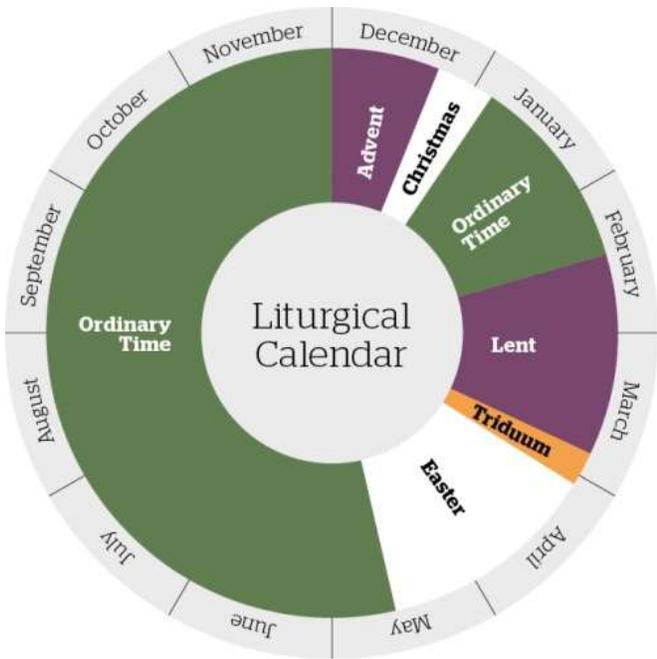


FROM
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1 September - 24 November 2019

An exploration of the Lectionary Readings for this period



Revised Common Lectionary:

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This booklet contains the Lectionary Readings for the week, with emphasis on the Gospels.

The daily readings expand the range of biblical readings in worship and personal

devotion; they complement the Sunday readings and can help prepare the reader for the Sunday ahead or help reflect and digest what was heard in worship.

All congregants are encouraged to make sermon notes on a Sunday and to join a small group for deeper discussion in the week.

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Readings from NIV(UK)

WEEK I



Sunday I September

Luke 14:1

Jesus at a Pharisee's house

14 One Sabbath, when Jesus went to eat in the house of a prominent Pharisee, he was being carefully watched. ⁷When he noticed how the guests picked the places of honour at the table, he told them this parable: ⁸‘When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take the place of honour, for a person more distinguished than you may have been invited. ⁹If so, the host who invited both of you will come and say to you, “Give this person your seat.” Then, humiliated, you will have to take the least important place.¹⁰ But when you are invited, take the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he will say to you, “Friend, move up to a better place.” Then you will be honoured in the presence of all the other guests. ¹¹ For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.’ ¹² Then Jesus said to his host, ‘When you give a luncheon or dinner, do not invite your friends, your brothers or sisters, your relatives, or your rich neighbours; if you do, they may invite you back and so you will be repaid. ¹³ But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, ¹⁴ and you will be blessed. Although they cannot repay you, you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.’



Season after Pentecost Year C	First reading and Psalm	Second reading	Gospel
Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost September I	Jeremiah 2:4-13 Psalm 81:1,10-16	Hebrews 13:1-8,15-16	Luke 14:1, 7-14

DAILY READINGS:

- Monday, September 2: Psalm 58; Jeremiah 2:23-37; Hebrews 13:7-21
- Tuesday, September 3: Psalm 58; Jeremiah 3:1-14; Titus 1:1-9
- Wednesday, September 4: Psalm 58; Jeremiah 3:15-25; Luke 14:15-24
- Thursday, September 5: Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18; Jeremiah 15:10-21; Philippians 2:25-30
- Friday, September 6: Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18; Jeremiah 16:14-17:4; Colossians 4:7-17
- Saturday, September 7: Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18; Jeremiah 17:14-27; Matthew 10:34-42

WORSHIP:

Christ Is Enough - Hillsong Worship (YouTube)

SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS:

1. *“For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”*
 - Do you wield your “power” as a parent, boss, person of influence in a negative or positive way? Do people walk away from meeting you destroyed or built up?
 - How do you measure your influence on others?
 - Who do you trust to criticize you fairly? Why?
 - How do you criticize someone else in an affirmative way: that they want to hear what you are saying and change?
2. *“But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, and you will be blessed. Although they cannot repay you, you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”*
 - What do you do without wanting anything in return?
 - What do you share with others without wanting anything in return?



WEEK 2



Sunday 8 September

Luke 14:25-33

The cost of being a disciple

²⁵ Large crowds were travelling with Jesus and turning to them he said: ²⁶ ‘If anyone comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters – yes, even their own life – such a person cannot be my disciple. ²⁷ And whoever does not carry their cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. ²⁸ ‘Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Won’t you first sit down and estimate the cost to see if you have enough money to complete it? ²⁹ For if you lay the foundation and are not able to finish it, everyone who sees it will ridicule you, ³⁰ saying, “This person began to build and wasn’t able to finish.” ³¹ ‘Or suppose a king is about to go to war against another king. Won’t he first sit down and consider whether he is able with ten thousand men to oppose the one coming against him with twenty thousand? ³² If he is not able, he will send a delegation while the other is still a long way off and will ask for terms of peace. ³³ In the same way, those of you who do not give up everything you have cannot be my disciples.



