REALITY

BREAD 2024

As you participate in the practice of reading the scriptures daily over this next year, we pray that you would encounter the living God through His living text. That you, being rooted and established in love, have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long, and high and deep is the love of Christ.

Below you will find our modern take on Lectio Divina: an ancient approach of prayerfully engaging with Scriptures in order to hear God's personal word to you. In each movement of BREAD, we encourage you to be present to the Spirit, because what we seek is not simply information, or even motivation, but communion and union with God.

Be still

Find a place where you can encounter God, ask him to fill the space, and then take a moment in stillness. Fix your eyes on Jesus and invite the Holy Spirit to guide your time.

Read

Read through the passage for the day with an open mind and heart allowing the words to settle into your being. Reread the passage again slowly. Ask a few questions as you reread. You can find these in the How To Use This Journal section.

Encounter

Taking your chosen verse, begin to meditate on it. What comes to mind and how does it make you feel? What do you think God is trying to reveal to you through this verse? Allow him to speak to your heart and mind.

Apply

Now, turn your focus outward; think about how you might be able to apply this to your day. Write down the one thing you're going to try and live out.

Devote

Finally, close by writing a simple prayer of devotion to God. Ask God to fill you afresh and commit your day to him.

Season After Epiphany

You Stand on Holy Ground

01.07, 1st Sunday after Epiphany Sun: Psalm 114 Mon: Genesis 1:24-31 Tues: Exodus 3:1-6 Wed: Psalm 77:11-20 Thurs: 1 Samuel 3:1-10 Fri: Matthew 2:1-12 Sat: Colossians 1:15-23

The Kingdom of God is Among You

01.14, Season after Epiphany Sun: Psalm 24 Mon: Luke 17:20-21 Tues: Mark 12:41-44 Wed: Psalm 145 Thurs: Matthew 5:1-12 Fri: Deuteronomy 30:11-14 Sat: Hebrews 12:18-29

The Extraordinary in the Ordinary

01.21, Season after Epiphany Sun: Psalm 104 Mon: Colossians 2:1-6 Tues: Matthew 17:1-13 Wed: Genesis 21:1-7 Thurs: 2 Corinthians 4:1-15 Fri: Isaiah 51:1-16 Sat: Hebrews 4:14-16

Behold the Beauty of the Lord

01.28, Season after Epiphany Sun: Psalm 97 Mon: Deuteronomy 4:31-39 Tues: Psalm 93 Wed: Isaiah 40:10-31 Thurs: Matthew 27:27-31 Fri: Romans 15:7-13 Sat: Hebrews 1:1-9

Be Still

02.04, Season after Epiphany Sun: Psalm 46 Mon: Deuteronomy 8 Tues: Ecclesiastes 9:11-18 Wed: Psalm 4 Thurs: Mark 9:2-13 Fri: Luke 4:35-41 Sat: Luke 12:22-32

The Time is Ripe

02.11, Last Sunday after Epiphany Sun: Psalm 126 Mon: Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 Tues: 2 Chronicles 7:11-21 Wed: Isaiah 61:1-4 Thurs: Psalm 95:1-7 Fri: Luke 1:67-79 Sat: Ephesians 5:8-15

Season of Lent

We Shall All Be Changed

02.18, 1st Sunday in Lent Sun: Psalm 30 Mon: Genesis 32:22-32 Tues: Exodus 34:27-35 Wed: Isaiah 43:18-25 Thurs: Psalm 36:5-10 Fri: Luke 19:1-10 Sat: Colossians 3:1-11

Put a New & Right Spirit Within Me

02.25, 2nd Sunday in Lent Sun: Psalm 31 Mon: Ezekiel 37:1-14 Tues: Joel 2:12-13 Wed: Psalm 51 Thurs: Luke 15:11-32 Fri: John 16:12-15 Sat: Romans 6:1-14

Vulnerability

03.03, 3rd Sunday in Lent Sun: Psalm 125 Mon: 2 Samuel 12:1-15 Tues: Ruth 1:1-18 Wed: Isaiah 53 Thurs: Matthew 4:1-11 Fri: Luke 22:63-71 Sat: John 18:1-14

The Gift of Tears

03.10, 4th Sunday in Lent Sun: Psalm 38 Mon: Genesis 43:16-34 Tues: Luke 19:29-44 Wed: Philippians 3:12-21 Thurs: 1 Samuel 24:8-22 Fri: Luke 22:47-62 Sat: John 11:17-44

