

**When you pray,
go into your room,
close the door and
pray to your
Father”**

Matthew 6:6

Lent 2010

Lectionary Lectio Devotional

New Covenant Anglican Church

Why do we participate in Lent?

Ash Wednesday begins the church's liturgical season of Lent, a 40-day period of preparation leading to the annual celebration of Easter. Many Christians mark this day of repentance with prayers and with the imposition (or marking) of ashes on their foreheads. This reminder of our common human weakness and sinfulness declares that apart from Christ's salvation and healing, we are marked indelibly by sin, decay and death.

In earlier times, the season before Easter prepared new believers for baptism and restored Christians who had committed serious sin and had strayed from the path of discipleship back to the fellowship of the church. Today, along with these traditional practices, the church encourages all its members to engage in self-examination and heartfelt repentance; times of prayer, acts of self-denial such as fasting and service; and reading and meditating on the Holy Scriptures.

As a parish, we have several opportunities to enter into the spirit of this Lenten season, encouraging repentance for our sins and thanks for the gracious salvation God won for his people through the work of our Savior Jesus Christ. We are also focusing in this season on listening carefully to hear God's word to us, as individuals and as a parish through scripture, prayer and listening. Please join us as we prepare our hearts to hear the call to repentance and amendment of life and celebrate the joy of Easter.

Lent at New Covenant

Please join us each week for worship. The scriptures included in this journal will be read and preached from in our worship service each week.

In response to the Word of God, we will listen to hear how these words from Christ apply to our lives as individuals and as members of our larger parish family.

This devotional is designed to accompany our season of listening to what the Spirit says to the churches.

* It corresponds to our weekly Sunday scriptures.

* It is meant to serve the small *lectio divina* groups that are meeting throughout New Covenant during this season.

* It is meant to assist individuals who are listening for the voice of the Lord in their private devotions.

Space has been included each day to record both God's direction to you and your response to Him.

Lectio Divina-

Lectio divina is divine reading, or “holy reading.” It is a specific practice of prayer dating back to the 12th century. Its roots reach back to the Old and New Testament models of scriptural meditation and spiritual illumination. It is a simple but powerful way to read scripture that is receptive to hearing both the author and words of scripture in the context of prayer.

Lectio divina assumes the centrality of the gospel, the rule of faith, and the truths of the Creeds. It provides opportunities to experience the present day potential of Christ’s word not only as a frame to shape and guide our life, but also as strength to empower our response and worship.

Lectio divina works best in the presence of a Christian community that listens to the word of God together, supporting one another in love as we hear the Word’s direction and correction. Personal times of prayer and devotion are made more beneficial when individuals gather with other Christians in worship and service.

Lectio divina assumes that the Lord Jesus spoke to his people in history and still speaks to his people today. His sheep may truly know his voice.

How to use Lectio Divina

This pattern works for individuals or for small groups.

Listening for the Gentle Touch of Christ the Word (*The Literal Sense*)

1. One person reads aloud (twice) the passage of scripture, as others are attentive to some segment that is especially meaningful to them.
2. **Silence** for 1-2 minutes. Each hears and silently repeats a word or phrase that attracts.
3. Sharing aloud: [A word or phrase that has attracted each person]. A simple statement of one or a few words.
No elaboration.

How Christ the Word speaks to ME (*The Allegorical Sense*)

4. Second reading of same passage by another person.
5. **Silence** for 2-3 minutes. Reflect on “Where does the content of this reading touch my life today?”
6. Sharing aloud: **Briefly:** “I hear, I see...”

What Christ the Word Invites me to DO

(The Moral Sense)

7. Third reading by still another person.

8. Silence for 2-3 minutes. Reflect on “I believe that God wants me to today/this week.”

9. Sharing aloud: at somewhat greater length the results of each one's reflection. [Be especially aware of what is shared by the person to your right.]

