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'Living in harmony with God's Creation'

Prepared Scripture Readings

PREPARED READINGS

	REFERENCE	Description
1	2 Cor. 4:13 – 5:1	We believe, and therefore we speak
2	Joel 2: 12-18	Let your hearts be broken and not your garments torn
3	2 Peter 3: 8-15	We wait for new heavens and a new earth
4	Romans 8: 8-17	Everyone moved by the spirit is a son of God
5	John 10: 11-18	The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep
6	1 John 4: 7-16	God loved us so much we ought to love one another

2 Corinthians 4.13 - 5.1

We speak since we are grounded in faith.

A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

13 Just as we have the same spirit of faith
that is in accordance with scripture—
“I believe, and so I spoke”—
we also believe, and so we speak,
14 because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus
will raise us also with Jesus,
and will bring us with you into his presence.
15 Yes, everything is for your sake,
so that grace, as it extends to more and more people,
may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.
16 So we do not lose heart.
Even though our outer nature is wasting away,
our inner nature is being renewed day by day.
17 For this slight momentary affliction
is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure,
18 because we look not at what can be seen
but at what cannot be seen;
for what can be seen is temporary,
but what cannot be seen is eternal.
1 For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed,
we have a building from God,
a house not made with hands,
eternal in the heavens.

The word of the Lord.

Joel 2.12-18

Rend your hearts and not your clothing.

A reading from the book of the prophet Joel.

- 12 “Even now,” says the Lord,
“return to me with all your heart,
with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning;
13 rend your hearts and not your clothing.
“Return to the Lord, your God,
for he is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love,
and relents from punishing.”
- 14 Who knows whether the Lord will not turn and relent,
and leave a blessing behind him:
a grain offering and a drink offering
to be presented to the Lord, your God?
15 Blow the trumpet in Zion;
sanctify a fast;
call a solemn assembly;
16 gather the people.
Sanctify the congregation;
assemble the aged;
gather the children, even infants at the breast.
Let the bridegroom leave his room,
and the bride her canopy.
- 17 Between the vestibule and the altar
let the priests, the ministers of the Lord, weep.
Let them say, “Spare your people, O Lord,
and do not make your heritage a mockery,
a byword among the nations.
Why should it be said among the peoples,
‘Where is their God?’”
- 18 Then the Lord became jealous for his land,
and had pity on his people.

The word of the Lord.

2 Peter 3.8-15

We wait for new heavens and a new earth.

A reading from the second letter of Peter.

- 8 Do not ignore this one fact, beloved,
that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years,
and a thousand years are like one day.
- 9 The Lord is not slow about his promise,
as some think of slowness,
but is patient with you,
not wanting any to perish,
but all to come to repentance.
- 10 But the day of the Lord will come like a thief,
and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise,
and the elements will be dissolved with fire,
and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed.
- 11 Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way,
what sort of persons ought you to be
in leading lives of holiness and godliness,
waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God,
because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved,
and the elements will melt with fire?
- 13 But, in accordance with his promise,
we wait for new heavens and a new earth,
where righteousness is at home.
- 14 Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things,
strive to be found by him at peace,
without spot or blemish;
- 15 and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation.

The word of the Lord.

Romans 8.8-17

For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God.

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

8 Those who are in the flesh cannot please God.
9 But you are not in the flesh;
you are in the Spirit,
since the Spirit of God dwells in you.
Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ
does not belong to him.
10 But if Christ is in you,
though the body is dead because of sin,
the Spirit is life because of righteousness.
11 If the Spirit of God who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you,
he who raised Christ from the dead
will give life to your mortal bodies also
through his Spirit that dwells in you.
12 So then, brothers and sisters,
we are debtors, not to the flesh,
to live according to the flesh—
13 for if you live according to the flesh, you will die;
but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body,
you will live.
14 For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God.
15 For you did not receive a spirit of slavery
to fall back into fear,
but you have received a spirit of adoption.
When we cry, “Abba! Father!”
16 it is that very Spirit bearing witness
with our spirit that we are children of God,
17 and if children, then heirs,
heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—
if, in fact, we suffer with him
so that we may also be glorified with him.

The word of the Lord.

John 10.11-18

The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

A reading from the holy gospel according to John.

Jesus said to the Pharisees:

- 11 “I am the good shepherd.
The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.
- 12 The hired hand, who is not the shepherd
and does not own the sheep,
sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—
and the wolf snatches them and scatters them.
- 13 The hired hand runs away
because a hired hand does not care for the sheep.
- 14 “I am the good shepherd.
I know my own and my own know me,
just as the Father knows me and I know the Father.
And I lay down my life for the sheep.
- 16 I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold.
I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice.
So there will be one flock, one shepherd.
- 17 “For this reason the Father loves me,
because I lay down my life in order to take it up again.
- 18 No one takes it from me,
but I lay it down of my own accord.
I have power to lay it down,
and I have power to take it up again.
I have received this command from my Father.”

The gospel of the Lord.

1 John 4.7-16

God loved us so much we ought to love one another.

A reading from the first letter of John.

7 Beloved,
let us love one another,
because love is from God;
everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.
8 Whoever does not love does not know God,
for God is love.
9 God's love was revealed among us in this way:
God sent his only Son into the world
so that we might live through him.
10 In this is love,
not that we loved God
but that he loved us
and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins.
11 Beloved, since God loved us so much,
we also ought to love one another.
12 No one has ever seen God;
if we love one another, God lives in us,
and his love is perfected in us.
13 By this we know that we abide in him and he in us,
because he has given us of his Spirit.
14 And we have seen and do testify
that the Father has sent his Son as the Saviour of the world.
15 God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God,
and they abide in God.
16 So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.
God is love,
and those who abide in love abide in God,
and God abides in them.

The word of the Lord.