Letting Go

03.17, 5th Sunday in Lent Sun: Psalm 55 Mon: Isaiah 41:10-13 Tues: Proverbs 3:3-8 Wed: Matthew 6:25-34 Thurs: Romans 8:31-39 Fri: Philippians 4:10-13 Sat: Hebrews 12:1-2

Impasse

03.24, Palm Sunday Sun: Psalm 43 Mon: Exodus 14:1-19 Tues: Haggai 2:1-9 Wed: Psalm 53 Thurs: Lamentations 4 Fri: John 10:22-33 Sat: James 4:1-10

Mystery

03.31, Easter Sunday Sun: Psalm 80 Mon: Genesis 18:1-15 Tues: Isaiah 6:1-7 Wed: Psalm 64 Thurs: Daniel 2:24-45 Fri: John 20:1-18 Sat: 1 Corinthians 15:35-58

Count It All Joy

04.07, 2nd Sunday of Easter Sun: Psalm 47 Mon: Nehemiah 8:1-12 Tues: Isaiah 65:17-25 Wed: Psalm 63 Thurs: John 15:1-11 Fri: James 1:2-18 Sat: 2 Corinthians 8:1-15

In the World But Not of It

04.14, 3rd Sunday of Easter Sun: Psalm 120 Mon: Exodus 14:21-31 Tues: Leviticus 26:9-13 Wed: Joshua 24:13-18 Thurs: Luke 6:39-49 Fri: John 17:10-23 Sat: Ephesians 2:1-10

Creativity

04.21, 4th Sunday of Easter Sun: Psalm 8 Mon: Genesis 1:1-5 Tues: Job 26:5-14 Wed: Isaiah 45:16-19 Thurs: Luke 1:26-38 Fri: Matthew 28:1-10 Sat: 1 Peter 2:2-9

Singleness of Heart

04.28, 5th Sunday of Easter Sun: Psalm 26 Mon: Deuteronomy 10:12-22 Tues: 1 Chronicles 28:1-10 Wed: Jeremiah 29:8-14 Thurs: Luke 18:18-30 Fri: John 15:12-17 Sat: 2 Timothy 4:1-8

For the Life of the World

05.05, 6th Sunday of Easter Sun: Psalm 146 Mon: Exodus 16:1-15 Tues: Deuteronomy 5:1-22 Wed: Jeremiah 31:1-13 Thurs: Mark 1:35-39 Fri: John 6:48-51 Sat: 1 John 4:9-12

The Things That Make for Peace

05.12, 7th Sunday of Easter Sun: Psalm 85 Mon: Deuteronomy 30:15-20 Tues: Psalm 34:11-13 Wed: Micah 6:1-8 Thurs: Matthew 5:38-42 Fri: John 14:21-27 Sat: Ephesians 2:11-22

Power from on High

05.19, Pentecost Sunday Sun: Psalm 91 Mon: Exodus 2:15-25 Tues: 2 Kings 2:1-22 Wed: Micah 3 Thurs: Psalm 68:28-35 Fri: Luke 24:36-53 Sat: Ephesians 3:14-21

Ordinary Time

The Freedom of the Christian

05.26, Trinity Sunday: 1st Sunday after Pentecost Sun: Psalm 40 Mon: Daniel 3:8-18 Tues: Psalm 32 Wed: John 10:1-18 Thurs: 1 Corinthians 10:14-33 Fri: Galatians 5:1-15 Sat: 1 Peter 2:9-25

Many Gifts

06.02, Ordinary Time Sun: Psalm 23 Mon: Genesis 2:15-24 Tues: Exodus 4:10-17 Wed: Numbers 11:10-17 Thurs: Isaiah 42:1-9 Fri: Mark 1:1-11 Sat: 1 Corinthians 12:4-11

Ambassadors of Reconciliation

06.09, Ordinary Time Sun: Psalm 41 Mon: Leviticus 25:8-22 Tues: Hosea 2:14-23 Wed: Psalm 94 Thurs: John 18:15-18, 25-27; 21:15-19 Fri: Galatians 6:1-10 Sat: 2 Corinthians 5:11-21

Turning the World Upside Down

06.16, Ordinary Time Sun: Psalm 49 Mon: Deuteronomy 24:10-22 Tues: Isaiah 29:13-24 Wed: Psalm 10 Thurs: Matthew 19:16-22 Fri: Mark 10:23-31 Sat: 1 Corinthians 11:17-34a