10. After full sharing, pray for the person to your right.

Note: Anyone may “pass” at any time. If instead of sharing with the group you prefer to pray silently, simply state this aloud and conclude your silent prayer with **Amen**.

Helps for Listening

When we slow down to quiet ourselves and listen, we are sometimes distracted by the chorus of voices in our heart and mind.

We sometimes hear our own thoughts echoing back to us our own needs, desires and distractions.

We sometimes hear the voice of the enemy, accusing or distracting us with lies about God's character or promises, or painful truths about our own failures or sins.

We sometimes hear the patterned voices of wisdom, offering a path for life and blessing based on the truth of God revealed in the gospel and Holy Scriptures, show-casing the wisdom of God. Perhaps we learned to recognize this voice from people in our family or friends; the scriptures and our parish family.

We sometimes hear the patterned voices of foolishness, which seems to offer a path for life and blessing based on the assumptions and shortcuts of this fallen world. Perhaps we learned to recognize this voice from people in our family or friends; the advice we pick up from popular sources and sometimes our parish family.

Through it all, however, we can still hear the voice of the Good Shepherd, Jesus. Calling out to us, Jesus speaks a clear truthful word that silences the lies of the enemy, shows us the proper way to go, and grants us life that is eternal.

To hear the Lord's voice more clearly, consider these simple practices.

- * Take time to sit quietly and transition from the many voices that call us to our responsibilities and serve as distractions to a focus on the Lord who loves and saves you..

- * Pray for the Lord's presence by the Holy Spirit. Hearing from God is an act of relationship; of communion, not just information.

- * Humble yourself before the Lord. Confess any known sin to Christ and receive his promise of forgiveness and newness of life. Cultivate a desire to know God's will and ways, recognizing the flaws and blind-spots in purely human wisdom.

- * Respond to the Lord's previous direction. Move quickly to obey any previous directions you have not yet obeyed.

- * Trust the Lord and his promises, even when it involves patience and long listening.

Ash Wednesday

Listening to the Word of God

Read Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

Hearing the Living Word

* Don't... and do. Only with Jesus' help can we respond to the Church's call to a Holy Lent.

* Do you hear this passage primarily in terms of its warnings, or in its promises?

Prayer and Response

Almighty and everlasting God, you hate nothing you have made and forgive the sins of all who are penitent: Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Thursday after Ash Wednesday

Listening to the Word of God

Read Joel 2:1-2, 12-17

The people of God in Joel's day were called to seek the Lord's salvation for themselves...by praying together with others. The whole people of God, leaders, parents and infants were gathered to seek the Lord's mercy and direction.

While we may look forward to or fear a personal word from Christ, we remember that the living word spoken to us as individuals comes from the one Lord Christ and is directed toward the common good of all God's people. This calls us to be vulnerable before the Lord who corrects and commends, and to respond quickly to his saving word, for our sakes and for the sake of others.

