

Question for Reflection

The prophet Malachi says that God is “like a refiner’s fire and like fuller’s soap” (Mal. 3:2). Reflect on events of the past year. How has God been working to refine and purify your life or your community of faith?

Paul writes to the church at Philippi: “I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now” (Phil. 1:3-5). Think about people in your life for whom you give thanks, who have been in your prayers, and who have brought good news and joy to you this year. Consider writing them a letter or card to express your gratitude.

For Your Study and Reflection This Week **Second Sunday of Advent**

Malachi 3:1-4

But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner’s fire and like washers’ soap. (v. 2)

Luke 1:68-79

“Because of the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us, to shine upon those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.” (vv. 78-79)

Philippians 1:3-11

I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work in you will continue to complete it until the day of Jesus Christ. (v. 6)

Luke 3:1-6

“Prepare the way of the Lord;
make his paths straight.
Every valley shall be filled,
and every mountain and hill shall be made low,
and the crooked shall be made straight,
and the rough ways made smooth,
and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.” (vv. 4b-6)

TWO-YEAR DAILY LECTIONARY

Year 1

Week of 2 Advent

Sunday, December 8, 2024

Second Sunday of Advent

Psalms 148, 149, 150 (*morning*)

Isa. 5:1-7

2 Pet. 3:11-18

Luke 7:28-35

Psalms 114, 115 (*evening*)

Monday, December 9, 2024

Psalms 25 (*morning*)

Isa. 5:8-12, 18-23

1 Thess. 5:1-11

Luke 21:20-28

Psalms 9, 15 (*evening*)

Tuesday, December 10, 2024

Psalms 26, 28 (*morning*)

Isa. 5:13-17, 24-25

1 Thess. 5:12-28

Luke 21:29-38

Psalms 36, 39 (*evening*)

Wednesday, December 11, 2024

Psalms 38 (*morning*)

Isa. 6:1-13

2 Thess. 1:1-12

John 7:53—8:11

Psalms 119:25-48 (*evening*)

Thursday, December 12, 2024

Psalms 37:1-18 (*morning*)

Isa. 7:1-9

2 Thess. 2:1-12

Luke 22:1-13

Psalms 37:19-42 (*evening*)

Friday, December 13, 2024

Psalms 31 (*morning*)

Isa. 7:10-25

2 Thess. 2:13—3:5

Luke 22:14-30

Psalms 35 (*evening*)

Saturday, December 14, 2024

Psalms 30, 32 (*morning*)

Isa. 8:1-15

2 Thess. 3:6-18

Luke 22:31-38

Psalms 42, 43 (*evening*)

Sunday, December 15, 2024

Third Sunday of Advent

Psalms 63:1-8 (9-11), 98 (*morning*)

Isa. 13:6-13

Heb. 12:18-29

John 3:22-30

Psalms 103 (*evening*)

Household Prayer: Morning

Blessed are you, Lord God:

by your tender mercy

the dawn breaks upon us.

Guide our feet this day

in paths of peace;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

Blessed are you, Lord God:

for you have smiled on us this day

and redeemed us from our sin.

Give light to all who wait in darkness

until we rest with you in perfect peace;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.