Season after Pentecost Year C	First reading and Psalm	Second reading	Gospel
Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost September 8	Jeremiah 18:1-11 Psalm 139:1-6,13- 18	Philemon 1:1- 21	Luke 14:25-33

SERMON NOTES

DAILY READINGS:

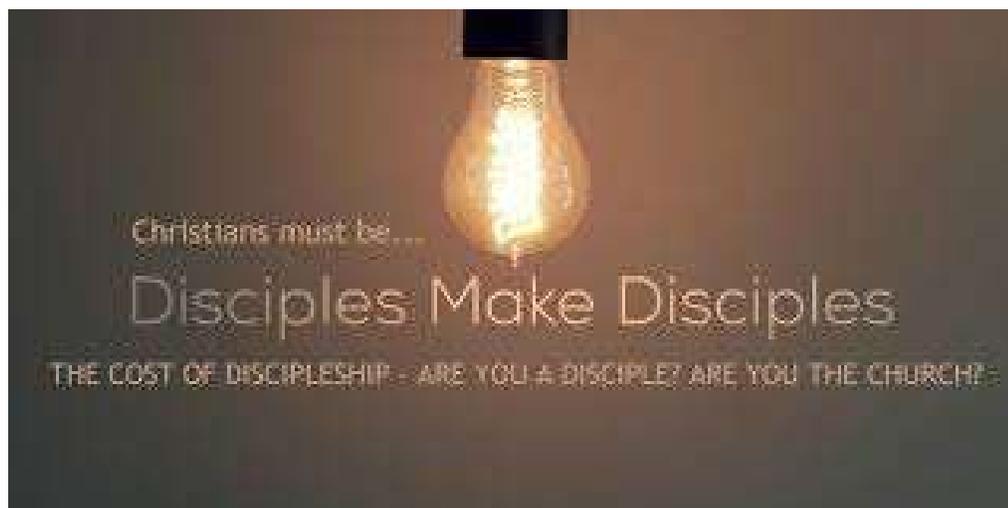
- Monday, September 9: Psalm 2; Jeremiah 18:12-23; 1 Timothy 3:14-4:5
- Tuesday, September 10: Psalm 2; Jeremiah 19:1-15; 1 Timothy 4:6-16
- Wednesday, September 11: Psalm 2; Jeremiah 20:1-18; Luke 18:18-30
- Thursday, September 12: Psalm 14; Jeremiah 13:20-27; 1 Timothy 1:1-11
- Friday, September 13: Psalm 14; Jeremiah 4:1-10; 2 Peter 2:1-10a
- Saturday, September 14: Psalm 14; Jeremiah 4:13-21, 29-31; John 10:11-21

WORSHIP:

Pat Barrett - Sails (YouTube)

SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS:

1. Have you counted the cost of being a Disciple? Anything that is not “for” God is against him. Are you willing to give up anything and everything for God? Is there anything (thoughts, people, situations) that you know is stopping you from having an intimate relationship with God?
 - Why are you clinging to this belief, person, situation? Is it out of fear, resistance to change, the future, people’s judgement?
 - Why do you believe you need this more than God?
2. Do you know why this is interfering with your assurance of God’s present help? What can you do to increase your trust in God and his provision? Make sure you have a variety of ideas that cover your spiritual, emotional and practical needs.



WEEK 3

Sunday 15 September

Luke 15:1-10



The parable of the lost sheep

15 Now the tax collectors and sinners were all gathering round to hear Jesus. **2** But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, ‘This man welcomes sinners, and eats with them.’ **3** Then Jesus told them this parable: **4** ‘Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Doesn’t he leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it? **5** And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders **6** and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbours together and says, “Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.” **7** I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who do not need to repent.

The parable of the lost coin

8 ‘Or suppose a woman has ten silver coins and loses one. Doesn’t she light a lamp, sweep the house and search carefully until she finds it? **9** And when she finds it, she calls her friends and neighbours together and says, “Rejoice with me; I have found my lost coin.” **10** In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.’



Season after Pentecost Year C	First reading and Psalm	Second reading	Gospel
Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost September 15	Jeremiah 4:11- 12,22-28 Psalm 14	1 Timothy 1:12- 17	Luke 15:1-10

DAILY READINGS:

- Monday, September 16: Psalm 94; Jeremiah 5:1-17; 1 Timothy 1:18-20
- Tuesday, September 17: Psalm 94; Jeremiah 5:18-31; 2 Peter 3:8-13
- Wednesday, September 18: Psalm 94; Jeremiah 14:1-10, 17-22; Luke 22:31-33, 54-62
- Thursday, September 19: Psalm 79:1-9; Jeremiah 12:14-13:11; Romans 3:1-8
- Friday, September 20: Psalm 79:1-9; Jeremiah 8:1-13; Romans 8:31-39
- Saturday, September 21: Psalm 79:1-9; Jeremiah 8:14-17; 9:2-11; Mark 12:41-44

WORSHIP:

Here in your presence – New life Worship
(You Tube)



SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS:

1. Have you ever been lost? Please share your story. How did you feel and how were you found?
2. There is not one person on this earth who does not want to feel valued and loved. No one likes to be rejected, ignored, or feel invisible.
 - Who are you not seeing? The beggar on the street corner, your friend trying to ask forgiveness, your child desperate for attention, your husband/wife looking for quality time?
 - Are you giving the people and things that you value the appropriate time so that they genuinely feel it? Why yes or no?
 - Who is not “seeing” you? Who looks past the value you add or the love you give? Why is it important to you that they do?
3. Do you see God? Who he is? Do you think he feels invisible and ignored sometimes? How can you change that to show Him how much you value and love him?