Time of Trial

06.23, Ordinary Time Sun: Psalm 37 Mon: Exodus 17:1-7 Tues: Esther 8 Wed: Psalm 18 Thurs: Daniel 1 Fri: Mark 13:3-13 Sat: 1 Peter 1:12-19

Suffering

06.30, Ordinary Time Sun: Psalm 138 Mon: Genesis 3:1-13 Tues: 2 Samuel 22:1-20 Wed: Job 3:1-10 Thurs: Isaiah 58:1-12 Fri: Mark 15:1-37 Sat: 1 Peter 5:1-11

Perseverance

07.07, Ordinary Time Sun: Psalm 71 Mon: Ezekiel 36:22-36 Tues: Proverbs 7:1-3 Wed: Luke 21:5-19 Thurs: Acts 5:12-42 Fri: 2 Corinthians 6:1-10 Sat: Philippians 3:1-12

Loneliness

07.14, Ordinary Time Sun: Psalm 102 Mon: Genesis 18:22-33 Tues: 1 Kings 19:1-18 Wed: Psalm 27:7-14 Thurs: Mark 14:32-50 Fri: Acts 2:22-36 Sat: Romans 11:1-6

Fear Not

07.21, Ordinary Time Sun: Psalm 3 Mon: 2 Kings 6:8-23 Tues: Isaiah 12:1-6 Wed: Psalm 56 Thurs: Matthew 14:22-33 Fri: Hebrews 13:1-6 Sat: 1 John 4:13-21

Forgiveness

07.28, Ordinary Time Sun: Psalm 32 Mon: Genesis 45:1-15 Tues: Exodus 10:12-20 Wed: Matthew 18:21-35 Thurs: John 8:1-11 Fri: Colossians 3:12-17 Sat: 1 Timothy 1:12-17

Pray for One Another

08.04, Ordinary Time Sun: Psalm 143 Mon: Nehemiah 1:1-11 Tues: Matthew 5:43-48, 6:5-15 Wed: Luke 11:5-13 Thurs: Luke 22:31-34 Fri: Colossians 1:3-14 Sat: James 5:13-20

Contemplative Life

08.11, Ordinary Time Sun: Psalm 25 Mon: Leviticus 23:1-3 Tues: Psalm 62:1-2, 5-8 Wed: Psalm 48:9-11 Thurs: Matthew 26:36-44 Fri: Acts 10:9-33 Sat: Ephesians 1:15-19

Discernment

08.18, Ordinary Time Sun: Psalm 139 Mon: 1 Kings 3:10-14 Tues: Daniel 2:17-23 Wed: Mark 10:17-22 Thurs: John 8:12-20 Fri: Ephesians 4:7-16 Sat: Philippians 1:3-11

Wisdom

08.25, Ordinary Time Sun: Psalm 111 Mon: 2 Chronicles 1:7-13 Tues: Job 28:12-28 Wed: Proverbs 2:1-15, 20-22 Thurs: Matthew 18:1-5 Fri: 1 Corinthians 2:6-16 Sat: James 1:19-27

Mind Your Call

09.01, Ordinary Time Sun: Psalm 29 Mon: Exodus 3:7-12 Tues: 1 Samuel 3:11-21 Wed: Jonah 1:1-3 & 3 Thurs: Matthew 4:18-22 Fri: Luke 8:4-15 Sat: Acts 10:1-8

Practicing the Presence of God

09.08, Ordinary Time Sun: Psalm 132 Mon: Exodus 33:7-23 Tues: Isaiah 63:7-14 Wed: Joel 2:18-27 Thurs: Matthew 1:18-25 Fri: Luke 24:13-35 Sat: Revelation 21:1-7

Attentiveness

09.15, Ordinary Time Sun: Psalm 66 Mon: Isaiah 48:12-19 Tues: Jeremiah 6:16-19 Wed: Ezekiel 11:17-20 Thurs: Mark 4:21-25 Fri: Hebrews 10:23-25 Sat: 2 Peter 1:10-19

Gratitude

09.22, Ordinary Time Sun: Psalm 136 Mon: 1 Chronicles 16:8-26 Tues: Psalm 26:1-12 Wed: Jeremiah 33:10-17 Thurs: Matthew 15:32-39 Fri: Ephesians 5:15-21 Sat: 1 Thessalonians 5:12-24

Gentleness

09.29, Ordinary Time Sun: Psalm 119:73-80 Mon: Deuteronomy 32:1-14 Tues: Isaiah 11:1-9 Wed: John 1:29-39 Thurs: Acts 8:26-40 Fri: 1 Peter 1:17-25 Sat: Revelation 5

