

WOMEN'S STUDY

Wednesday, March 24

THE PRAYERS

PLEASE KNEEL.

Leader: And so are we gathered here, uniquely in all of history, we

particular people in this singular time and place. **People**: Accomplish your purposes among us, O God.

Leader: Tune our hearts to the voice of your Spirit.

People: Wake us to be present to you and to one another in these shared hours

we are given.

Leader: For it is you, O Lord, who have so gathered us from our various

places,

People: and you alone who know our hearts and our needs.

Leader: Among us are some who arrive anxious, some who are lonely,

some who suffer pain or sorrow.

People: May we in our joys find grace to enter the sorrows of others.

Leader: Among us are some who arrive rejoicing, hearts made light by

good news, good health, glad anticipation.

People: May we in our sorrows find grace to embrace the joys of others.

Leader: Let us prize these moments and care for one another deeply—for each of us, and our relationships to one another, are precious and fleeting.

Pause for a moment

Leader: Show us your mercy, O Lord; **People**: *And grant us your salvation.*

Leader: Clothe your ministers with righteousness

People: Let your people sing with joy.

Leader: Give peace, O Lord, in all the world; **People:** For only in you can we live in safety.

Leader: Lord, keep this nation under your care; **People:** *And guide us in the way of justice and truth.*

Leader: Let your way be known upon the earth; **People:** *Your saving health among all nations.*

Leader: Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten; **People:** *Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.*

Leader: Create in us clean hearts, O God; **People**: *And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.*

Leader: Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of our hearts be

acceptable in your sight, O Lord, our rock our my redeemer.

People: Amen.

PLEASE BE SEATED.

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

And God spoke all these words: "I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery.

- 1. You shall have no other gods before me.
- 2. You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.
- 3. You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain, for the Lord will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain.
- 4. Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God.
- 5. Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.

6. You shall not murder.

- 7. You shall not commit adultery.
- 8. You shall not steal.
- 9. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
- 10. You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor's.

LESSON: KIM HALL "THE SIXTH WORD"

"For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:

A time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to love, and a time to hate; a time for war, and a time for peace"

Ecclesiastes 3.

OT MEANING OF THE 6TH COMMANDMENT

- Harag vs. ratzach
- Genesis 9:6

"WHY ARE YOU SO ANGRY? WHY IS YOUR FACE DOWNCAST?"

- Adam and Eve- Genesis 3
- · Cain and Abel Genesis 4
- Ahab and Naboth I Kings 21

- The Levite and the men of Benjamin Judges 20:5
- Israel the city on a hill Isaiah 1: 2-6; 21-23

What are the sins that "cry out' to Yahweh?

1. Gen 4: 10.

- 2. Gen 18: 20-21 (Ezekiel 16:49-50; Jude 1:7)
- 3. Exodus 22:22-23; Psalm 12:5

JESUS - Matt. 5:21-22; (Lev. 19:15-18); John - 1 John 3:11-15

"AM I MY BROTHER'S KEEPER?"

COMPARATIVE STUDY : SHELLEY MALACHOWSKI "THE NORTHERN CAMPAIGN"



(please stand)

DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen. (Words: Thomas Ken, Music: Louis Bourgeois)

BENEDICTION

Leader: O Lord, guide us waking and guard us sleeping; that awake we may watch with Christ and asleep we may rest in peace.

And may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, our Savior and friend; and the love of God, binding us together and building us up, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit; knitting us together, be with us until we meet again.

People: Amen.

These readings are provided as a personal, family, or group worship resource. They are set in the Revised Common Lectionary, a schedule of daily Bible reading in accord with the Church year. They are designed around a two-year cycle that will take you through the Old Testament once, the New Testament twice, and the Psalms frequently. We are currently in the ™Year 1 cycle.

Daily Lectionary Mar 25 - Mar 31

Thur, Mar 25

Ps. 131-132 / 140, 142 Jer. 26:1-16 Rom. 11:1-12 John 10:19-42

Fri, Mar 26

Ps. 22 / 141, 143 Jer. 29:4-13 Rom. 11:13-24 John 11:1-27

Sat, Mar 27

Ps. 137, 144 / 42-43 Jer. 31:27-34 Rom. 11:25-36 John 11:28-44

Palm Sun, Mar 28

Ps. 24, 29 / 103 Mt. 21:12-17

Mon, Mar 29

Ps. 51 / 69:1-23 Jer. 12:1-16 Phil. 3:1-14 John 12:9-19

Tue, Mar 30

Ps. 6, 12 / 94 Jer. 15:10-21 Phil 3:15-21 John 12:20-26

Wed, Mar 31

Ps. 55 / 74 Jer. 17:5-10, 14-17 Phil 4:1-13 John 12:27-36

DAILY LECTIONARY MEDITATIONS

Attend:

Take a few moments to sit quietly and scan the events of the previous day and the circumstances presented today. Pay attention to the inner conversations and words, both said and unsaid, that have occupied your heart and mind. Offer these cares to our Father, and in doing so, make space for his life-giving word to you.

Meditate:

Carefully read or listen to the passages from the Old and New Testaments.

What message is the author aiming to communicate?

What imagery does he use to convey his message?

What is God revealing or illuminating?

What questions do you have about either passage?

Why do you think these two texts were paired together in this season of Epiphany?

What do these particular scriptures have to say to those who would 'wear' the name of Christ?

Respond:

Consider the concerns and the words you offered to the Father a few minutes ago. How has his word been a light to your path and lamp to your way? How are the Father and the Son worthy of your believing loyalty, your affection, and your praise?

THE PORTER'S GATE- DAUGHTERS OF ZION

When will the truth come out?
When will Your justice roll down?
When will Your kingdom come
And evil be undone?
When will the wicked kneel
And the abused be healed?
When will our sisters speak
With no more shame or fear?

How long? How long?
When will the daughters of Zion rejoice
In the house of the Lord?

Out of the miry clay
We will rise up someday
Sorrow won't always last
The dark will surely pass
Woe to the wicked ones
For what their hands have done
God is our righteous judge
And He will raise us up

So how long? How long? When will the daughters of Zion rejoice In the house of the Lord?