



GREETINGS IN THE NAME OF CHRIST

MAKING READY FOR WORSHIP

What items will you bring with you into worship today? Candle, hand cross, stone, seasonal cloth, bible, oil, bread, water, wine or juice? Something else?

*What do you carry with you
when you need to feel God
close to you?*

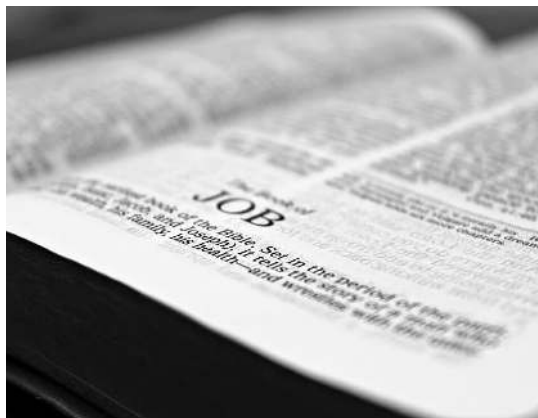
Come to the words as often as you want and need during the week. *How To Read For Meaning Making*, can assist in your reflection and worship time. My prayer is that as you enter into your own spiritual reflection that GOD would be very present with you, and you are reminded that you are not alone. In this time we are all here with you.

May GOD's richest blessings be upon you in the days to come.

AS WE BEGIN

Take a moment or two to settle into your seat, to still your mind and prepare to meet GOD in this moment. A prayer of invocation asking God to be present with us here and now.

GOD of love, GOD of Wisdom
In your words today reveal to us
The places of transformation
Needed within us.
Open our eyes to see,
Our ears to hear,
And our hearts and minds
ready to be transformed in you.
We pray this in the name of the
Christ who redeems us. **Amen.**



The set readings for this week are from Year B. The seasonal colour is green.

Proper 22 (27 Ord) - October 3, 2021

- Job 1:1, 2:1-10
- Psalm 26
- Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12
- Mark 10:2-16

LIVING WITH INTEGRITY IN HARD TIMES

As we continue our journey through the wisdom books of the Old Testament, today we begin a season of looking at the life of *Job*. We trace the narrative throughout the book following the behaviour of Job who acts with integrity hard times. The *Psalms* this week, invites God to test the truth of David's claim of integrity. Our gospel has the Pharisees trying to trip Jesus up with a question of ethics according to mosaic law and the book of Hebrews points us back to the divine nature of Jesus as the appointed Heir radiating the glory and essence of God in all things.

Have you ever compromised your integrity as a Jesus follower when challenged in hard times?

How did you feel after the moment?

A man from Uz who was
blameless and upright,
one who feared God
and turned away from evil.
Job 1.1

SEASON OF CREATION

HOLY MOUNTAIN EXPERIENCES

We enter into God's presence in a holy mountain. Like Zion or Sinai, it is the mountain of God. We hear voices from sacred mountains that call us into God's presence. We climb these mountains in the imagination of our faith. Finally we hear the voice of Christ inviting us to feast on the mountain of God. God is also present on that mountain in Christ's body and blood.

Our readings for the week:

Isaiah 65. 17-25

Good News from a Holy Mountain

Psalms 48. 1-11

Mount Zion, God's holy mountain

Romans 8.28-39

No separation from God's love

Mark 16.14-18

Good news for all creation

May the Spirit of God
blowing from the mountains,
fill you with the knowledge of
God's presence in Earth
and the pulsing of Christ within you

Go in peace!
Serving Christ and loving Earth!



Take a moment to reflect on an experience when you have met Jesus on the mountain, how was your relationship with him shaped and changed in meeting?

BIBLE VERSE of the WEEK

Romans 8. 28-29

“For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor heavenly rulers, nor things that are present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

WAYS TO PRAY

MEDITATE ON A HYMN

Sometime when we come to pray, we have trouble settling our body or mind. Sometimes we just don't know where to begin with the words or thoughts we'd like to offer in prayer. Especially when we are feeling stressed, overwhelmed, angry or sad. At moments such as this, turning to the words of a favourite hymn provides the entry into prayer that is needed when we don't have the words.

"At the same time the Spirit also helps us in our weakness, because we don't know how to pray for what we need. But the Spirit intercedes along with our groans that cannot be expressed in words"

Romans 8. 26



NEW WORDS

Blessed

Barak (baw-rak')

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JOB 2. 9 The verb is literally בָּרַךְ, (barakh, "bless"). As in the earlier uses, the meaning probably has more to do with renouncing God than of speaking a curse. The actual word may be taken as a theological euphemism for the verb קָלַל (qillel, "curse"). If Job's wife had meant that he was trying to justify himself rather than God, "bless God" might be translated "speak well of God,"

PRAYER PROMPTS

FAVOURITE HYMNS

Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound...
How Great Thou Art...
Be Thou My Vision...
The Lord's My Shepherd...
Praise My Soul the King of Heaven...
Abide with me...
Guide me, O thou great redeemer...
I heard the voice of Jesus say...