

# STORIES OF BIBLE VICTORIES

March 25, 2026

Theme: *The Triumph Over Pride*

## As We Gather

“The history of God’s chosen people is verily written in war stories, and the great steps in their national progress are read in the word Victory. But, as in almost every case, the real victories are not the ones achieved on the battle-field, but those won in the hearts and lives of leader and people; so in these stories, the aim has been to so portray the picture that the moral victory shall leave its impress on the life, and the battle-field be simply the medium for the implanting of the great truth.”  
– Emma A. Robinson, 1907

This Lent we are basing our Lenten series on Emma Robinson’s book “Stories of Bible Victories” from 1907. These are accounts from the Old Testament, looking at the people God used to bring about His Kingdom.

## Prelude

1:00pm Steve SeGraves

7:00pm Rick Helderop

## Opening Hymn 159

Go to Dark Gethsemane

1. Go to dark Gethsemane, Ye that feel the Tempter’s power;  
Your Redeemer’s conflict see, Watch with Him one bitter hour;  
Turn not from His griefs away, Learn of Jesus Christ to pray.
2. Follow to the judgment hall, View the Lord of life arraigned;  
Oh, the wormwood and the gall! Oh, the pangs His soul sustained!  
Shun not suff’ring, shame or loss; Learn of Him to bear the cross.
3. Calvary’s mournful mountain climb; There, adoring at His feet,  
Mark that miracle of time, God’s own sacrifice complete.  
“It is finished!” hear Him cry; Learn of Jesus Christ to die.

## Invocation

*P: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

**C: Amen.**

## Children’s Message - 7:00pm

### Lenten Litany

*P: Though the Lord is exalted, he looks kindly on the lowly;*

**C: though lofty, he sees them from afar. (Psalm 138:6)**

*P: Therefore pride is their necklace;*

**C: they clothe themselves with violence. (Psalm 73:6)**

*P: Arrogant foes are attacking me, O God;*

**C: ruthless people are trying to kill me – they have no regard for you. (Psalm 86:14)**

*P: May the foot of the proud not come against me,*

**C: nor the hand of the wicked drive me away. (Psalm 36:11)**

*P: Though the arrogant have smeared me with lies,*

**C: I keep your precepts with all my heart. (Psalm 119:69)**

### Old Testament Reading

2 Kings 5:1-7

Now Naaman was commander of the army of the king of Aram. He was a great man in the sight of his master and highly regarded, because through him the Lord had given victory to Aram. He was a valiant soldier, but he had leprosy. Now bands of raiders from Aram had gone out and had taken captive a young girl from Israel, and she served Naaman’s wife. She said to her mistress, “If only my master would see the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy.” Naaman went to his master and told him what the girl from Israel had said. “By all means, go,” the king of Aram replied. “I will send a letter to the king of Israel.” So Naaman left, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold and ten sets of clothing. The letter that he took to the king of Israel read: “With this letter I am sending my servant Naaman to you so that you may cure him of his leprosy.” As soon as the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his robes and said, “Am I God? Can I kill and bring back to life? Why does this fellow send someone to me to be cured of his leprosy? See how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me!”

## Anthem

1:00pm

Steve SeGraves, *Vocalist*

A Quiet Place – Carmichael

## Gospel Reading

Luke 14:7-11

When he noticed how the guests picked the places of honor at the table, he told them this parable: “When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take the place of honor, for a person more distinguished than you may have been invited. If so, the host who invited both of you will come and say to you, ‘Give this person your seat.’ Then, humiliated, you will have to take the least important place. But when you are invited, take the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he will say to you, ‘Friend, move up to a better place.’ Then you will be honored in the presence of all the other guests. For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”

## Hymn of the Day

Have Thine Own Way, Lord

1. Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way!  
Thou art the Potter, I am the clay.  
Mold me and make me after Thy will,  
While I am waiting yielded and still.
2. Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way!  
Search me and try me, Master today!  
Whiter than snow, Lord, wash me just now,  
As in Thy presence humbly I bow.
3. Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way!  
Wounded and weary, help me, I pray!  
Power, all power, surely is Thine!  
Touch me and heal me, Savior divine!

