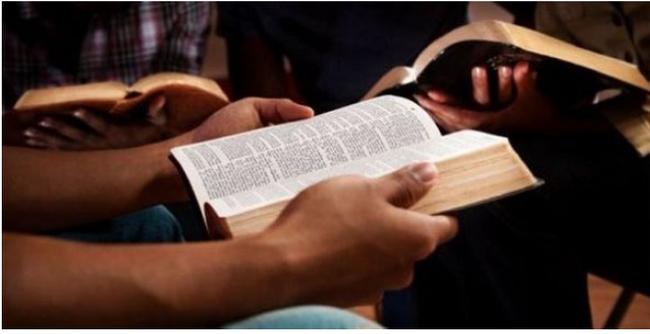


March 2020 Daily Bible Readings



Dear Friends,

The readings this month see us down the road from the Mount of the Transfiguration to Jerusalem. In other words, Lent. One of particular interest this month is the Letter to the Hebrews. Hebrews is Paul's letter to the Hebrew People focusing largely on the Priesthood of Jesus. Christ as High Priest is an image they would have understood well, but frankly doesn't play well to modern ears. The High Priest was the one who mediated between God and humanity. The High Priest offered the sacrifice in the temple and was the only one allowed into the Holy of Holies where the presence of God was said to dwell on the earth. Hebrews teaches of theology where Jesus is both priest and sacrifice. He is the one who offers (as Priest) himself, thereby becoming the one true perfect sacrifice to God as an atonement for the sin of the world. Again, this language rings a bit ancient to us in a culture where ritual sacrifice is not an everyday topic of conversation. We do not know what it's like to offer a blood sacrifice for ritual purification. What Paul is saying is that there is one way to God and that is through the atoning blood of the sacrificial lamb of God, the one eternal pure sacrifice, Jesus Christ on the cross. This is what makes Paul's letter to the Hebrews a particularly relevant book for the Lenten season. *Enjoy the readings!*

Sunday, March 1, 2020: First Sunday in Lent

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7; Psalm 32; Romans 5:12-19; Matthew 4:1-11

Monday, March 2, 2020:

Psalm 32; 1 Kings 19:1-8; Hebrews 2:10-18

Tuesday, March 3, 2020:

Psalm 32; Genesis 4:1-16; Hebrews 4:14-5:10

Wednesday, March 4, 2020:

Psalm 32; Exodus 34:1-9, 27-28; Matthew 18:10-14

Thursday, March 5, 2020:

Psalm 121; Isaiah 51:1-3; 2 Timothy 1:3-7

Friday, March 6, 2020:

Psalm 121; Micah 7:18-20; Romans 3:21-31

Saturday, March 7, 2020:

Psalm 121; Isaiah 51:4-8; Luke 7:1-10

Sunday, March 8, 2020: Second Sunday in Lent

Genesis 12:1-4a ; Psalm 121; Romans 4:1-5, 13-17; John 3:1-17 or Matthew 17:1-9

Monday, March 9, 2020:

Psalm 128; Numbers 21:4-9; Hebrews 3:1-6

Tuesday, March 10, 2020:

Psalm 128; Isaiah 65:17-25; Romans 4:6-13

Wednesday, March 11, 2020:

Psalm 128; Ezekiel 36:22-32; John 7:53-8:11

Thursday, March 12, 2020:

Psalm 95; Exodus 16:1-8; Colossians 1:15-23

Friday, March 13, 2020:

Psalm 95; Exodus 16:9-21; Ephesians 2:11-22

Saturday, March 14, 2020:

Psalm 95; Exodus 16:27-35; John 4:1-6

Sunday, March 15, 2020: Third Sunday in Lent

Exodus 17:1-7; Psalm 95; Romans 5:1-11; John 4:5-42

Monday, March 16, 2020:

Psalm 81; Genesis 24:1-27; 2 John 1:1-13

Tuesday, March 17, 2020:

Psalm 81; Genesis 29:1-14; 1 Corinthians 10:1-4

Wednesday, March 18, 2020:

Psalm 81; Jeremiah 2:4-13; John 7:14-31, 37-39

Thursday, March 19, 2020:

Psalm 23; 1 Samuel 15:10-21; Ephesians 4:25-32

Friday, March 20, 2020:

Psalm 23; 1 Samuel 15:22-31; Ephesians 5:1-9

Saturday, March 21, 2020:

Psalm 23; 1 Samuel 15:32-34; John 1:1-9

Sunday, March 22, 2020: Fourth Sunday in Lent

1 Samuel 16:1-13; Psalm 23; Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-41

Monday, March 23, 2020:

Psalm 146; Isaiah 59:9-19; Acts 9:1-20

Tuesday, March 24, 2020:

Psalm 146; Isaiah 42:14-21; Colossians 1:9-14

Wednesday, March 25, 2020: Annunciation of the Lord

Isaiah 7:10-14 ; Psalm 45 or Psalm 40:5-10; Hebrews 10:4-10; Luke 1:26-38

Wednesday, March 25, 2020:

Psalm 146; Isaiah 60:17-22; Matthew 9:27-34

Thursday, March 26, 2020:

Psalm 130; Ezekiel 1:1-3, 2:8-3:3; Revelation 10:1-11

Friday, March 27, 2020:

Psalm 130; Ezekiel 33:10-16; Revelation 11:15-19

Saturday, March 28, 2020:

Psalm 130; Ezekiel 36:8-15; Luke 24:44-53

Sunday, March 29, 2020: Fifth Sunday in Lent

Ezekiel 37:1-14; Psalm 130; Romans 8:6-11; John 11:1-45

Monday, March 30, 2020:

Psalm 143; 1 Kings 17:17-24; Acts 20:7-12

Tuesday, March 31, 2020:

Psalm 143; 2 Kings 4:18-37; Ephesians 2:1-10