

MARCH 20, 2022
THIRD SUNDAY
IN LENT



To repent is to seek and thirst for God.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday	Luke 13:1-9	Parable of the fig tree
Monday	Isaiah 55:1-9	Abundant life
Tuesday	1 Corinthians 10:1-13	Warnings from Israel's history
Wednesday	Luke 12:54-59	Knowing what to do
Thursday	1 Chronicles 16:8-13	David's psalm of thanksgiving
Friday	Acts 3:17-26	Peter speaks in the temple
Saturday	Psalms 63:1-8	Comfort in God's presence
Sunday	Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32	Parable of the forgiving father

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

O God, you are my God, I seek you, my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

Psalm 63:1 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Dear God, give us a thirst for your presence in our lives and world that we may live in peace and confidence through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Loving God, may this food remind us that you promise us a feast that costs us nothing and shows your great love for us through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (Isaiah 55:1)

A Blessing to Give:

May God give you a repentant heart, peace, and joy.



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HYMN OF THE WEEK
Restore in Us, O God



WEEKLY MILESTONES

Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

CARING CONVERSATIONS



Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- How would you describe what life is like in today's world?
- What do you think God sees that is lacking in the world today?

DEVOTIONS



Read: Luke 13:1-9.

Lent is a season of repentance. Repentance is not first and foremost a moral change on our part; it is a changed way of seeing that influences one's actions. Jesus sees human tragedies caused by tyrants [like Pilate] or by accidents [like a tower that falls on people] as part of life. Life is fragile for lots of reasons. To see the world as Jesus sees it is to see the need for all of us to repent, that is, to turn to God and see God's care for us in the world. To repent is to turn toward God. It is to turn away from a thirst for acceptance from others, power, prestige, or wealth. The life of repentance Jesus wants for us bears the fruit of God's ways that is full of mercy and forgiveness (see Isaiah 55:7).

Discuss: How does knowing of God's care for us change your way of thinking and behaving in the world?

Pray: **Forgiving God, help us to see as you see and to desire what you desire through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

SERVICE



Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings and theme for this week, how does repentance influence your actions towards others?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS



Lent is a time to focus on prayer. When reading a newspaper or watching the news, we learn about tragedies and sad events happening in the world. After reading or seeing the news this week, sit in silence and pray for those situations and the people involved. Light a candle and say: **Jesus Christ is the light of the world. The light no darkness can overcome.** The Bible gives us models for praying. Close by reading Psalm 63:1-8 as a prayer.



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