; we who live, we who die are grate - ful for his
2. stand - ing of the wheat, of the wine u - nit - ed with his
3. ta - ble. Bless our lives; nour - ish all who hun - ger for this
4. e - vil. Make us one; be our shield. Make still the winds that



1. gift, thank - ful for his love. Be - hold, be - hold the Lamb of
2. word and the love we share.
3. feast; shel - ter them with peace.
4. blow; cra - dle us with love.



God. All who eat, all who drink shall live; and all,



all who dwell in God shall come to know his glo - ry.

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Reading: Revelation 5:11-14

I looked again and heard the voices of many angels who surrounded the throne and the living creatures and the elders. They were countless in number, and they cried out in a loud voice: “Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and riches, wisdom and strength, honor and glory and blessing.” Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, everything in the universe, cry out: “To the one who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor, glory and might, forever and ever.”

The four living creatures answered, “Amen,” and the elders fell down and worshiped.

The word of the Lord. **ALL: Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial: Psalm 2:1-8

All: *The salvation of the just comes from the Lord.*

Women: Why do the nations protest
 and the peoples conspire in vain?
 Kings on earth rise up and princes plot together
 against the LORD and against his anointed one? *(Resp.)*

Men: Let us break their shackles
 and cast off their chains from us!
 The one enthroned in heaven laughs;
 the Lord derides them. *(Resp.)*

Women: Then he speaks to them in his anger,
 in his wrath he terrifies them:
 “I myself have installed my king on Zion,
 my holy mountain.” *(Resp.)*

Men: I will proclaim the decree of the LORD, who said to me,
 “You are my son; today I have begotten you.
 Ask it of me, and I will give you the nations as your inheritance,
 and, as your possession, the ends of the earth.” *(Resp.)*



Intercessions: *(adapted from Church of St. Mary)*

Let us pray together for our intentions and the needs of our world.
Our response is: ***Lamb of God, hear our prayer.***

For Francis our Pope and Kevin our Bishop, and all priests, deacons, and religious,
may their love the Risen Lord encourage them to feed their sheep. *(Resp.)*

For the world,
that all living things in creation may give praise, honor, and glory to the Lamb of God. *(Resp.)*

For the needy,
that we may help to feed them in body and spirit. *(Resp.)*

For this community,
that our desire to serve God and neighbor may be put into action. *(Resp.)*

For the suffering,
may they receive love and comfort from our community, and peace from our Risen Lord. *(Resp.)*

Concluding Prayer:

Lord Jesus Christ, you are the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.
May we be counted among the holy ones when you come in judgement
by remaining faithful to you in this life, so that we may live with you,
the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Closing Song: “Behold the Lamb” (vv. 3-4)

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Closing Prayer-Lydia Group

Call to Prayer (inspired by Rev 21:1-7)

Leader: Father in Heaven, we know that your words are “trustworthy and true” (Rev. 21:5) and they lead to everlasting life. According to your promise, we “look for a new heaven and a new earth in which righteousness dwells” ([2 Peter 3:12-13](#)). We are thirsty for you, O Lord, and we desire to open your word to our brothers and sisters so that they can grow in faith. Help us to take what we have learned today to help others come to know you better and deepen their faith. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. **All: Amen.**

Reading: Revelation 21: 1-7

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth. The former heaven and the former earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. I also saw the holy city, a new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Behold, God’s dwelling is with the human race. He will dwell with them and they will be his people and God himself will always be with them [as their God]. He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there shall be no more death or mourning, wailing or pain, [for] the old order has passed away.” The one who sat on the throne said, “Behold, I make all things new.” Then he said, “Write these words down, for they are trustworthy and true.” He said to me, “They are accomplished. I [am] the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give a gift from the spring of life-giving water. The victor will inherit these gifts, and I shall be his God, and he will be my son.

Responsorial: Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6

ALL/Response: Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.

Women: The Lord’s are the earth and its fullness; the world and those who dwell in it.

For he founded it upon the seas and established it upon the rivers. **(Response)**

Men: Who can ascend the mountain of the Lord? Or who may stand in his holy place?

One whose hands are sinless, whose heart is clean; who desires not what is vain. **(Response)**

All: They shall receive a blessing from the Lord, a reward from God their savior.

Such is the race that seeks him, that seeks the face of the God of Jacob. **(Response)**

Concluding Prayer:

All: Lord, we are the people who long to see your face. Lord you said, “I make all things new.” Your words are trustworthy and true, and you are the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. Nothing but the blood of Jesus will quench our thirst and wash us white as snow, and for that we are eternally grateful. May the joys which Christ imparts like waters springing from a fountain, pure, refreshing, abundant, and eternal be with us forever. We pray all this in the powerful and hopeful name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Final Blessing and Closing Song

Nothing but the Blood of Jesus (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BYjhGeAIG6k>)

What can wash away my sin?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
What can make me whole again?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Oh precious is the flow
That makes me white as snow;
No other fount I know,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

For my pardon, this I see,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
For my cleansing this my plea,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Oh precious is the flow
That makes me white as snow;
No other fount I know,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

This is all my hope and peace,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
This is all my righteousness,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Oh precious is the flow
That makes me white as snow;
No other fount I know,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Final Written Assignment for Year 1 (June 2017)

TOPIC:

What are the seven (7) most significant things you learned about the New Testament over the past year, and how do these new insights affect your life and faith?

- Think of ***truly important insights*** that you gained this year, not just trivial facts about biblical history or content.
- Try to think of ***seven different things***, not just seven variations of the same point.
- For each of your seven points, not only briefly state WHAT you learned but also explain HOW this insight truly *affects* your life and how you *live* your faith.

Format:

- Please do NOT follow the four-part structure that we used for all monthly papers this year (literal, rhetorical, personal, communal).
- Rather, simply explain your seven points in ***seven numbered paragraphs*** (1 to 7).
- Include a ***brief/compact heading*** (give your name and your table number/name).
- Your paper should be typed, *single*-spaced, using normal-sized font (10-12 point), with one-inch margins all around.
- Write about ***two or three (2-3) pages total***; that is, each of your seven points should require one or two paragraphs: more than just one sentence, but not a whole page each.

Due Date:

- Please ***email*** your paper to your reader within two weeks after our final session (by **June 17, 2017**).
- Your reader will then show all papers from your group to both Mr. Randy Lopez and to Fr. Felix Just, SJ.

THANK YOU for your participation in the CBI-Orange this past year!

May God continue to inspire and enlighten you through the Sacred Scriptures!