



# ALL SAINTS

PRESBYTERIAN

WOMEN'S STUDY

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Wednesday, April 7

# 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 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 EIGHTH WORD"

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Can you think of a few instances in the Hebrew Bible (OT) where people were stolen? What was the resulting action?

Restitution in the Hebrew Bible

What is at the root - the heart - of stealing?

Judas was a thief (John 6:70; 12:6) and Jesus knew it. Why do you think Jesus put him in charge of the moneybag?

Is there a positive side of the 8th commandment? What does it look like for the household of God to keep the 8th word today?

NT texts: Mark 7:20-23; John 10:10; James 5:2-5; Ephesians 4:28;  
Romans 13:8-10

OT Texts: Leviticus 19:11, 13; Psalm 50:16-18; Isa 1:23; Prov 30:7-9;  
Malachai 3:7-1

*(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 <sup>TM</sup>Year 1 cycle.*

## DAILY LECTIONARY APRIL 8 - 14, 2021

### **Thur, April 8**

Ps. 146-147 / 148-149  
Exek. 37:1-14  
Acts 3:11-26  
John 15:12-27

### **Fri, April 9**

Ps. 136 / 118  
Daniel 12:1-4, 13  
Acts 4:1-12  
John 16:1-15

### **Sat, April 10**

Ps. 145 / 104  
Is. 25:1-9  
Acts 4:13-21  
John 16:16-33

### **Sun, April 11**

Ps. 146-147 / 111-113  
John 14:1-7

### **Mon, April 12**

Ps. 1-3 / 4, 7  
Dan. 1:1-21  
1 John 1:1-10  
John 17:1-11

### **Tue, April 13**

Ps. 5-6 / 10-11  
Dan. 2:1-16  
1 John 2:1-11  
John 17:12-19

### **Wed, April 14**

Ps. 119:1-24 / 12-14  
Dan. 2:17-30  
1 John 2:12-17  
John 17:20-26



## 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?

HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING  
SONG BY AUDREY ASSAD

My life flows on in endless song;

Above earth's lamentation,

I hear the sweet, though far-off hymn

That hails a new creation

Through all the tumult and the strife,

I hear that music ringing

It finds an echo in my soul

How can I keep from singing?

What though my joys and comforts die?

I know my Savior liveth

What though the darkness gather round?

Songs in the night he giveth

No storm can shake my inmost calm

While to that refuge clinging

Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth

How can I keep from singing?

I lift my eyes, the cloud grows thin

I see the blue above it

And day by day this pathway smooths,

Since first I learned to love it,

The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart

A fountain ever springing

For all things are mine since I am his

How can I keep from singing?

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