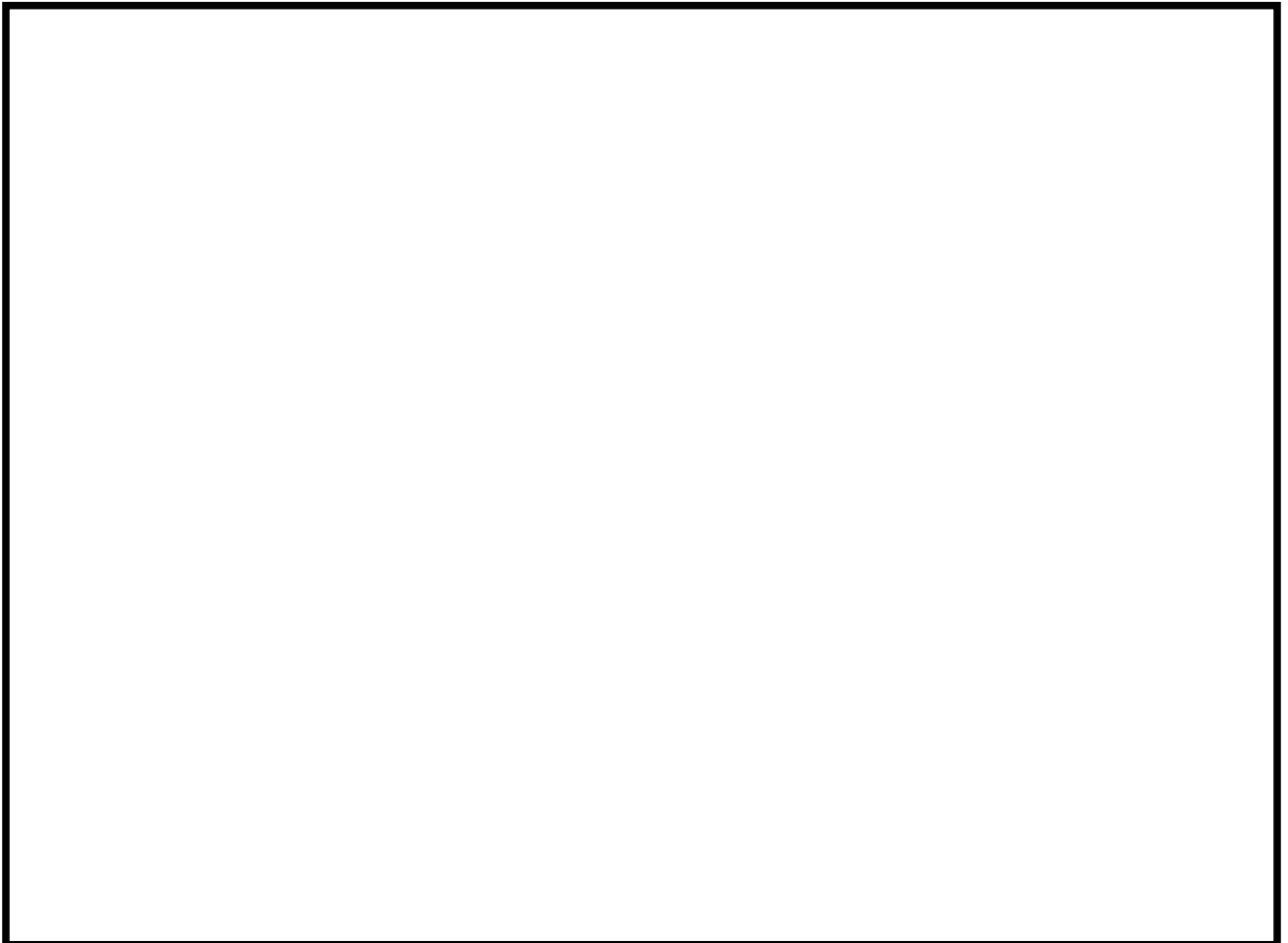
*How do you feel about beginning this time of listening for the Lord's voice in the scriptures?

* How do you respond to the idea that God's word to you will always also include some element of connection to those in your life, including your family or our parish? Is it easier to listen for yourself or for others?

Listening for the Living Word

*How do you describe your own unique situation as you enter this season of Lent?

* What image or picture captures your own life right now?

A large, empty rectangular box with a black border, intended for a drawing or picture that captures the respondent's current life.

Prayer and Response

Friday after Ash Wednesday

Listening to the Word of God

Read 2 Corinthians 5:20-6:10

Listening for the Living Word

* Which aspects of our Apostle Paul's experience have I experienced firsthand before this time?

*Which aspects of our Apostle Paul's experience have I fallen short in before this time?

Prayer and Response

Saturday after Ash Wednesday

Listening to the Word of God

Read Psalm 51.1-18

Listening for the Living Word

Psalm 51 deepens our awareness of how near the Lord is to us, even in our sin. David confesses that his sin is against the Lord, personally and his greatest hope is that the Lord will not withdraw His Holy Spirit from him. The Lord's knowledge is personal and his presence is powerful. It is only to be expected that his voice would be heard in words he speaks so closely to his people.

