

SUNDAY READINGS

Sunday

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16 ~ God blesses Abraham and Sarah

Psalms 22:23-31 ~ All the earth shall turn to God

Romans 4:13-25 ~ The promise to those of Abraham's faith

Mark 8:31-38 ~ The passion prediction

REFLECTION ON SUNDAY

Monday

Genesis 21:1-7 ~ God gives Abraham and Sarah a son

Hebrews 1:8-12 ~ The Son whose years will never end

Tuesday

Genesis 22:1-19 ~ God asks Abraham to sacrifice Isaac

Hebrews 11:1-3, 13-19 ~ By faith Abraham obeyed God

Wednesday

Jeremiah 30:12-22 ~ God will restore Israel

John 12:36-43 ~ The unbelief of the people

Daily

Psalms 105:1-11, 37-45 ~ God promises life to Abraham

PREPARATION FOR SUNDAY

Thursday

Exodus 19:1-9a ~ Preparation for the giving of the commandments

1 Peter 2:4-10 ~ You are God's own people

Friday

Exodus 19:9b-15 ~ Preparation for the giving of the commandments

Acts 7:30-40 ~ God spoke to Moses at Mount Sinai

Saturday

Exodus 19:16-25 ~ Preparation for the giving of the commandments

Mark 9:2-8 ~ Moses with Elijah and Jesus on a mountain

Daily

Psalms 19 ~ The commandments give light to the eyes

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Come Behold
the Glory of God

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 22:23-31 You who fear the Lord, praise him! All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him, and stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel! For he has not despised or abhorred the affliction of the afflicted, and he has not hidden his face from him, but has heard, when he cried to him. From you comes my praise in the great congregation; my vows I will perform before those who fear him. The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the Lord! May your hearts live forever! All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, and all the families of the nations shall worship before you. For kingship belongs to the Lord, and he rules over the nations. All the prosperous of the earth eat and worship; before him shall bow all who go down to the dust, even the one who could not keep himself alive. Posterity shall serve him; it shall be told of the Lord to the coming generation; they shall come and proclaim his righteousness to a people yet unborn, that he has done it.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Psalm 32:1-11 Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessed is the man against whom the Lord counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit. For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer. Selah. I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord," and you forgave the iniquity of my sin. Selah. Therefore let everyone who is godly offer prayer to you at a time when you may be found; surely in the rush of great waters, they shall not reach him. You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with shouts of deliverance. Selah. I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you. Be not like a horse or a mule, without understanding, which must be curbed with bit and bridle, or it will not stay near you. Many are the sorrows of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the Lord. Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart!

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

ASCENT TO WORSHIP

Psalm 24 The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein, for he has founded it upon the seas and established it upon the rivers. Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord? And who shall stand in his holy place? He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not lift up his soul to what is false and does not swear deceitfully. He will receive blessing from the Lord and righteousness from the God of his salvation. Such is the generation of those who seek him, who seek the face of the God of Jacob. Selah. Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. Who is this King of glory? The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle! Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. Who is this King of glory? The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory! Selah

INTERCESSION

1 Timothy 2:1-6, 8 I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour; Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus; Who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time. I will therefore that men pray every where, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting.

OFFERTORY

Proverbs 3:9-10 Honor the Lord with your wealth and with the firstfruits of all your produce; then your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will be bursting with wine.

1 Chronicles 29:3 Moreover, in addition to all that I have provided for the holy house, I have a treasure of my own of gold and silver, and because of my devotion to the house of my God I give it to the house of my God:

Prayer As we give in today's offering, we receive all that the Lord will open up to us of His good treasure and give us a surplus of blessing so we can be generous on all occasions. We choose to honor the Lord today with our firstfruit offering.