WEEK 4



Sunday 22 September

Luke 16:1-13

The parable of the shrewd manager

16 Jesus told his disciples: ‘There was a rich man whose manager was accused of wasting his possessions. ² So he called him in and asked him, “What is this I hear about you? Give an account of your management, because you cannot be manager any longer.” ³ ‘The manager said to himself, “What shall I do now? My master is taking away my job. I’m not strong enough to dig, and I’m ashamed to beg – ⁴ I know what I’ll do so that, when I lose my job here, people will welcome me into their houses.” ⁵ ‘So he called in each one of his master’s debtors. He asked the first, “How much do you owe my master?” ⁶ “Three thousand litres of olive oil,” he replied. ‘The manager told him, “Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifteen hundred.” ⁷ ‘Then he asked the second, “And how much do you owe?” “Thirty tons of wheat,” he replied. ‘He told him, “Take your bill and make it twenty-four.” ⁸ ‘The master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly. For the people of this world are shrewder in dealing with their own kind than are the people of the light. ⁹ I tell you, use worldly wealth to gain friends for yourselves, so that when it is gone, you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings. ¹⁰ ‘Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much. ¹¹ So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches? ¹² And if you have not been trustworthy with someone else’s property, who will give you property of your own? ¹³ ‘No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and Money.’



Season after Pentecost Year C	First reading and Psalm	Second reading	Gospel
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost September 22	Jeremiah 8:18-9:1 Psalm 79:1-9	1 Timothy 2:1-7	Luke 16:1-13

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DAILY READINGS:

- Monday, September 23: Psalm 106:40-48; Jeremiah 9:12-26; Acts 4:1-12
Tuesday, September 24: Psalm 106:40-48; Jeremiah 10:1-16; 1 Corinthians 9:19-23
Wednesday, September 25: Psalm 106:40-48; Jeremiah 10:17-25; Luke 20:45-21:4
Thursday, September 26: Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16; Jeremiah 23:9-22; 2 Corinthians 8:8-15
Friday, September 27: Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16; Jeremiah 23:23-32; Ephesians 2:1-10
Saturday, September 28: Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16; Jeremiah 24:1-10; Luke 9:43b-48

WORSHIP:

Here's my heart Lord – Lauren Daigle (You Tube)

SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS:

- 1. Are you ready to give an account of what you have said and done? How you have loved? Which thoughts jumped out at you as you read these questions. How can you fix the situation (if possible)? What must you do more off?
2. Make a list of a few things that you think are BIG responsibilities in your life, and others that are LITTLE.
3. Do you think God agrees with your assessment?
In which areas are you not as accountable as you should be?
Are there things your small group can support you in or hold you accountable for?
3. What do you understand from the following (verse 8)?
For the people of this world are shrewder in dealing with their own kind than are the people of the light.

WEEK 5



Sunday 29 September

Luke 16:19-31

The rich man and Lazarus

¹⁹ ‘There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and lived in luxury every day. ²⁰ At his gate was laid a beggar named Lazarus, covered with sores ²¹ and longing to eat what fell from the rich man’s table. Even the dogs came and licked his sores. ²² ‘The time came when the beggar died and the angels carried him to Abraham’s side. The rich man also died and was buried. ²³ In Hades, where he was in torment, he looked up and saw Abraham far away, with Lazarus by his side. ²⁴ So he called to him, “Father Abraham, have pity on me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, because I am in agony in this fire.” ²⁵ ‘But Abraham replied, “Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, while Lazarus received bad things, but now he is comforted here and you are in agony. ²⁶ And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been set in place, so that those who want to go from here to you cannot, nor can anyone cross over from there to us.” ²⁷ ‘He answered, “Then I beg you, father, send Lazarus to my family,²⁸ for I have five brothers. Let him warn them, so that they will not also come to this place of torment.” ²⁹ ‘Abraham replied, “They have Moses and the Prophets; let them listen to them.” ³⁰ “No, father Abraham,” he said, “but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.” ³¹ ‘He said to him, “If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.””



Season after Pentecost Year C	First reading and Psalm	Second reading	Gospel
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost September 29	Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15 Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16	1 Timothy 6:6-19	Luke 16:19-31

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DAILY READINGS:

- Monday, September 30: Psalm 119:49-56; Jeremiah 32:16-35; Revelation 3:14-22
- Tuesday, October 1: Psalm 119:49-56; Jeremiah 32:36-44; James 5:1-6
- Wednesday, October 2: Psalm 119:49-56; Jeremiah 33:1-13; Matthew 19:16-22
- Thursday, October 3: Lamentations 3:19-26; Jeremiah 52:1-11; Revelation 2:8-11
- Friday, October 4: Lamentations 3:19-26; Jeremiah 52:12-30; Revelation 2:12-29
- Saturday, October 5: Lamentations 3:19-26; Lamentations 1:7-15; Matthew 20:29-34

WORSHIP:

Chris Tomlin - I Lift My Hands (You Tube)



SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS:

1. Luke makes it clear that the poor are a focus for Jesus (4:18, 7:22, 14:21). It is clear through this story that God’s eternal judgement has everything to do with how we use wealth in this life and how we treat the less fortunate amongst us. What is God saying to you through this story?
2. Look at your circle of influence (at home, at school, at work, in your neighbourhood, your city). Where can you change a life sharing what you have?
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3. Where are you depriving someone of love and care that needs it right now? Kindness is God in action. Who can you visit, call, treat differently?
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Share ideas in the group to inspire each other but also to keep each other accountable.