* Confession and nearness sometimes seem at odds. How does Psalm 51 pull the two together?

Prayer and Response

Preparing for Worship-

O Almighty God, *who pours* out on all who desire it the spirit of grace and of supplication: Deliver us, when we draw near to *you*, from coldness of heart and wanderings of mind, that with steadfast thoughts and kindled affections we may worship *thee* in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (*Before Worship BCP p833*)

Scriptures for the Week

First Sunday in Lent

The Psalm appointed is Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16.

The Old Testament lesson is taken from Deuteronomy 26.1-11.

The New Testament lesson is taken from Romans 10:8b-13.

The Gospel appointed is Luke 4.1-13.

First Sunday in Lent

Collect for the Week

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

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Listening within the Liturgy of Word and Sacrament.

Hearing the Living Word through His people:

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Prayer-

Grant, we beseech *thee*, Almighty God, that the words which we have heard this day with our outward ears, may, through *thy* grace, be so grafted inwardly in our hearts, that they may bring forth in us the fruit of good living, to the honor and praise of *thy* Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*
(*After Worship, BCP*)

Monday in the First Week of Lent

Listening to the Word of God- Pointing Ahead

These [the Old Testament] are the Scriptures that testify about me [Jesus]...

John 5.39

Read Deuteronomy 26:1-11

Listening for the Living Word

Prayer and Response

Tuesday in the First Week of Lent

Listening to the Word of God- A Singing Savior

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Luke 24:44

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Listening for the Living Word

Prayer and Response

Wednesday in the First Week of Lent

Listening to the Word of God- Christ's Word Applied

...when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men, but as it actually is, the word of God, which is at work in you who believe.

1 Thessalonians 2:13

Read Romans 10:8b-13

Listening for the Living Word

Prayer and Response

Thursday in the First Week of Lent

Listening to the Word of God- Jesus' Gospel

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Romans 2.16

Read Luke 4:1-13

Listening for the Living Word

Prayer and Response

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1 Corinthians 15:1

Read Luke 4:1-13

Listening for the Living Word

Prayer and Response

Saturday in the First Week of Lent

Listening to the Word of God- A Call to Truly Hear

Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says

James 1:22

A Penitential Psalm

Read Psalm 6

Listening for the Living Word

A Prayer for Our Parish

Almighty and everliving God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth, hear our prayers for this parish family. Strengthen the faithful, arouse the careless, and restore the penitent. Grant us all things necessary for our common life, and bring us all to be of one heart and mind within your holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Preparing for Worship-

O Almighty God, *who pours* out on all who desire it the spirit of grace and of supplication: Deliver us, when we draw near to *you*, from coldness of heart and wanderings of mind, that with steadfast thoughts and kindled affections we may worship *thee* in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (*Before Worship BCP p833*)

Scriptures for the Week

Second Sunday in Lent

The Psalm appointed is Psalm 27.

The Old Testament lesson is taken from Genesis 15:1-2, 17-18.

The New Testament lesson is taken from Philippians 3:17-4:1

The Gospel appointed is Luke 13:31-35

Second Sunday in Lent

Collect for the Week

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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(*After Worship, BCP*)

Monday in the Second Week of Lent

Listening to the Word of God- Pointing Ahead

These [the Old Testament] are the Scriptures that testify about me...

John 5.39

Read Genesis 15:1-2, 17-18

Listening for the Living Word

Prayer and Response

Tuesday in the Second Week of Lent

Listening to the Word of God- A Singing Savior

[Jesus] said to them, "...Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in... the Psalms."

Luke 24:44

Read Psalm 27.

Listening for the Living Word

Prayer and Response

Wednesday in the Second Week of Lent

Listening to the Word of God- Christ's Word Applied

...when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men, but as it actually is, the word of God, which is at work in you who believe.