Simplicity

10.06, Ordinary Time Sun: Psalm 116 Mon: Joshua 4 Tues: Ecclesiastes 2:1-11 Wed: Psalm 19 Thurs: Luke 12:13-21 Fri: Acts 2:42-47; 4:32-35 Sat: 2 Corinthians 1:7-14

Trust

10.13, Ordinary Time Sun: Psalm 20 Mon: Exodus 34:1-9 Tues: 2 Chronicles 20:1-20 Wed: Psalm 84 Thurs: Jeremiah 17:7-8 Fri: John 14:1-14 Sat: Acts 14:21-28

Humility

10.20, Ordinary Time
Sun: Psalm 131
Mon: Psalm 119:65-72
Tues: Proverbs 15:23-33
Wed: Jeremiah 13:15-19
Thurs: Zephaniah 2:1-3
Fri: Luke 18:9-14
Sat: 1 Corinthians 4:1-13

Compassion

10.27, Ordinary Time Sun: Psalm 103 Mon: Genesis 9:8-17 Tues: Exodus 2:1-10 Wed: Matthew 20:29-34 Thurs: John 4:7-26 Fri: Ephesians 4:25-5:2 Sat: 1 Peter 1:3-12

Responsibility

11.03, Ordinary Time
Sun: Psalm 1
Mon: Proverbs 28
Tues: Luke 14:25-33
Wed: Matthew 7:1-6
Thurs: Ephesians 4:1-6
Fri: 1 Timothy 4:7b-16
Sat: 2 Peter 1:1-8

Stewards of Creation

11.10, Ordinary Time
Sun: Psalm 148
Mon: Genesis 1:9-12
Tues: Leviticus 25:1-7
Wed: Job 38:1-24
Thurs: Matthew 18:10-14
Fri: Hebrews 1:10b-14
Sat: Revelation 22:1-6

Justice

11.17, Ordinary Time
Sun: Psalm 72
Mon: Exodus 6:1-13
Tues: Psalm 89:1-14
Wed: Ezekiel 34:1-16
Thurs: Luke 11:37-44
Fri: Ephesians 4:17-24
Sat: James 3:13-18

End Times

11.24, Reign of Christ Sunday
Sun: Psalm 11
Mon: Genesis 6:13-22
Tues: Psalm 39:1-5
Wed: Matthew 24:1-21
Thurs: Matthew 24:22-42
Fri: Revelation 7:9-17
Sat: 1 Peter 4:7-11

Season of Advent Active Waiting

12.01, 1st Sunday in Advent Sun: Psalm 27 Mon: Matthew 25:1-13 Tues: Psalm 130 Wed: Isaiah 26:7-10 Thurs: Lamentations 3:19-26 Fri: Luke 2:25-32 Sat: 2 Peter 3:8-13

Hope in God

12.08, 2nd Sunday in Advent
Sun: Psalm 33
Mon: Genesis 17:1-8
Tues: Psalm 119:159-170
Wed: Zechariah 9:9-12
Thurs: Matthew 12:1-23
Fri: Romans 8:19-29
Sat: 1 Corinthians 15:12-22

Prepare the Way of the Lord

12.15, 3rd Sunday in Advent Sun: Psalm 96 Mon: Exodus 19:1-11 Tues: Luke 12:35-40 Wed: Psalm 98 Thurs: Romans 13:11-14 Fri: Mark 13:28-37 Sat: 1 Peter 1:13-16

Welcome the Stranger

12.22, 4th Sunday in Advent Sun: Psalm 81 Mon: Exodus 23:1-9 Tues: Genesis 19:1-13 Wed: Psalm 121 Thurs: Jeremiah 7:1-7 Fri: Luke 9:51-58 Sat: Matthew 25:31-46

The Word Became Flesh

12.29, 1st Sunday after Christmas Sun: Psalm 67 Mon: Matthew 10:16-31 Tues: Luke 13:31-35 Wed: Mark 6:31-44 Thurs: Philippians 2:12-15 Fri: John 3:1-3, 7-12 Sat: Hebrews 5:7-10

The Poverty of God

01.05, 2nd Sunday after Christmas Sun: Psalm 14 Mon: Exodus 32:1-8 Tues: Psalm 74:1-10 Wed: Isaiah 3:1-5 Thurs: Mark 6:1-6 Fri: Luke 2:1-7 Sat: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31