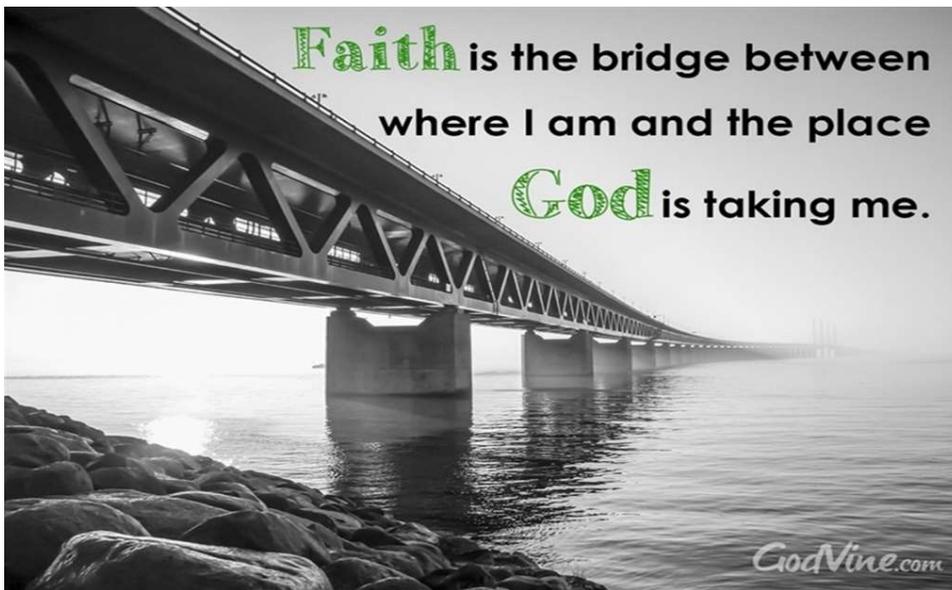
WEEK 6

Sunday 6 October

Luke 17:5-10

A mustard seed faith

⁵The apostles said to the Lord, ‘Increase our faith!’ ⁶He replied, ‘If you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mulberry tree, “Be uprooted and planted in the sea,” and it will obey you.’ ⁷‘Suppose one of you has a servant ploughing or looking after the sheep. Will he say to the servant when he comes in from the field, “Come along now and sit down to eat”? ⁸Won’t he rather say, “Prepare my supper, get yourself ready and wait on me while I eat and drink; after that you may eat and drink”? ⁹Will he thank the servant because he did what he was told to do? ¹⁰So you also, when you have done everything you were told to do, should say, “We are unworthy servants; we have only done our duty.”’



the servant because he did what he was told to do? ¹⁰So you also, when you have done everything you were told to do, should say, “We are unworthy servants; we have only done our duty.”’



Season after Pentecost Year C	First reading and Psalm	Second reading	Gospel
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost October 6	Lamentations 1:1-6 Lamentations 3:19-26 Psalm 137	2 Timothy 1:1-14	Luke 17:5-10

DAILY READINGS:

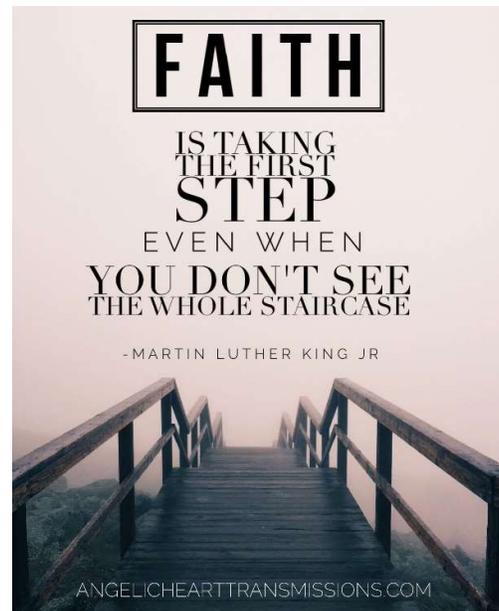
- Monday, October 7: Psalm 137; Lamentations 1:16-22; James 1:2-11
- Tuesday, October 8: Psalm 137; Lamentations 2:13-22; 1 John 5:1-5, 13-21
- Wednesday, October 9: Psalm 137; Lamentations 5:1-22; Mark 11:12-14, 20-24
- Thursday, October 10: Psalm 66:1-12; Jeremiah 25:1-14; 2 Timothy 1:13-18
- Friday, October 11: Psalm 66:1-12; Jeremiah 27:1-22; 2 Timothy 2:1-7
- Saturday, October 12: Psalm 66:1-12; Jeremiah 28:1-17; Luke 5:12-16

WORSHIP:

Big Daddy Weave – My story (You Tube)

SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS:

1. When you tell your story is there a thread of increasing faith through the chapters? Where are you out of 10 in your faith? Explain why you believe you are this number.
2. Luke has mentioned faith 5 times (5:20; 7:9, 50; 8:25, 48) so far, and always relates it to faithful behavior. We grow in faith when we act in faith. How faithful are your words and actions? Can people see you believe although the outcome seems in doubt? Affirm each other if possible.
3. Jesus says that that even the smallest faith has great power. If your story could have been added to the Bible what would your “faith story” be? Where in your life has faith carried you?
4. When is the last time you have tapped into God’s power? Pray for God to increase your/each other’s faith.



