

Question for Reflection

Give yourself some moments each day in the coming week to sit quietly with your eyes closed. Visualize Jesus kneeling down, opening his arms, and bringing you close to his heart. Let yourself be a little child who is welcomed. What do you notice?

For Your Study and Reflection This Week **18th Sunday after Pentecost**

Proverbs 31:10-31

Strength and dignity are her clothing,
and she laughs at the time to come.
She opens her mouth with wisdom,
and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue. (vv. 25-26)

Psalm 1

Happy are those
who do not follow the advice of the wicked
or take the path that sinners tread
or sit in the seat of scoffers,
but their delight is in the law of the LORD,
and on his law they meditate day and night. (vv. 1-2)

James 3:13—4:3, 7-8a

But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace. (3:17-18)

Mark 9:30-37

[Jesus] sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, “Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.” Then he took a little child and put it among them, and taking it in his arms he said to them, “Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.” (vv. 35-37)

TWO-YEAR DAILY LECTIONARY

Year 2 • Proper 20

Week of the Sunday closest to September 21

Sunday, September 22, 2024

Psalms 93, 96 (*morning*)
Esther 3:1—4:3
 or Judith 5:22—6:4, 10-21
James 1:19-27
Matt. 6:1-6, 16-18
Psalm 34 (*evening*)

Monday, September 23, 2024

Psalm 80 (*morning*)
Esther 4:4-17
 or Judith 7:1-7, 19-32
Acts 18:1-11
Luke (1:1-4); 3:1-14
Psalms 77, [79] (*evening*)

Tuesday, September 24, 2024

Psalm 78:1-39 (*morning*)
Esther 5:1-14
 or Judith 8:9-17; 9:1, 7-10
Acts 18:12-28
Luke 3:15-22
Psalms 78:40-72

Wednesday, September 25, 2024

Psalm 119:97-120 (*morning*)
Esther 6:1-14
 or Judith 10:1-23
Acts 19:1-10
Luke 4:1-13
Psalms 81, 82 (*evening*)

Thursday, September 26, 2024

Psalms [83] or 116, 117 (*morning*)
Esther 7:1-10
 or Judith 12:1-20
Acts 19:11-20
Luke 4:14-30
Psalms 85, 86

Friday, September 27, 2024

Psalm 88 (*morning*)
Esther 8:1-8, 15-17
 or Judith 13:1-20
Acts 19:21-41
Luke 4:31-37
Psalms 91, 92 (*evening*)

Saturday, September 28, 2024

Psalms 87, 90 (*morning*)
Hosea 1:1—2:1
Acts 20:1-16
Luke 4:38-44
Psalm 136 (*evening*)

Sunday, September 29, 2024

Psalms 66, 67 (*morning*)
Hosea 2:2-14
James 3:1-13
Matt. 13:44-52
Psalms 19, 46 (*evening*)

Household Prayer: Morning

Gracious God, you give life and, in your Word, it is beautiful.
Thank you for this new day.

In each coming hour, help me to see beneath
the ever-present difficulties and superficial joys
into the mysteries that you have set out for your people.

Guide me toward those I meet today
in a way that welcomes them and, in turn,
grants me a welcome, in Jesus' name. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

Thank you, God, for this good day and now for night,
for all that has transpired in the last hours,
for the food I have been given,
for the work I have had to do,
for the exercise, for breathing, for what my ears have heard,
for friends, for coworkers,
and for what I have seen growing in the soil
and shining in the sunlight.
Guard me now as I sleep and give me good rest
for the sake of the tasks you have set before me tomorrow.
I pray for your peace, in Jesus' name. Amen.