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JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

The Congregation at Prayer

A Guide for daily Meditation and Prayer for the week of

Second Sunday after the Epiphany

January 17 2020

ORDER OF MEDITATION AND PRAYER

L: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

R **Amen**

Apostle's Creed

Psalm

Psalm 139:1–10; antiphon: v. 14

- ¹O LORD, you have searched me and known me!*
- ²You know when I sit down and when I rise up;
you discern my thoughts from afar.
- ³You search out my path and my ying down*
and are acquainted with all my ways.
- ⁴Even before a word is on my tongue,*
behold, O LORD, you know it altogether.
- ⁵You hem me in, behind and before,*
and lay your hand upon me.
- ⁶Such knowledge is too wonderful for me,*
it is high; I cannot attain it.
- ⁷Where shall I go from your Spirit?*
- Or where shall I flee from your presence?
- ⁸If I ascend to heaven, ou are there!*
- If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there!
- ⁹If I take the wings of the morning*
and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,
- ¹⁰even there your hand shall lead me,*
and your right hand shall hold me.

THE CATECHISM

The Lord's Prayer

AS THE HEAD OF THE FAMILY SHOULD TEACH IT IN A SIMPLE WAY TO HIS HOUSEHOLD

- P:** *The Fourth Petition of the Lord's Prayer* Give us this day our daily bread.
What does this mean?
- C:** **God certainly gives daily bread to everyone without our prayers, even to all evil people, but we pray in this petition that God would lead us to realize this and to receive our daily bread with thanksgiving.**
- P:** *What is meant by daily bread?*
- C:** **Daily bread includes everything that has to do with the support and needs of the body, such as food, drink, clothing, shoes, house, home, land, animals, money, goods, a devout husband or wife, devout children, devout workers, devout and faithful rulers, good government, good weather, peace, health, self-control, good reputation, good friends, faithful neighbors, and the like.**

THE READINGS

Sun	Jan 17	Ezekiel 39:1-10, 17-29; Romans 7:21-8:17
Mon	Jan 18	Ezekiel 40:1-4; 43:1-12; Romans 8:8-39
Tue	Jan 19	Ezekiel 44:1-16, 23-29; Romans 9:1-18
Wed	Jan 20	Ezekiel 47:1-14, 21-23; Romans 9:19-33
Thu	Jan 21	Joel 1:1-20; Romans 10:1-21
Fri	Jan 22	Joel 2:1-17; Romans 11:1-24
Sat	Jan 23	Joel 2:18-32; Romans 11:25-12:13

THE PRAYER OF THE WEEK:

Almighty and everlasting God, who governs all things in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the prayers of Your people and grant us Your peace through all our days; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Blessing

L May the almighty and most merciful God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless and preserve us.

R: Amen

Welcome to Worship! Today's readings all have the idea of knowing or being known in them. In the Old Testament reading, even though "Samuel did not know the LORD," the LORD knows Samuel and introduces Himself to Samuel. In the Gospel, Jesus' intimate knowledge of Nathanael prompts the disciple to ask Jesus, "How did you know me?" In the Epistle, Paul asks the questions of God's people, "Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ?" and "Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you?"

In the Bible, the concept of knowing indicates an intimate knowledge of a person. Knowing God is more than knowing things about him. Knowing God includes experiencing his presence and power. To know God is to be loved by him. This morning, Jesus invites all of us to know Him better with the words, "Come and see!"