WEEK 7

Sunday 13 October

Luke 17:11-19



Jesus heals ten men with leprosy

¹¹ Now on his way to Jerusalem, Jesus travelled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. ¹² As he was going into a village, ten men who had leprosy met him. They stood at a distance ¹³ and called out in a loud voice, 'Jesus, Master, have pity on us!' ¹⁴ When he saw them, he said, 'Go, show yourselves to the priests.' And as they went, they were cleansed. ¹⁵ One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice. ¹⁶ He threw himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him – and he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷ Jesus asked, 'Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine?' ¹⁸ Has no one returned to give praise to God except this foreigner?' ¹⁹ Then he said to him, 'Rise and go; your faith has made you well.'



Season after Pentecost Year C	First reading and Psalm	Second reading	Gospel
Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost October 13	Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7 Psalm 66:1-12	2 Timothy 2:8- 15	Luke 17:11-19

DAILY READINGS:

- Monday, October 14: Psalm 102:1-17; Jeremiah 29:8-23; Acts 26:24-29
- Tuesday, October 15: Psalm 102:1-17; Jeremiah 29:24-32; Ephesians 6:10-20
- Wednesday, October 16: Psalm 102:1-17; Jeremiah 25:15-32; Matthew 10:5-15
- Thursday, October 17: Psalm 119:97-104; Jeremiah 26:1-15; Acts 17:22-34
- Friday, October 18: Psalm 119:97-104; Jeremiah 26:16-24; 2 Timothy 2:14-26
- Saturday, October 19: Psalm 119:97-104; Jeremiah 31:15-26; Mark 10:46-52

WORSHIP:

North Point Inside Out: Hear - You Alone (Lauren Daigle) (YouTube)



SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS:

1. One only really understands what it means to be healthy when we are sick: we feel physically weak and emotionally vulnerable as we often must depend on others for help. When we have a chronic or fatal condition it can bring us to our knees. We tend to only reach out to God when we are at the foot of the cross, when we need to pray and ask for healing (spiritual, emotional and physical). Where do you need healing in your life today? Bring it to God.
2. Nothing is more important than our spiritual healing. Are you willing to confront the things that is keeping you from God: confess (show your scars) and act upon it?
 - Who will you speak to in the coming week to open the wound to start the healing?
 - Ask someone to pray for you this week. Pray about this often. Speak to God: He meets all our needs.
3. How often do you pray for things, receive it and forget to thank God for your answered prayer? Spend some time thanking God for your answered prayers. Share one thing you are grateful for with your group.

WEEK 8

Sunday 20 October

Luke 18:1-8

The parable of the persistent widow

18 Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up. ²He said: ‘In a certain town there was a judge who neither feared God nor cared what people thought.’ ³And there was a widow in that town who kept coming to him with the plea, ‘Grant me justice against my adversary.’ ⁴‘For some time he refused. But finally he said to himself, ‘Even though I don’t fear God or care what people think, ⁵yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will see that she gets justice, so that she won’t eventually come and attack me!’” ⁶And the Lord said, ‘Listen to what the unjust judge says. ⁷And will not God bring



about justice for his chosen ones, who cry out to him day and night? Will he keep putting them off? ⁸I tell you; he will see that they get justice, and quickly. However, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth?’



Season after Pentecost Year C	First reading and Psalm	Second reading	Gospel
Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost October 20	Jeremiah 31:27-34 Psalm 119:97-104	2 Timothy 3: 14-4:5	Luke 18:1-8

DAILY READINGS:

- Monday, October 21: Psalm 129; Jeremiah 38:14-28; 1 Corinthians 6:1-11
- Tuesday, October 22: Psalm 129; Jeremiah 39:1-18; James 5:7-12
- Wednesday, October 23: Psalm 129; Jeremiah 50:1-7, 17-20; Luke 22:39-46
- Thursday, October 24: Psalm 65; Joel 1:1-20; 2 Timothy 3:1-9
- Friday, October 25: Psalm 65; Joel 2:1-11; 2 Timothy 3:10-15
- Saturday, October 26: Psalm 65; Joel 2:12-22; Luke 1:46-55

WORSHIP:

Hillsong - Here I am To Worship Lyrics (Song of Praise and Worship) Forever I run



SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS:

1. Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should “*always pray and not give up.*” Would this be applicable in all situations or only in some? Why and when would it apply?
2. The judge is described as someone who doesn’t fear God nor respects him. Do you think he respects justice? Where in your life are you confronted with people that do not respect God, justice or the law? What is your reaction to them when they influence your life?
3. The widow is described as persistent.
 - What is your perception of her?
 - Do you think persistence is a positive trait or negative trait? Why?
 - Was her reaction in faith? Explain.
 - What do you think Jesus means when he asks: “*when the Son of Man comes will he find faith on the earth*” (verse 8)?

