

Lenten Readings 2011

March 9- April 24

DAY	READING	COMMENTS
1 <i>Ash Wed</i>	Joel 2:1-2,12-17 Psalm 51:1-17 2 Cor. 5:20-6:10 Matthew. 6:1-6, 16-21	What do you need to confess before God that God might shower His forgiveness upon you and create a new and clean heart within you?
2	Jonah 3:1-10 Romans 1:1-7	Can you think of a time you needed forgiveness and it was given? How did that begin to heal you?
3	Jonah 4:1-11 Romans 8:1-17	Did you ever withhold forgiveness from one seeking forgiveness? How did that affect you? How about them? Was it worth it?
4	Isaiah 58:1-12 Matthew 18:1-7	How are you helping the poor, hungry and homeless?
5	Genesis 2:15-17;3:1-7 Psalm 32 Romans 5:12-19 Matthew 4:1-11	What temptations most keep you from being the person God has made you to be? Have you invited God to help you amidst temptation? What about the help of a brother or sister in the faith?
6	1 Kings 19:1-8 Hebrews 2:10-18	Who has entered your times of suffering in life? Whose suffering have you entered into?
7	Genesis 4:1-16 Hebrews 4:14-5:10	Heb. 4:16 When you feel battered, worn out, guilty or crushed, do you come to God knowing you come to the throne of grace and mercy?
8	Exodus 34:1-9, 27-28 Matthew 18:10-14	When you feel lost or know you are lost, where is God?
9	Isaiah 51:1-7 2 Timothy 1:3-7	What kind of strength does 2 Tim. text give you as you face challenging moments of living out your faith, perhaps sharing it?
10	Micah 7:18-20 Romans 3:21-31	Is grace really grace or do you find yourself wanting to make it a "grace but..."?
11	Isaiah 51:4-8 Luke 7:1-10	In the midst of uncertainty, where do you lift your eyes? Where did the centurion look?
12	Genesis 12:1-4a Psalm 121 Romans 4:1-5, 13-17 John 3:1-17	When has Psalm 121 most connected in your life? How did it help? How would you put John 3:16 in your own words?
13	Numbers 21:4-9 Hebrews 3:1-6	In the midst of uncertain times, where do you put your trust? What gets your time and attention amidst your fears of uncertainty?
14	Isaiah 65:17-25 Romans 4:6-13	What does Isaiah describe here? Do you have days when you yearn for this?
15	Ezekiel 36:22-32	Does one need to repent before they can be

	John 7:53-8:11	forgiven?
16	Exodus 16:1-8 Colossians 1:15-23	Amidst the plenty that God has given you, what do you still murmur about like the Israelite's?
17	Exodus 16:9-21 Ephesians 2:11-22	In what ways has God answered your murmurings over the years?
18	Exodus 16:27-35 John 4:1-6	Read Ex. 16:27 in particular. How have you appeared to find nothing from your requests to God only to realize later, God had provided and been present the whole time?

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19	Exodus 17:1-7 Psalm 95 Romans 5:1-11 John 4:5-42	Folks often feel unworthy of God's love, so much so they have a hard time trusting God's gift of salvation. How does John 5:1-11 help you with those feelings?
20	Genesis 24:1-27 2 John 1-13	Each time the text says "lady" read church. If you are the Church, and you are, what do you hear being spoken to you in 2 John?
21	Genesis 29:1-14 1 Corinthians 10:1-13	What temptations seem to have hold of you? What ways of "escape" do you see God providing?
22	Jeremiah 2:4-13 John 7:14-31,37-39	What is your heart and soul thirsting for at this time? How are you trying to quench it? Whom are you seeking to quench it?
23	1 Samuel 15:1-21 Ephesians 4:25-32	Why is it so important we "let no evil talk come out of our mouths?" What are we to offer instead? How might that change relationships, even between enemies?
24	1 Samuel 15:22-31 Ephesians 5:1-10	What does it mean to be imitators of Christ? How might being imitators of Christ be difficult? How might it be life giving?
25	1 Samuel 15:32-34 John 1:1-9	How have you seen the light of Christ shine in the darkness of life, perhaps your own life?
26	1 Samuel 16:1-13 Psalm 23 Ephesians 5:8-14 John 9:1-41	God chose David, the one no one expected. What strength does that give you in knowing God can and desires to do great things through you as you put your life in God's care?
27	Isaiah 59:9-19 Acts 9:1-20	Acts sound familiar, only a different person? If God can change Paul, what does that say about how God can change those parts of our own life we most want God to change?
28	Isaiah 42:14-21 Colossians 1:9-14	What does it mean to be filled with "knowledge of His will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding?"

