



KINGS & PROPHETS



November 22, 2020. Narrative Lectionary week 11 of year 3.

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE

Prelude

Share the Peace of Christ with others

Greeting

Hymn #155 "All Hail the Power of Jesus Name"
vs. 1,2,4,6

Call to Worship

Psalm 20:1-2, 4-8

Pastoral Prayer

One: I pray that the Lord answers you whenever you are in trouble. Let God send help to you from the sanctuary and support you from Zion.

Prayer for Christ the King, #721
Almighty and everlasting God,

All: Let God grant what is in your heart and fulfill all your plans. Then we will rejoice that you've been helped. We will fly our flags in the name of our God. Let the Lord fulfill all your requests!

It is your will to restore all things to Christ, whom you anointed priest for ever and ruler of creation. Grant that all the people of the earth, now divided by the power of sin, may be united under the glorious and gentle rule of Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns for ever and aever. Amen

One: Now I know that the Lord saves his anointed one; God answers his anointed one from his heavenly sanctuary, answering with mighty acts of salvation achieved by his strong hand.

Offering and Prayer of Thanksgiving

All: Some people trust in chariots, others in horses; but we praise the Lord's name. They will collapse and fall, but we will stand up straight and strong.

Special Musical Offering

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" -arr. John Carter
Nancy Schwegler, piano

Prayer of Confession

God of Abraham and Sarah, you are a God of promises and blessing. Yet we forget your promises and mistake your blessing with our own doing. God of Kings and Prophets, you are a God of covenant and steadfast love. Yet we forget to care for the hungry, poor, alien, orphan, and widow. Forgive our failure to remember your instructions. Write them within us and engrave them on our hearts. Be our God, and we will be your people.

Hymn #94

"Praise God"

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Jeremiah 36: 1-8, 21-28, 31:31-34 (CEB) - David Martin
36:1-8

In the fourth year of Judah's King Jehoiakim, Josiah's son, this word came to Jeremiah from the Lord: Take a scroll and write in it all the words I have spoken to you concerning Israel, Judah, and all the nations from the time of Josiah until today. Perhaps when the people of Judah hear about every disaster I intend to bring upon them, they will turn from their evil ways, and I will forgive their wrongdoing and sins. So Jeremiah sent for Baruch, Neriah's son. As Jeremiah dictated all the words that the Lord had spoken

Pause for Silent Reflection and Confession

Words of Assurance



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to him, Baruch wrote them in the scroll. Then Jeremiah told Baruch, "I'm confined here and can't go to the Lord's temple. So you go to the temple on the next day of fasting, and read the Lord's words from the scroll that I have dictated to you. Read them so that all the people in the temple can hear them, as well as all the Judeans who have come from their towns. If they turn from their evil ways, perhaps the Lord will hear their prayers. The Lord has threatened them with fierce anger." Baruch, Neriah's son, did everything the prophet Jeremiah instructed him: he read all the Lord's words from the scroll in the temple.

36:21-28

The king sent Jehudi to take the scroll, and he retrieved it from the room of Elishama the scribe. Then Jehudi read it to the king and all his royal officials who were standing next to the king. Now it was the ninth month,[a] and the king was staying in the winterized part of the palace with the firepot burning near him. And whenever Jehudi read three or four columns of the scroll, the king would cut them off with a scribe's knife and throw them into the firepot until the whole scroll was burned up. Neither the king nor any of his attendants who heard all these words were alarmed or tore their clothes. Elnathan, Delaiah, and Gemariah begged the king not to burn the scroll, but he wouldn't listen to them.

The king commanded Jerahmeel, the king's son, along with Seraiah, Azriel's son, and Shelemiah, Abdeel's son, to arrest the scribe Baruch and the prophet Jeremiah. But the Lord hid them.

The Lord's word came to Jeremiah after the

king had burned the scroll containing the words written by Baruch at Jeremiah's dictation: Get another scroll and write in it all the words that were in the first scroll that Judah's King Jehoiakim burned.

31:31-34

The time is coming, declares the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the people of Israel and Judah. It won't be like the covenant I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt. They broke that covenant with me even though I was their husband, declares the Lord. No, this is the covenant that I will make with the people of Israel after that time, declares the Lord. I will put my Instructions within them and engrave them on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people. They will no longer need to teach each other to say, "Know the Lord!" because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the Lord; for I will forgive their wrongdoing and never again remember their sins.

Sermon "Jeremiah's call for Repentance"
- Rev. Robb McCoy

Hymn #66 "Praise My Soul the King of Heaven"

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

Blessing

Postlude



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WEEKLY GPS

GROW

PRAY

STUDY

Coming Next:

Nov. 29	Daniel in the Lion's Den	Daniel 6:6-27
Dec. 6	Turn to God	Joel 2: 12-13, 28-29
Dec. 13	The Spirit of the Lord is Upon Me	Isaiah 61:1-11
Dec. 20	Annunciation	Luke 1:26-45

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THE WEEK: Jeremiah 31:34

No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the Lord," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Monday	Jeremiah 39:11-18	Jeremiah Is Set Free
Tuesday	Jeremiah 42:7-16	Jeremiah Advises the People to Stay
Wednesday	Jeremiah 44:1-10	The People Still Worship Idols
Thursday	Daniel 1:1-17	Israelites in the Babylonian Court
Friday	Daniel 3:1-18	The Golden Image
Saturday	Daniel 5:1-8, 13-16, 23-28	Daniel Interprets the Writing on the Wall

CARING CONVERSATIONS or REFLECTIONS

- **Thinking About This Week's Story:** God called the people to repent, to change their ways. What was a change you made today? What is a change you want to make tomorrow?
- **Getting Ready for Next Week's Story:** Daniel gets locked up in a lions' den. But Daniel trusted that God will save him. When did you need to trust someone today? When did someone have to trust you?