I Thessalonians 2:13

Read Philippians 3:17-4:1

Listening for the Living Word

Prayer and Response

Thursday in the Second Week of Lent

Listening to the Word of God- Jesus' Gospel

God will judge men's secrets through Jesus Christ, as my [the apostles'] gospel declares.

Romans 2.16

Read Luke 13: 31-35

Listening for the Living Word

Prayer and Response

Friday in the Second Week of Lent

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I Corinthians 15:1

Read Luke 13: 31-35

Listening for the Living Word

Prayer and Response

Saturday in the Second Week of Lent

Listening to the Word of God- A Call to Truly Hear

Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says

James 1:22

A Penitential Psalm

Read Psalm 32

Listening for the Living Word

A Prayer for Our Parish

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Scriptures for the Week

Third Sunday in Lent

The Psalm appointed is Psalm 63.1-8.

The Old Testament lesson is taken from Exodus 3:1-15.

The New Testament lesson is taken from I Corinthians 10:1-13.

The Gospel appointed is Luke 13:1-9.

Third Sunday in Lent

Collect for the Week

Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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(*After Worship, BCP*)

Monday in the Third Week of Lent

Listening to the Word of God- Pointing Ahead

These [the Old Testament] are the Scriptures that testify about me...

John 5.39

Read Exodus 3:1-15

Listening for the Living Word

Prayer and Response

Tuesday in the Third Week of Lent

Listening to the Word of God- A Singing Savior

[Jesus] said to them, "...Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in... the Psalms."

Luke 24:44

Read Psalm 63.

Listening for the Living Word

Prayer and Response

Wednesday in the Third Week of Lent

Listening to the Word of God- Christ's Word Applied

...when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men, but as it actually is, the word of God, which is at work in you who believe.

I Thessalonians 2:13

Read I Corinthians 10:1-13.

Listening for the Living Word

Prayer and Response

Thursday in the Third Week of Lent

Listening to the Word of God- Jesus' Gospel

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Romans 2.16

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1 Corinthians 15:1

Read Luke 13:1-9

Listening for the Living Word

Prayer and Response

Saturday in the Third Week of Lent

Listening to the Word of God- A Call to Truly Hear

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James 1:22

A Penitential Psalm

Read Psalm 38.

Listening for the Living Word

A Prayer for Our Parish

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Preparing for Worship-

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Scriptures for the Week Fourth Sunday in Lent

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**The Old Testament lesson is taken from
Joshua 5:9-12.**

**The New Testament lesson is taken from
2 Corinthians 5:16-21.**

The Gospel appointed is Luke 15:1-3, 11-32.

Fourth Sunday in Lent

Collect for the Week

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

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Monday in the Fourth Week of Lent

Listening to the Word of God- Pointing Ahead

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John 5.39

Read Joshua 5:9-12.

Listening for the Living Word

Prayer and Response

Tuesday in the Fourth Week of Lent

Listening to the Word of God- A Singing Savior

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Luke 24:44

Read Psalm 32.

Listening for the Living Word

Prayer and Response

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1 Thessalonians 2:13

Read 2 Corinthians 5:16-21.

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Thursday in the Fourth Week of Lent

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Romans 2.16

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Listening for the Living Word

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Saturday in the Fourth Week of Lent

Listening to the Word of God- A Call to Truly Hear

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James 1:22

A Penitential Psalm

Read Psalm 102

Listening for the Living Word

A Prayer for Our Parish

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Scriptures for the Week Fifth Sunday in Lent

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**The Old Testament lesson is taken from
Isaiah 43:16-21.**

**The New Testament lesson is taken from
Philippians 3:4-14.**

The Gospel appointed is John 12:1-8.

