

MESSAGE NOTES

Sunday, January 17th

DEVOTIONAL GUIDE

VERSE OF THE WEEK:

“Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body.”

DAILY PRAYER:

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshiped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and forever. Amen.

DAILY READINGS:

Monday, January 18: Psalm 86; 1 Samuel 9:27-10:8; 2 Corinthians 6:14-7:1

Tuesday, January 19: Psalm 86; 1 Samuel 15:10-31; Acts 5:1-11

Wednesday, January 20: Psalm 86; Genesis 16:1-14; Luke 18:15-17

Thursday, January 21: Psalm 62:5-12; Jeremiah 19:1-15; Revelation 18:11-20

Friday, January 22: Psalm 62:5-12; Jeremiah 20:7-13; 2 Peter 3:1-7

Saturday, January 23: Psalm 62:5-12; Jeremiah 20:14-18; Luke 10:13-16

LECTIONARY TEXTS (FOR SUNDAY, JANUARY 24, 2021):

Jonah 3:1-5, 10

Psalm 62:5-12

1 Corinthians 7:29-31

Mark 1:14-20

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION/JOURNALING/DISCUSSION:

1. How did you respond to this week's message? What insights or questions did it raise for you?
2. How does Paul's understanding of the body challenge conceptions of the body in the culture? In the Church?
3. How does the knowledge that "you are not your own" change the way you treat your body or the bodies of others?
4. What can you do to steward your body better so that you can serve the Lord more effectively?
5. Who are the people from whom you might wonder if "anything good" can come? How does Jesus challenge your perception?
6. Read the lectionary texts for next Sunday. What questions do they raise for you?

INTERCESSORY PRAYER GUIDE:

Monday - Pray for those whose bodies are broken or abused.

Tuesday - Pray for those who are victims of exploitation.

Wednesday - Pray for peace and an end to violence.

Thursday - Pray for a peaceful transition of power for the U.S. on Inauguration Day.

Friday - Pray for the Church to have a bold and Christ-like Christian witness in the world.

Saturday - Pray for our worship services on Sunday and for God's good news to be spread far and wide.