WEEK 9



Sunday 27 October

Luke 18:9-14

The parable of the Pharisee and the tax collector



⁹To some who were confident of their own righteousness and looked down on everyone else, Jesus told this parable: ¹⁰‘Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. ¹¹The Pharisee stood by himself and prayed: “God, I thank you that I am not like other people – robbers, evildoers, adulterers –

or even like this tax collector. ¹²I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get.” ¹³‘But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, “God, have mercy on me, a sinner.” ¹⁴‘I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God. For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.’



Season after Pentecost Year C	First reading and Psalm	Second reading	Gospel
Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost October 27	Joel 2:23-32 Psalm 65	2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18	Luke 18:9-14

DAILY READINGS:

- Monday, October 28: Psalm 87; Joel 3:1-8; 1 Peter 4:12-19
- Tuesday, October 29: Psalm 87; Joel 3:9-16; 1 Peter 5:1-11
- Wednesday, October 30: Psalm 87; Joel 3:17-20; Matthew 21:28-32
- Thursday, October 31: Psalm 119:137-144; Jeremiah 33:14-26; 2 Corinthians 1:1-11
- Friday, November 1: All Saints Day
- Saturday, November 2: Psalm 119:137-144; Habakkuk 2:5-11; John 8:39-47

WORSHIP:

Here in your presence – New Life Worship (You Tube)

SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS:

1. What are you really good at? How do these things make you feel?
2. What are you really bad at? How do these things make you feel?
3. How do you feel about how the Pharisee prayed?
4. What do you think God feels about how the Pharisee prayed?
5. What do you think people expect of you when they talk about coming to church or accepting Jesus?
6. What do you think God expects of you? Why? Do others confirm these expectations for you?



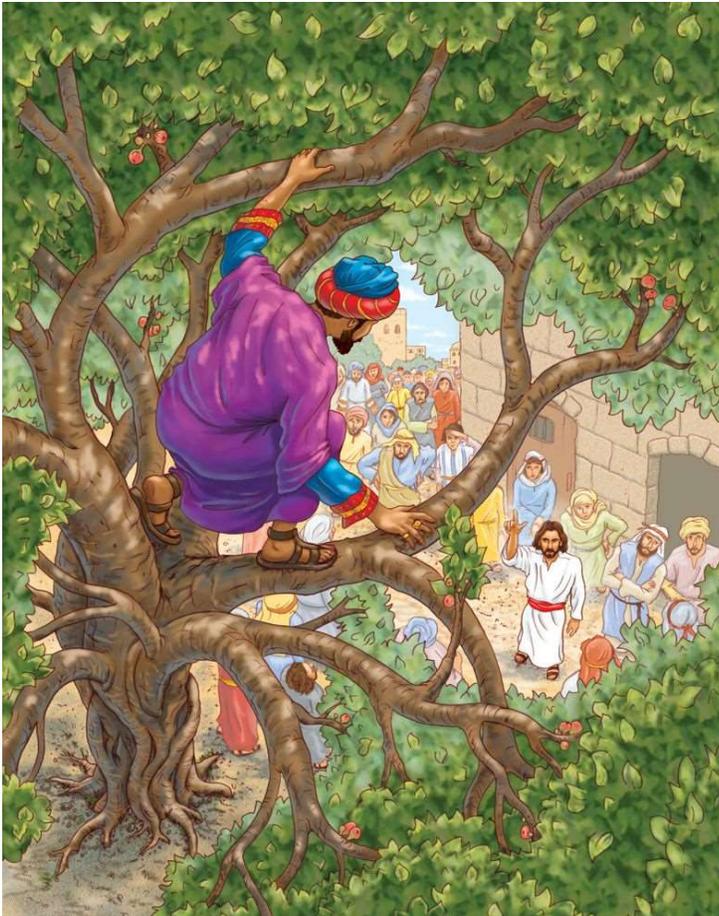
WEEK 10



Sunday 3 November

Luke 19:1-10

Zacchaeus the tax collector



1 Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. **2** A man was there by the name of Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was wealthy. **3** He wanted to see who Jesus was, but because he was short, he could not see over the crowd. **4** So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree to see him, since Jesus was coming that way. **5** When Jesus reached the spot, he looked up and said to him, 'Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today.'**6** So he came down at once and welcomed him gladly. **7** All the people saw this and began to mutter, 'He has gone to be the guest of a sinner.'**8** But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, 'Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount.'**9** Jesus said to him, 'Today salvation has come to this house,

because this man, too, is a son of Abraham. **10** For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.'

Season after Pentecost Year C	First reading and Psalm	Second reading	Gospel
Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost November 3	Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4 Psalm 119:137-144	2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12	Luke 19:1-10

DAILY READINGS:

- Monday, November 4: Psalm 142; Habakkuk 2:12-20; 1 Corinthians 5:9-13
- Tuesday, November 5: Psalm 142; Habakkuk 3:1-16 ; Jude 1:5-21
- Wednesday, November 6: Psalm 142; Habakkuk 3:17-19; Luke 19:11-27
- Thursday, November 7: Psalm 145:1-5, 17-21; Zechariah 1:1-17; Acts 22:22-23:11
- Friday, November 8: Psalm 145:1-5, 17-21; Zechariah 6:9-15; Acts 24:10-23
- Saturday, November 9: Psalm 145:1-5, 17-21; Haggai 1:1-15a; Luke 20:1-8

WORSHIP:

Come As You Are by Crowder (lyric video) (You Tube)

SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS:

1. What would you do if Jesus was coming to your home?
2. Jesus didn't mention money, past sin or the need to repent to Zacchaeus. Do you associate the presence of Jesus with a "Holy calm" or do you feel overwhelmed by sin and the need to repent? Why do you feel this way?
3. Would you have recognized Jesus in order to have come down immediately to take him home? How?
4. Was it necessary for Zacchaeus to give away half of his money?
5. What is stopping you from surrendering to Jesus? What is drawing you away? How can you get closer?



