

READINGS AND PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

August 30th—8:00 & 10:15am

First Reading (8 & 10:15) *Please check that microphone is on*

A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah.

O Lord, you know; remember me and visit me, and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors. In your forbearance do not take me away; know that on your account I suffer insult. Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart; for I am called by your name, O Lord, God of hosts. I did not sit in the company of merrymakers, nor did I rejoice; under the weight of your hand I sat alone, for you had filled me with indignation. Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail.

Therefore, thus says the Lord: If you turn back, I will take you back, and you shall stand before me. If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless, you shall serve as my mouth. It is they who will turn to you, not you who will turn to them. And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you, for I am with you to save you and deliver you, says the Lord. I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked, and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

The Word of the Lord.

The Psalm (8:00 AND 10:15) *Please check that microphone is on*

Let us pray a portion of Psalm 26 responsively, breaking at the asterisk.

- 1 Give judgment for me, O Lord,
for I have lived with integrity; ***
I have trusted in the Lord and have not faltered.
- 2 Test me, O Lord, and try me; ***
examine my heart and my mind.
- 3 For your love is before my eyes; ***
I have walked faithfully with you.
- 4 I have not sat with the worthless, ***
nor do I consort with the deceitful.
- 5 I have hated the company of evildoers; ***
I will not sit down with the wicked.
- 6 I will wash my hands in innocence, O Lord, ***
that I may go in procession round your altar,
- 7 Singing aloud a song of thanksgiving ***
and recounting all your wonderful deeds.
- 8 Lord, I love the house in which you dwell ***
and the place where your glory abides.

The Prayers (8:00 & 10:15) Please check that microphone is on

Deacon: Almighty God, you looked upon your people and heard their cries, hear us again and answer us as we pray, hear our prayer.

Almighty God, giver of every good gift, look graciously on your Church, St. Paul's, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a rector for this parish, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Awaken your church that it might boldly proclaim Christ's good news and continue Christ's mission and ministry throughout the world. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Guide our nation and those in authority that ours might be a land, not just of promise, but of fulfillment, dignity, and peace. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Open our eyes to all the opportunities to be your voice and your hands in our local communities so that no needs go unmet. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Grant us strength, commitment, and perseverance to meet the challenges of our day and to build a sustainable society rooted in our vision of the Kingdom. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Bring healing to all who suffer and mend what is broken or wounded in our lives and in the lives of those we love and care for. Especially we pray for Maryann, Adele, Frank, Sharyn, Chris., Peter, Jack, Abby, Chris, Ron, Mallory, Paul, Mary Jane, Claudius, Mara, Bill, Diane, Lois, Donna, Hans, Nathan, Noreen, Scott,

Bertha, Amelia, Ella, Bill, and those whose names are held in the quiet of our heart. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We give thanks for the lives of **Mr. & Mrs. Jerold B. Foland, Mr. John L. Gardner, Mr. & Mrs. David V. Fergusson, Mr. & Mrs. Donald R. Phelps, and Mr. Douglas R. Phelps**, in whose honor and to God's glory the flowers have been given. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Embrace the dead in your loving arms, grant peace to all who mourn or grieve, and fulfill your promise to us that we might rise again in your new age. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

After a period of silence, the presider adds a collect.