

Question for Reflection

“My beloved speaks and says to me, ‘Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away’” (Song 2:10). Song of Solomon portrays a vivid picture of romantic love in poetic form. Can you recall an experience of romantic love? In what ways does romantic love parallel our relationship with Christ? In what ways is it different?

For Your Study and Reflection This Week **15th Sunday after Pentecost**

Song of Solomon 2:8-13

My beloved speaks and says to me:

“Arise, my love, my fair one,
and come away,

for now the winter is past,
the rain is over and gone.

The flowers appear on the earth;

the time of singing has come,
and the voice of the turtledove

is heard in our land.” (vv. 10-12)

Psalm 45:1-2, 6-9

My heart overflows with a goodly theme;

I address my verses to the king;

my tongue is like the pen of a ready scribe. (v. 1)

James 1:17-27

But be doers of the word and not merely hearers
who deceive themselves. (v. 22)

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Then he called the crowd again and said to them, “Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile....

For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, debauchery, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”

(vv. 14-15, 21-23)

TWO-YEAR DAILY LECTIONARY

Year 2 • Proper 17

Week of the Sunday closest to August 31

Sunday, September 1, 2024

Psalms 148, 149, 150 (*morning*)
Job 11:1-9, 13-20
Rev. 5:1-12
Matt. 5:1-12
Psalms 114, 115 (*evening*)

Monday, September 2, 2024

Psalm 25 (*morning*)
Job 12:1-6, 13-25
Acts 11:19-30
John 8:21-32
Psalms 9, 15 (*evening*)

Tuesday, September 3, 2024

Psalms 26, 28 (*morning*)
Job 12:1; 13:3-17, 21-27
Acts 12:1-17
John 8:33-47
Psalms 36, 39 (*evening*)

Wednesday, September 4, 2024

Psalm 38 (*morning*)
Job 12:1; 14:1-22
Acts 12:18-25
John 8:47-59
Psalm 119:25-48 (*evening*)

Thursday, September 5, 2024

Psalm 37:1-18 (*morning*)
Job 16:16-22; 17:1, 13-16
Acts 13:1-14
John 9:1-17
Psalm 37:19-42 (*evening*)

Friday, September 6, 2024

Psalm 31 (*morning*)
Job 19:1-7, 14-27
Acts 13:13-25
John 9:18-41
Psalm 35 (*evening*)

Saturday, September 7, 2024

Psalms 30, 32 (*morning*)
Job 22:1-4, 21—23:7
Acts 13:26-43
John 10:1-18
Psalms 42, 43 (*evening*)

Sunday, September 8, 2024

Psalms 63:1-8 (9-11), 98 (*morning*)
Job 25:1-6; 27:1-6
Rev. 14:1-7, 13
Matt. 5:13-20
Psalm 103 (*evening*)

Household Prayer: Morning

Lord Jesus,
help me walk blamelessly and do what is right,
to speak the truth in love,
to avoid gossip and slander,
and do good to all I meet,
that I may abide in your presence
and dwell in fellowship with the Holy Trinity. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

Lord, you have been my light this day.
As evening comes, be my light in the darkness.
With meekness I welcome the word
you have implanted in my heart,
and with confidence I claim the power of salvation
in Jesus Christ.
And let me rest from my labors,
confident that in you there is no shadow of fear. Amen.