WEEK 11



Sunday 10 November

Luke 20:27-38

The resurrection and marriage

²⁷ Some of the Sadducees, who say there is no resurrection, came to Jesus with a question. ²⁸ ‘Teacher,’ they said, ‘Moses wrote for us that if a man’s brother dies and leaves a wife but no children, the man must marry the widow and raise up offspring for his brother. ²⁹ Now there were seven brothers. The first one married a woman and died childless. ³⁰ The second ³¹ and then the third married her, and in the same way the seven died, leaving no children. ³² Finally, the woman died too. ³³ Now then, at the resurrection whose wife will she be, since the seven were married to her?’ ³⁴ Jesus replied, ‘The people of this age marry and are given in marriage. ³⁵ But those who are considered worthy of taking part in the age to come and in the resurrection from the dead will neither marry nor be given in marriage, ³⁶ and they can no longer die; for they are like the angels. They are God’s children,

since they are children of the resurrection. ³⁷ But in the account of the burning bush, even Moses showed that the dead rise, for he calls the Lord “the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob”. ³⁸ He is not the God of the dead, but of the living, for to him all are alive.’



Season after Pentecost Year C	First reading and Psalm	Second reading	Gospel
Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost November 10	Haggai 1:15b-2:9 Psalm 145:1-5,17-21 Psalm 98	2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17	Luke 20:27-38

DAILY READINGS:

- Monday, November 11: Psalm 98; Haggai 2:10-19; 2 Peter 1:16-21
- Tuesday, November 12: Psalm 98; Haggai 2:20-23; 2 John 1:1-13
- Wednesday, November 13: Psalm 98; Zechariah 8:1-17; John 5:19-29
- Thursday, November 14: Isaiah 12; Isaiah 57:14-21; Romans 1:18-25
- Friday, November 15: Isaiah 12; Isaiah 59:1-15a; 2 Thessalonians 1:3-12
- Saturday, November 16: Isaiah 12; Isaiah 59:15b-21; Luke 17:20-37

WORSHIP:

Lead Me to The Cross-Hillsong (You Tube)

SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS:

1. Luke identifies the Sadducees with what they do *not* believe (verse 27). Do you ever approach Jesus leading with what you are not prepared to give up, or do? Or with things you do *not* believe?
2. We often assume that life after death will simply be a repetition of our present life. What is your perception of the afterlife/heaven?
3. How do you feel about Jesus's words: *'The people of this age marry and are given in marriage.³⁵ But those who are considered worthy of taking part in the age to come and in the resurrection from the dead will neither marry nor be given in marriage,³⁶ and they can no longer die; for they are like the angels. They are God's children, since they are children of the resurrection.'*
4. Are you ready to let go of this life to go to the next? What are you doing to prepare for when Jesus comes back?



WEEK 12

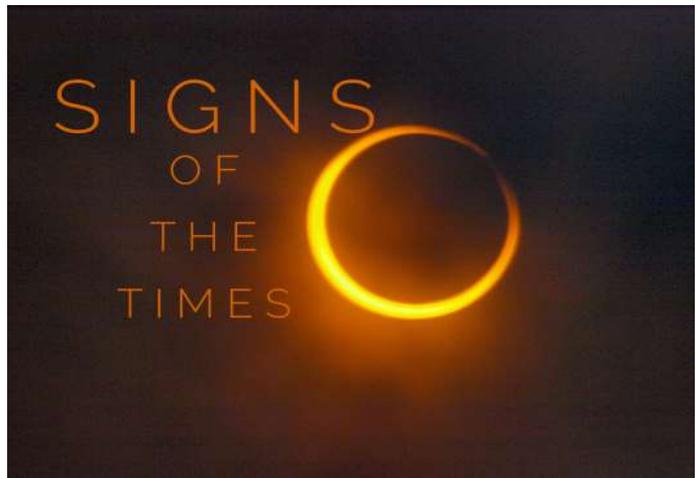


Sunday 17 November

Luke 21:5-19

The destruction of the temple and signs of the end times

⁵Some of his disciples were remarking about how the temple was adorned with beautiful stones and with gifts dedicated to God. But Jesus said, ⁶‘As for what you see here, the time will come when not one stone will be left on another; every one of them will be thrown down.’ ⁷‘Teacher,’ they asked, ‘when will these things happen? And what will be the sign that they are about to take place?’ ⁸He replied: ‘Watch out that you are not deceived. For many will come in my name, claiming, “I am he,” and, “The time is near.” Do not follow them. ⁹When you hear of wars and uprisings, do not be frightened. These things must happen first, but the end will not come right away.’ ¹⁰Then he said to them: ‘Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. ¹¹There will be great earthquakes, famines and pestilences in various places, and fearful events and great signs from heaven. ¹²‘But before all this, they will seize you and persecute you. They will hand you over to synagogues and put you in prison, and you will be brought before kings and governors, and all on account of my name. ¹³And so you will bear testimony to me. ¹⁴But make up your mind not to worry beforehand how you will defend yourselves. ¹⁵For I will give you words and wisdom that none of your adversaries will be able to resist or contradict. ¹⁶You will be betrayed even by parents, brothers and sisters, relatives and friends, and they will put some of you to death. ¹⁷Everyone will hate you because of me. ¹⁸But not a hair of your head will perish. ¹⁹Stand firm, and you will win life.



