

Questions for Reflection

In Luke 4:1-13, the devil tempted Jesus to turn stones into bread, to take control of the kingdoms of the world, and to perform a spectacular stunt that would “wow the crowd.” Jesus refused to take control in these ways. Instead, Jesus chose another way to feed hungry people, to demonstrate what the kingdom of God looks like, and to enter Jerusalem hungry. Why do you think Jesus chose another way to “do justice” and what are some ways that you and your faith community practice justice in his name?

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

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house. (*v. 11*)

Psalms 91:1-2, 9-16

Those who love me, I will deliver;
I will protect those who know my name.
When they call to me, I will answer them;
I will be with them in trouble;
I will rescue them and honor them.
With long life I will satisfy them
and show them my salvation. (*vv. 14-16*)

Romans 10:8b-13

The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”
(*vv. 11-13*)

Luke 4:1-13

Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, “To you I will give all this authority and their glory, for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.” Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.’ ”
(*vv. 5-8*)

TWO-YEAR DAILY LECTIONARY

Year 1

Week of 1 Lent

Sunday, March 9, 2025

First Sunday in Lent

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

Deut. 8:1-10

1 Cor. 1:17-31

Mark 2:18-22

Psalms 103 (evening)

Monday, March 3, 2025

Psalms 41, 52 (morning)

Deut. 8:11-20

Heb. 2:11-18

John 2:1-12

Psalms 44 (evening)

Tuesday, March 4, 2025

Psalms 45 (morning)

Deut. 9:4-12

Heb. 3:1-11

John 2:13-22

Psalms 47, 48 (evening)

Wednesday, March 5, 2025

Psalms 119:49-72 (morning)

Deut. 9:13-21

Heb. 3:12-19

John 2:23—3:15

Psalms 49, [53] (evening)

Thursday, March 6, 2025

Psalms 50 (morning)

Deut. 9:23—10:5

Heb. 4:1-10

John 3:16-21

Psalms [59, 60] or 19, 46 (evening)

Friday, March 7, 2025

Psalms 95 & 40, 54 (morning)

Deut. 10:12-22

Heb. 4:11-16

John 3:22-36

Psalms 51 (evening)

Saturday, March 8, 2025

Psalms 55 (morning)

Deut. 11:18-28

Heb. 5:1-10

John 4:1-26

Psalms 138, 139:1-17 (18-23) (evening)

Sunday, March 9, 2025

Second Sunday in Lent

Psalms 24, 29 (morning)

Jer. 1:1-10

1 Cor. 3:11-23

Mark 3:31—4:9

Psalms 8, 84 (evening)

Household Prayer: Morning

Loving God, all night I slept in your shadow, sheltered by you.

As I enter into the gift of this day,

I trust that you are with me.

May I see signs and wonders of your presence in the world today,
for you alone are God.

I ask that this day afford me opportunities to celebrate
and share with others the abundance of your grace and love.

Help me to be open to all people you bring my way,
for you yourself make no distinctions,

but are Lord of all.

In Christ's name, I pray. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

God, my dwelling place, as the shadows fall, I rest in you.

Thank you for the faith that held me fast this day.

Thank you, too, for every person who offered me grace,
and for those to whom I could also show grace.

I pray this night for all who long to see a sign of your power
in the darkness that surrounds them.

Be near to them and show them your salvation.

And in the morning when I rise,

give me your work to do for another day;

in Jesus' name. Amen.