

## READINGS & PRAYERS

November 16th- November 22nd, 2020

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The season after Pentecost is sometimes called Ordinary Time. This is a chance for the church to reflect on how the gospel works into the nooks and crannies of ordinary life. As such, it marks the longest portion of the Christian year.

**Monday** Psalm 69 | Jonah 1.17-2.10 | Revelation 11.1-14 | Luke 11.14-26

*Almighty Father, strong is your justice and great is your mercy. Protect us in the burdens and challenges of life. Shield our minds from the distortion of pride and enfold our desire with the beauty of truth. Help us to become more aware of your loving design so that we may more willingly give our lives in service to all.*

**Tuesday** Psalm 70 | Jonah 3.1-4.11 | Revelation 11.14-19 | Luke 11.27-36

*Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command.*

**Wednesday** Psalm 71 | Nahum 1.1-14 | Revelation 12.1-6 | Luke 11.37-52

*O Lord, we pray that the visitation of your grace may so cleanse our thoughts and minds that your Son Jesus, when he shall come, may find in us a fit dwelling place.*

**Thursday** Psalm 72 | Nahum 1.15-2.12 | Revelation 12.7-17 | Luke 11.53-12.12

*Father of Life and Love and all Beauty and Goodness, fill my heart with the radiance that can come only from you. Make me to see and appreciate in others this quality of your goodness, so that in turn I may be touched by the Divine Flame of Love. May it flow through me to others, so that they in turn may be blessed by my passing.*

**Friday** Psalm 73 | Nahum 2.13-3.7 | Revelation 13.1-10 | Luke 12.13-31

*Silently now we would open our hearts to your presence, which is our hope, and all the beauty of life is its shadow. Teach us your truth, and grant us to bear ourselves tightly in it. Bring us to show mercy, as you are merciful. So let your mind be ours, through him who is your love to us.*

**Saturday** Psalm 74 | Nahum 3.8-19 | Revelation 13.11-18 | Luke 12.32-48

*Direct us, O Lord, in all our doings with your most gracious favor, and further us with your continual help; that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name, and finally, by your mercy, obtain everlasting life through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

**Christ the King Sunday** Psalm 75 | Zephaniah 1.1-6 | 1 Corinthians 12.27-13.13 | Matthew 18.21-35

*Father of all that is good, keep us faithful in serving you, for to serve you is our lasting joy.*

\*These readings and prayers are collected & adapted from *For All the Saints: A Prayer Book For and By the Church*

## NEW CITY CATECHISM

Q11: What does God require in the sixth, seventh, and eighth commandments?

A: **Sixth, that we do not hurt, or hate,** or be hostile to **our neighbor**, but be patient and peaceful, pursuing even our enemies with love. **Seventh, that we abstain from sexual immorality and live purely and faithfully**, whether in marriage or in single life, avoiding all impure actions, looks, words, thoughts, or desires, and whatever might lead to them. **Eighth, that we do not take without permission that which belongs to someone else**, nor withhold any good from someone we might benefit.