

## ***Question for Reflection***

For the prophet Amos, the city gate (Amos 5:10, 12, 15) is a place of judgment: a place to discern and decide between good and evil, justice and injustice, righteousness and sin. Jesus has similar things to say about entrance into the kingdom of God (Mark 10:23-25): a difficult choice is required—letting go of privilege, power, and possessions. What have you left behind to follow Jesus? How would you describe what Dietrich Bonhoeffer called “the cost of discipleship”?

## ***For Your Study and Reflection This Week*** **21st Sunday after Pentecost**

### ***Amos 5:6-7, 10-15***

Seek good and not evil,  
that you may live,  
and so the LORD, the God of hosts, will be with you,  
just as you have said.  
Hate evil and love good,  
and establish justice in the gate;  
it may be that the LORD, the God of hosts,  
will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

### ***Psalms 90:12-17***

Let the favor of the LORD our God be upon us  
and prosper for us the work of our hands—  
O prosper the work of our hands!

### ***Hebrews 4:12-16***

For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. (vv. 15-16)

### ***Mark 10:17-31***

Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields for my sake and for the sake of the good news who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.” (vv. 29-31)

## TWO-YEAR DAILY LECTIONARY

Year 2 • Proper 23

*Week of the Sunday closest to October 12*

### Sunday, October 13, 2024

Psalms 146, 147 (*morning*)  
Micah 6:1-8  
1 Cor. 4:9-16  
Matt. 15:21-28  
Psalms 111, 112, 113 (*evening*)

### Monday, October 14, 2024

Psalms 1, 2, 3 (*morning*)  
Micah 7:1-7  
Acts 26:1-23  
Luke 8:26-39  
Psalms 4, 7 (*evening*)

### Tuesday, October 15, 2024

Psalms 5, 6 (*morning*)  
Jonah 1:1-17a  
Acts 26:24—27:8  
Luke 8:40-56  
Psalms 10, 11 (*evening*)

### Wednesday, October 16, 2024

Psalm 119:1-24 (*morning*)  
Jonah 1:17—2:10  
Acts 27:9-26  
Luke 9:1-17  
Psalms 12, 13, 14 (*evening*)

### Thursday, October 17, 2024

Psalm 18:1-20 (*morning*)  
Jonah 3:1—4:11  
Acts 27:27-44  
Luke 9:18-27  
Psalm 18:21-50 (*evening*)

### Friday, October 18, 2024

Psalms 16, 17 (*morning*)  
Ecclus. 1:1-10, 18-27  
Acts 28:1-16  
Luke 9:28-36  
Psalm 22 (*evening*)

### Saturday, October 19, 2024

Psalm 20, 21:1-7 (8-14) (*morning*)  
Ecclus. 3:17-31  
Acts 28:17-31  
Luke 9:37-50  
Psalm 110:1-5 (6-7), 116, 117 (*evening*)

### Sunday, October 20, 2024

Psalms 148, 149, 150 (*morning*)  
Ecclus. 4:1-10  
1 Cor. 10:1-13  
Matt. 16:13-20  
Psalms 114, 115 (*evening*)

## ***Household Prayer: Morning***

Steadfast, loving God,  
in the morning I sing your praise.  
Give me wisdom for this day  
and rejoice in me,  
as I rejoice in you. Amen.

## ***Household Prayer: Evening***

Steadfast, loving God,  
in the evening I bless your name.  
Give me grace for this night  
and abide with me,  
as I abide in you. Amen.