

A collection of readings from the book of Jeremiah.

for my people have committed two evils:
they have forsaken me,
 the fountain of living waters,
and hewed out cisterns for themselves,
 broken cisterns that can hold no water.

O LORD, you know;
 remember me and visit me,
 and take vengeance for me on my persecutors.
In your forbearance take me not away;
 know that for your sake I bear reproach.
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 revelers,
 nor did I rejoice;
I sat alone, because your hand was upon me,
 for you had filled me with indignation.
Why is my pain unceasing,
 my wound incurable,
 refusing to be healed?
Will you be to me like a deceitful brook,
 like waters that fail?

O LORD, the hope of Israel,
 all who forsake you shall be put to shame;
those who turn away from you shall be written in the earth,
 for they have forsaken the LORD, the fountain of
 living water.

Heal me, O LORD, and I shall be healed;
save me, and I shall be saved,
for you are my praise.
Behold, they say to me,
“Where is the word of the LORD?
Let it come!”
I have not run away from being your shepherd,
nor have I desired the day of sickness.
You know what came out of my lips;
it was before your face.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Please join me in praying Psalm 46.

Leader: God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.

**People: Therefore we will not fear though
the earth gives way,
though the mountains be moved into the heart
of the sea,**

Leader: though its waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble at its swelling.

**People: There is a river whose streams make glad
the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.**

Leader: God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved;
God will help her when morning dawns.

**People: The nations rage, the kingdoms totter;
he utters his voice, the earth melts.**

Leader: The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress. Selah

**People: Come, behold the works of the LORD,
how he has brought desolations on the earth.**

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Leader: He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;
he breaks the bow and shatters the spear;
he burns the chariots with fire.

People: “**Be still, and know that I am God.
I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted in the earth!**”

All: **Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Leader: Please stand for the reading of the Gospel.

(allow them time to stand)

**The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Luke.**

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

And behold, a lawyer stood up to put him to the test, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the Law? How do you read it?" And he answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself." And he said to him, "You have answered correctly; do this, and you will live."

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Leader: You may be seated.