

TWO-YEAR DAILY LECTIONARY

Year 2 • Week of 3 Lent

Sunday March 3, 2024

Third Sunday of Lent

Psalms 93, 96 (*morning*)

Psalm 34 (*evening*)

Gen. 44:1-17

Rom. 8:1-10

John 5:25-29

Monday, March 4, 2024

Psalm 80 (*morning*)

Psalms 77, [79] (*evening*)

Gen. 44:18-34

1 Cor. 7:25-31

Mark 5:21-43

Tuesday, March 5, 2024

Psalm 78:1-39 (*morning*)

Psalm 78:40-72 (*evening*)

Gen. 45:1-15

1 Cor. 7:32-40

Mark 6:1-13

Wednesday, March 6, 2024

Psalm 119:97-120 (*morning*)

Psalms 81, 82 (*morning*)

Gen. 45:16-28

1 Cor. 8:1-13

Mark 6:13-29

Thursday, March 7, 2024

Psalms [83] or 42, 43 (*morning*)

Psalms 85, 86 (*evening*)

Gen. 46:1-7, 28-34

1 Cor. 9:1-15

Mark 6:30-46

Friday, March 8, 2024

Psalms 95 & 88 (*morning*)

Psalms 91, 92 (*evening*)

Gen. 47:1-26

1 Cor. 9:16-27

Mark 6:47-56

Saturday, March 9, 2024

Psalms 87, 90 (*morning*)

Psalm 136 (*evening*)

Gen. 47:27—48:7

1 Cor. 10:1-13

Mark 7:1-23

Sunday March 10, 2024

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Psalms 66, 67 (*morning*)

Psalms 19, 46 (*evening*)

Gen. 48:8-22

Rom. 8:11-25

John 6:27-40

For Your Study and Reflection This Week **Third Sunday in Lent**

Exodus 20:1-17

Then God spoke all these words:

“I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me.” (vv. 1-3)

Psalm 19

The law of the Lord is perfect,
reviving the soul;
the decrees of the Lord are sure,
making wise the simple;
the precepts of the Lord are right,
rejoicing the heart;
the commandment of the Lord is clear,
enlightening the eyes. (vv. 7-8)

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

For God’s foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God’s weakness is stronger than human strength. (v. 25)

John 2:13-22

Jesus answered them, “Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.” . . . But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken. (vv. 19, 21-22)

This cycle of readings covers the New Testament every year and most of the Old Testament over a period of two years. The Psalms are arranged in a seven-week pattern, except around Christmas and Easter. This lectionary is used, with slight variations, in several Christian denominations.

Question for Reflection

The third Sunday of Lent focuses on the gift of God's law (Exod. 20:1-17). John Calvin (1509-1564) described three uses for the Ten Commandments: First, they show us how to live before God and neighbor, and expose our sins in failing to live as God intends. Second, they instruct our civic or common life, showing us how to live responsibly in the freedom God gives. Third, rather than show us what we must do in order to *receive* God's grace and love, the commandments show us how we should live *because* we are a people who have already received God's grace and love in Jesus Christ. Does God's law restrict or enhance our freedom as human beings?

Household Prayer: Morning

God of heaven and earth,
I listen this morning for the sound of your glory:
in the song of birds,
in quiet conversations that begin the day,
in easy laughter among friends,
in sunlight's warmth,
pattering rain, or silent snowfall.
Give me ears to hear your glory in its many forms.
Give me eyes to see your glory in its many guises.
Throughout this day, I, too, will proclaim your glory,
your grace, and your love
so that I may be a part of the chorus of praise
that stretches to the ends of the earth.
In Christ's name I pray. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

God of freedom,
I thank you for claiming me as your own
and for setting me in the midst of the community of faith.
Today the news was filled with stories of people
who do not live according to your commandments,
with grievous results.
Lives are shattered
as your ancient tablets of stone are broken again and again.
And I struggle, too, in my own ways,
to live before you and my neighbors
in faithfulness, generosity, and love.
As the day comes to an end,
I pray for forgiveness for myself
and for this weary world,
confident of your grace and mercy.
Send your gift of Sabbath rest,
and let me sleep in peace as, over and around me,
night declares to night your power and glory.
In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.