Season after Pentecost Year C	First reading and Psalm	Second reading	Gospel
Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost November 17	Isaiah 65:17-25 Isaiah 12	2 Thessalonians 3:6-13	Luke 21:5-19

DAILY READINGS:

- Monday, November 18: Psalm 76; Isaiah 60:17-22; Ephesians 4:25-5:2
- Tuesday, November 19: Psalm 76; Isaiah 66:1-13; I Corinthians 10:23-11:1
- Wednesday, November 20: Psalm 76; Isaiah 66:14-24; Matthew 23:37-24:14
- Thursday, November 21: Luke 1:68-79; Jeremiah 21:1-14; Hebrews 9:23-28
- Friday, November 22: Luke 1:68-79; Jeremiah 22:1-17; I Peter 1:3-9
- Saturday, November 23: Luke 1:68-79; Jeremiah 22:18-30; Luke 18:15-17

WORSHIP:

Mosaic MSC - Tremble (Official Lyrics) (You Tube)



SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS:

1. Luke paints quite a grim picture. Jesus knows the horrific forces that still threaten our world. He understands terror, both cosmic and personal. He knows that it creates a sense of uncertainty that slowly destroys our sense of hopefulness and well-being. How scared are you today? Are you terrified, fearful or just slightly worried? Explain.
2. Having read the scriptures list the reassurances that Jesus give you. How will you stand firm?
3. Any church will have worshippers that have a blessed protected life, as well as others whose lives or hopes have been crushed. Some can lift their heads others are dwelling in the dark and need support. It is easy to wonder where God is in these circumstances. What role are you playing in the church? Are you crushed or are you the light that shines despite bad circumstances?
4. Do you get jealous and filled with resentment because other's have it so easy? Why?
5. Discuss the statement: Saving endurance is a gift of the presence of the Holy Spirit.

WEEK 13

Sunday 24 November

Luke 23:33-43



The King of the Jews

³³ When they came to the place called the Skull, they crucified him there, along with the criminals – one on his right, the other on his left. ³⁴ Jesus said, ‘Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.’¹ And they divided up his clothes by casting lots. ³⁵ The people stood watching, and the rulers even sneered at him. They said, ‘He saved others; let him save himself if he is God’s Messiah, the Chosen One.’ ³⁶ The soldiers also came up and mocked him. They offered him wine vinegar ³⁷ and said, ‘If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.’ ³⁸ There was a written notice above him, which read: THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS. ³⁹ One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: ‘Aren’t you the Messiah? Save yourself and us!’ ⁴⁰ But the other criminal rebuked him. ‘Don’t you fear God,’ he said, ‘since you are under the same sentence? ⁴¹ We are punished



justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong.’ ⁴² Then he said, ‘Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.’ ⁴³ Jesus answered him, ‘Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise.’

Season after Pentecost Year C	First reading and Psalm	Second reading	Gospel
Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost November 24	Jeremiah 23:1-6 Luke 1:68-79	Colossians 1:11-20	Luke 23:33-43

DAILY READINGS:

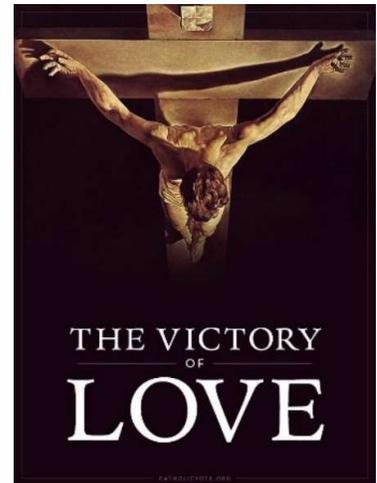
- Monday, November 25: Psalm 117; Jeremiah 30:1-17; Revelation 21:5-27
- Tuesday, November 26: Psalm 117; Jeremiah 30:18-24; Revelation 22:8-21
- Wednesday, November 27: Psalm 117; Jeremiah 31:1-6; Luke 1:1-4

WORSHIP:

North Point InsideOut - Death Was Arrested (Live) ft. Seth Condrey (You Tube)

SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS:

1. We stand with the disciples, frightened at the power of evil as we see Jesus crucified, wondering why he couldn't stop it from happening. We know he said he will be raised from the dead, and he was. He said he will come again, and he will. The light will overcome the darkness. Do you live, claiming this resurrection power?
 - How far have you pushed your faith? Healing people in God's name? Interceding for people in prayer? Taking a stand when everything around you is against you – even at the cost of your life/lifestyle?
 - What do you need to take the first step?
2. We are in awe of God's mercy as he forgives the man rightly convicted of sins next to him on the cross. He practices what he preached. Do you?
 - Do you bless those that curse you? Pray for those who spitefully use you? Hold a grudge against those that have hurt you? Write down the names that come to mind and ask God in prayer to release you from them and to make known to you those that you need to go ask forgiveness. Keep each other accountable to seek freedom in forgiveness.



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