

# READINGS & PRAYERS

November 23rd- November 29th, 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 76 | Zephaniah 1.7-13 | Revelation 14.1-13 | Luke 12.49-59

*Father in heaven, ever-living source of all that is good, from the beginning of time you promised man salvation through the future coming of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Help us to drink of his truth and expand our hearts with the joy of his promises, so that we may serve you in faith and in love and know for ever the joy of your presence.*

**Tuesday** Psalm 77 | Zephaniah 1.14-18 | Revelation 14.14-15.8 | Luke 13.1-9

*Almighty and merciful God, it is only by your gift that your faithful people offer you true and laudable service: Grant that we may run without stumbling to obtain your heavenly promises.*

**Wednesday** Psalm 78 | Zephaniah 2.1-15 | Revelation 16.1-11 | Luke 13.10-17

*O God, so rule and govern our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit that, being ever mindful of the end of all things and your just judgment, we may be stirred up to holiness of living here and dwell with you forever hereafter; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.*

**Thursday | Day of Thanksgiving**

Psalm 79 | Joel 2.21-27 | 1 Thessalonians 5.12-24 | John 6.26-35

*Almighty and gracious Father, we give you thanks for the fruits of the earth in their season and for the labors of those who harvest them. Make us, we pray, faithful stewards of your great bounty for the provision of our necessities and the relief of all who are in need, to the glory of your Name.*

**Friday** Psalm 80 | Zephaniah 3.8-13 | Revelation 17.1-18 | Luke 13.31-35

*Every word of yours, O god, is your very deed. We don't have to plant our feet and try to hold back against it any longer! Reveal to us your will, which is the nature of things, and our commandment. And turn the burden of our obedience into a song. For Jesus' sake.*

**Saturday** Psalm 81 | Zephaniah 3.14-20 | Revelation 18.1-14 | Luke 14.1-11

*We thank you, O Lord our God, because you have given us boldness to enter into the Holy Place, by the new and loving Way which you have consecrated for us, through the veil of the flesh of Christ...Send forth your grace, O God, and hallow our bodies, souls, and spirits, and incline our hearts to yourself, that we may offer to you, with cleansed conscience...the sacrifice of praise.*

**First Sunday of Advent**

Psalm 82 | Isaiah 1.1-9 | 2 Peter 3.1-10 | Matthew 25.1-13

*All-powerful God, increase our strength of will for doing good that Christ may find an eager welcome at his coming and call us to his side in the kingdom of heaven, where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit.*

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

## NEW CITY CATECHISM

Q12: What does God require in the ninth and tenth commandments?

A: **Ninth, that we do not lie or deceive**, but speak the truth in love. **Tenth, that we are content, not envying anyone** or resenting what God has given them or us.