## Sermon

The Triumph Over Pride  
Rev. Randall J. Schlak

2 Kings 5:1-7

## Offering - 7:00pm

*(1:00pm offering will be received at the door.)*

*At this time, please take a moment to record your attendance here with us today. Instructions are on the back page.*

## Voluntary

7:00pm

I Weep, Because They Have Taken My Lord Away – Mendelssohn  
Bonnie L. Brooks and Alison Ristovski, *Vocalists*

## Prayer of the Church

### Lord’s Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil; For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

### Benediction

*P: The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.*

**C: Amen.**

## Closing Hymn 172

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

1. O sacred Head, now wounded, With grief and shame weighed down,  
Now scornfully surrounded With thorns, Thine only crown.  
O sacred Head, what glory, What bliss, till now was Thine!  
Yet, tho’ despised and gory, I joy to call Thee mine.
2. Men mock and taunt and jeer Thee, Thou noble countenance,  
Tho’ mighty worlds shall fear Thee And flee before Thy glance.  
How art Thou pale with anguish, With sore abuse and scorn!  
How doth Thy visage languish That once was bright as morn!

3. Now from Thy cheeks has vanished Their color, once so fair;  
From Thy red lips is banished The splendor that was there.  
Grim Death, with cruel rigor, Hath robbed Thee of Thy life;  
Thus Thou hast lost Thy vigor, Thy strength, in this sad strife.

## Postlude

1:00pm

Steve SeGraves

7:00pm

Rick Helderop

*Thanks and appreciation to  
Steve SeGraves, Bonnie L. Brooks, and Alison Ristovski  
for providing special music at today’s services.*

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Altar Guild

Barb Grattan, Karen Rose, Sara Amos, Jennifer Dobring, Robin Swift,  
Erin Springer, Carole Citron, Polly Millichamp, Richelle Pedersen,  
Liz Pedersen, Sandy Springer, Crissy Bienkowski

Acolyte and Crossbearer

7:00pm - Tyler Bassett and Henry Sutherland

Audio and Video Operators

7:00pm - David Hardoin and Greg Merryman

Lenten Meals Preparation

Lunch: Sponsored/Prepared by Robin Swift, Karen Pridmore, and Karen Rose  
Dinner: Sponsored by The Patriarchs Mens Group  
Prepared by Michele Margosian

Ushers

1:00pm - Bob Stewart

7:00pm - Ken Baetz, *Captain*; Tom Boyce, Paul Chesna,  
Cliff Clark, Ray Dobring, Bruce Helmke

Please take a moment to record your attendance here with us today.

There are two simple ways to do this:

1. Scan the QR code and fill out the online attendance form.
2. Use the worship card found in your pew. You may drop it in the offering plate or simply leave it in your pew after you fill it out.



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# HOLY WEEK

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## PALM SUNDAY

*Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!*  
March 25: 8:00am - Chapel / 9:00am & 10:30am - Sanctuary  
March 26: 7:00pm - Chapel

## MAUNDY THURSDAY

*The Triumph of a Meal*  
April 2: 1:00pm - Chapel / 7:00pm - Sanctuary  
*Holy Communion at Both Services*