29	Isaiah 60:17-22 Matthew 9:27-34	In what ways has faith allowed you a clearer vision?
30	Ezekiel 1:1-3;2:8-3:3 Revelation 10:1-11	How sweet is the word of God upon your lips? Or do you choose to not speak of such in your own life?
31	Ezekiel 33:10-16 Revelation 11:15-19	What is God's desire for those whose sin is destroying their life? Does God wish their destruction? What does that mean for you?
32	Ezekiel 36:8-15 Luke 24:44-53	As Christ called the disciples to witness to the Good News, what is our task in sharing the Good News? Where is the Church doing a good job in this witnessing?
33	Ezekiel 37:1-14 Psalm 130 Romans 8:6-11 John 11:1-45	What is happening in the valley of dry bones? What does this mean to you?
34	1 Kings 17:17-24 Acts 20:7-12	Are these two events just stories of old or is resurrection alive and well today?
35	2 Kings 4:18-37 Ephesians 2:1-10	How would you put Eph. 2:8-9 into your own words if asked what it means?
36	Jeremiah 32:1-9,36-41 Matthew 22:23-33	Jer. buys land he knows will be destroyed because he knows God will restore the land and people. How hard is it to trust God when everything appears to say & show God doesn't care and isn't actively working?
38	1 Samuel 16:11-13 Philippians 1:1-11	Paul writes these verses to the church. What would your letter to your church look like if you were moving away?
39	Job 13:13-19 Philippians 1:21-30	Do you ever have any tension between going and being fully with Christ in his heavenly Kingdom verses being here on earth living out God's call for you in the here and now?
40	Lamentations 3:55-66 Mark 10:32-34	This is the third time Jesus predicts his passion, coming death. How do you think these words fell on the disciples ears? How do they fall on your ears?
41 <i>Palm Sun</i>	Isaiah 50:4-9a Psalm 31:9-16 Philippians 2:5-11 Matthew 27:11-54	What do you think about the way Pilate handled this situation? Who had the powers in this situation?
42	Isaiah 42:1-9 Psalm 36:5-11 Hebrews 9:11-15 John 12:1-11	John 12:8 can seem harsh toward the poor. What do you think Jesus meant in saying these words?

43	Isaiah 49:1-7 Psalm 71:1-14 1 Corinthians 1:18-31 John 12:20-36	What do you hear Jesus trying to say in John 12:25-26?
44	Psalm 70 Hebrews 12:1-3 John 13:21-32	When people battle over the importance of the Commandments, do you get the sense that John 13:34 is at the heart of those battles?
45 <i>Maundy Thursday</i>	Exodus 12:1-14 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 John 13:1-17, 31b-35	How do you see love lived out in Jesus actions and his call for us to do the same?
46 <i>Good Friday</i>	Isaiah 52:13-53:12 Psalm 22 Hebrews 10:16-25 John 13:1-17, 31b-35	“My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” Does reading Psalm 22 as a whole give you any new sense of what was behind Jesus cry with these words from the cross?
47 <i>Easter Vigil</i>	Romans 6:3-11 John 20:1-18	How do you think you would have reacted at the sight of an empty tomb?

Easter Sunday

Jeremiah 31:1-6; Acts 10:34-43; Colossians 3:1-4; Matthew 28:1-10

Alleluia! Christ is Risen! Christ is Risen indeed, Alleluia!