Fifth Sunday in Lent

Collect for the Week

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

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Listening to the Word of God- Pointing Ahead

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John 5.39

Read Isaiah 43:16-21

Listening for the Living Word

Prayer and Response

Tuesday in the Fifth Week of Lent

Listening to the Word of God- A Singing Savior

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Luke 24:44

Psalms 126

Listening for the Living Word

Prayer and Response

Wednesday in the Fifth Week of Lent

Listening to the Word of God- Christ's Word Applied

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I Thessalonians 2:13

Read Philippians 3:4-14

Listening for the Living Word

Prayer and Response

Thursday in the Fifth Week of Lent

Listening to the Word of God- Jesus' Gospel

God will judge men's secrets through Jesus Christ, as my [the apostles'] gospel declares.

Romans 2.16

Read John 12:1-8

Listening for the Living Word

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1 Corinthians 15:1

Read John 12:1-8

Listening for the Living Word

Prayer and Response

Saturday in the Fifth Week of Lent

Listening to the Word of God- A Call to Truly Hear

He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.

Revelation 3.13

A Penitential Psalm

Read Psalm 130

Listening for the Living Word

A Prayer for Our Parish

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Scriptures for the Week

Palm Sunday

The Psalm appointed is Psalm 22:1-11.

The Old Testament lesson is taken from Isaiah 50:4-9a.

The New Testament lesson is taken from Philippians 2:5-11.

The Gospel appointed is Luke 19:28-40.

Palm Sunday

Collect for the Week

Almighty and everliving God, in your tender love for the human race you sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross, giving us the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering, and also share in his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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What message did God communicate to us, the heavenly beings, and the world through His Church today?

Prayer-

Grant, we beseech *thee*, Almighty God, that the words which we have heard this day with our outward ears, may, through *thy* grace, be so grafted inwardly in our hearts, that they may bring forth in us the fruit of good living, to the honor and praise of *thy* Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*
(*After Worship, BCP*)

Monday in Holy Week

Listening to the Word of God- Pointing Ahead

These [the Old Testament] are the Scriptures that testify about me...

John 5.39

Read Isaiah 50:4-9a

Listening for the Living Word

Prayer and Response

Tuesday in Holy Week

Listening to the Word of God- A Singing Savior

[Jesus] said to them, "...Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in... the Psalms."

Luke 24:44

Read Psalm 22:1-11

Listening for the Living Word

Prayer and Response

Wednesday in Holy Week

Listening to the Word of God- Christ's Word Applied

...when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men, but as it actually is, the word of God, which is at work in you who believe.

I Thessalonians 2:13

Read Philippians 2:5-11

Listening for the Living Word

Prayer and Response

Maundy Thursday

Listening to the Word of God- Jesus' Gospel

God will judge men's secrets through Jesus Christ, as my [the apostles'] gospel declares.

Romans 2.16

Read Luke 19:28-40

Listening for the Living Word

Prayer and Response

Good Friday

Listening to the Word of God- Jesus' Gospel

I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand.

1 Corinthians 15:1

Read Luke 22:14-23:56

Listening for the Living Word

Prayer and Response

Holy Saturday

Listening to the Word of God- A Call to Truly Hear

Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.

James 1:22

A Penitential Psalm

Read Psalm 143

Listening for the Living Word

A Prayer for Our Parish

Almighty and everliving God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth, hear our prayers for this parish family. Strengthen the faithful, arouse the careless, and restore the penitent. Grant us all things necessary for our common life, and bring us all to be of one heart and mind within your holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Preparing for Worship-

O Almighty God, *who pours* out on all who desire it the spirit of grace and of supplication: Deliver us, when we draw near to *you*, from coldness of heart and wanderings of mind, that with steadfast thoughts and kindled affections we may worship *thee* in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (*Before Worship BCP p833*)

As I leave the season of preparation (Lent) and enter the season of celebration and proclamation (Easter)...

*** I have sensed the Lord's word to me in this season in the following ways...**

*** I have sensed the Lord's word to others in my small group in this season in the following ways...**

*** I have sensed the Lord's word to our parish community in this season in the following ways...**