## GOOD FRIDAY

*The Triumph of Suffering*  
April 3: 1:00pm & 7:00pm - Sanctuary

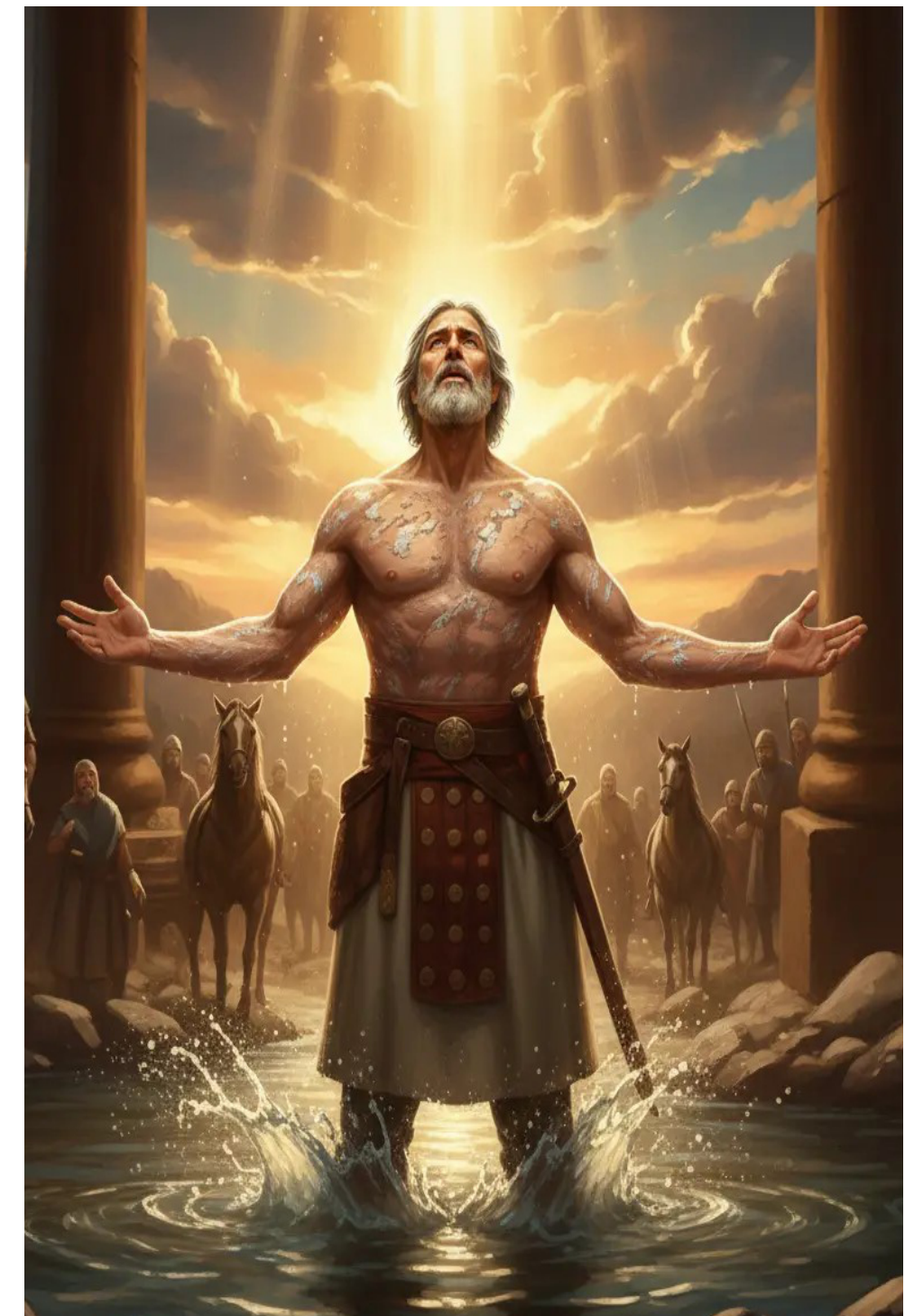
## EASTER EVE

April 4: 5:00pm - Sanctuary

## EASTER SUNDAY

*The Triumphal Procession*  
April 5: 7:30am - Sanctuary (with Holy Communion)  
9:00am & 10:30am - Sanctuary

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# THE TRIUMPH OVER PRIDE

MARCH 25, 2026  
1:00pm / 7:00pm

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