

SUNDAY READINGS

Sunday

1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14 ~ Solomon's prayer for wisdom

Psalms 111 ~ The beginning of wisdom

Ephesians 5:15-20 ~ Filled with the spirit

John 6:51-58 ~ Christ, the true food and drink

REFLECTION ON SUNDAY

Monday

1 Kings 3:16-28 ~ Solomon's wisdom displayed

Acts 6:1-7 ~ Deacons chosen to distribute food

Tuesday

1 Kings 7:1-12 ~ Solomon's palace is built

Acts 7:9-16 ~ Joseph's family is fed in Egypt

Wednesday

1 Kings 8:1-21 ~ The ark of the covenant

Mark 8:14-21 ~ Jesus teaches about bread

Daily

Psalms 101 ~ I will walk with integrity of heart

PREPARATION FOR SUNDAY

Thursday

Job 11:1-20 ~ Zophar counsels Job about wisdom

Acts 6:8-15 ~ Stephen's compelling wisdom

Friday

Job 12:1-25 ~ Job sees wisdom and strength in God

Romans 16:17-20 ~ Being wise in what is good

Saturday

Job 13:1-19 ~ When silence is wisdom

John 4:7-26 ~ Christ, the living water

Daily

Psalms 34:9-14 ~ Seeking God

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THE LORD'S SERVICE
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— Come Behold —
the Glory of God

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 111 Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation. Great are the works of the LORD, studied by all who delight in them. Full of splendor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever. He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered; the LORD is gracious and merciful. He provides food for those who fear him; he remembers his covenant forever. He has shown his people the power of his works, in giving them the inheritance of the nations. The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy; they are established forever and ever, to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness. He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever. Holy and awesome is his name! The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures forever!

CONFESSION OF SIN

Psalm 130 Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD! O Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleas for mercy! If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand? But with you there is forgiveness, that you may be feared. I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in his word I hope; my soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen for the morning, more than watchmen for the morning. O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is steadfast love, and with him is plentiful redemption. And he will redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

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 124 If it had not been the LORD who was on our side-- let Israel now say-- if it had not been the LORD who was on our side when people rose up against us, then they would have swallowed us up alive, when their anger was kindled against us; then the flood would have swept us away, the torrent would have gone over us; then over us would have gone the raging waters. Blessed be the LORD, who has not given us as prey to their teeth! We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowlers; the snare is broken, and we have escaped! Our help is in the name of the LORD, who made heaven and earth.

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 19:21 Many are the plans in the mind of a man, but it is the purpose of the LORD that will stand.

Romans 8:28 And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.

1 Peter 5:7 Casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you.

Prayer As we give in today's offering, we recognize that God is sovereignly involved in directing our lives. We understand that we may make our plans but it is the Lord who directs our feet. God carefully oversees all that happens to us. No event or experience escapes His attention. We give today with a confidence in the sovereignty of God. The jobs we have, the business we run, and the money that comes through our hands are under the direction of God Almighty. It is not luck. It is not chance. It is God working on our behalf.