

SUNDAY READINGS

Sunday

1 Samuel 15:34—16:13 ~ David anointed by Samuel

Psalms 20 ~ Victory for the anointed one

2 Corinthians 5:6-17 ~ In Christ, a new creation

Mark 4:26-34 ~ The parable of the mustard seed

REFLECTION ON SUNDAY

Monday

1 Samuel 13:23—14:23 ~ Jonathan attacks the Philistines

Galatians 6:11-18 ~ A new creation is everything

Tuesday

1 Samuel 15:10-23 ~ God rejects Saul

Revelation 21:22—22:5 ~ The tree of life

Wednesday

1 Samuel 15:24-31 ~ Samuel refuses to go with Saul

Luke 6:43-45 ~ A tree and its fruit

Daily

Psalms 53 ~ God will restore Israel's fortunes

PREPARATION FOR SUNDAY

Thursday

Genesis 3:14-24 ~ Deprived of the tree of life

Hebrews 2:5-9 ~ Christ tastes death for everyone

Friday

1 Kings 10:26—11:8 ~ Cedars more numerous than sycamores

Hebrews 11:4-7 ~ Without faith no one can please God

Saturday

2 Kings 14:1-14 ~ A thornbush confronts a cedar of Lebanon

Mark 4:1-20 ~ The parable of the sower

Daily

Psalms 92:1-4, 12-15 ~ The righteous are like a cedar of Lebanon

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THE LORD'S SERVICE
SUNDAY, JUNE 14, 2009

— Come Behold —
the Glory of God

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 20 May the LORD answer you in the day of trouble! May the name of the God of Jacob protect you! May he send you help from the sanctuary and give you support from Zion! May he remember all your offerings and regard with favor your burnt sacrifices! Selah May he grant you your heart's desire and fulfill all your plans! May we shout for joy over your salvation, and in the name of our God set up our banners! May the LORD fulfill all your petitions! Now I know that the LORD saves his anointed; he will answer him from his holy heaven with the saving might of his right hand. Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the LORD our God. They collapse and fall, but we rise and stand upright. O LORD, save the king! May he answer us when we call.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Lamentations 3:17-24 My soul is bereft of peace; I have forgotten what happiness is; so I say, "My endurance has perished; so has my hope from the LORD." Remember my affliction and my wanderings, the wormwood and the gall! My soul continually remembers it and is bowed down within me. But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope: The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. "The LORD is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in him."

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 145:1-6, 21 I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever. Every day I will bless you and praise your name forever and ever. Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised, and his greatness is unsearchable. One generation shall commend your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts. On the glorious splendor of your majesty, and on your wondrous works, I will meditate. They shall speak of the might of your awesome deeds, and I will declare your greatness. My mouth will speak the praise of the LORD, and let all flesh bless his holy name forever and ever.

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

Isaiah 1:19 If you are willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land;

Philippians 2:8 And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

Prayer As we give in today's offering, we commit ourselves to the written word of God. We seek to obey His word and to put it into practice, not excusing ourselves by our own reasoning. We choose to honor His word above our thoughts, desires or arguments. God deserves our respect and obedience. We give today with an obedient spirit and attitude.