

This Week's Prayer Guide

Question to ponder this week:

If thriving is not about numbers, what is at the heart of our thriving? What would lead us to say, down the road, "We are alive"?

To find the prayers that are posted this week, follow a link from the church website or go to Youtube and search for St Andrews Hespeler Presbyterian Church (the url is <https://www.youtube.com/@standrewshespeler73>). Subscribe to this channel and you will receive automatic updates.

To prepare for your prayers, find a comfortable and quiet spot. Set aside 10 to 15 minutes during which you will not be interrupted. Follow the instructions on the video.

Meditative Prayer for Monday, April 3, 2023

John 12:1-11 Good News Translation

Jesus Is Anointed at Bethany

¹ Six days before the Passover, Jesus went to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, the man he had raised from death. ² They prepared a dinner for him there, which Martha helped serve; Lazarus was one of those who were sitting at the table with Jesus. ³ Then Mary took a whole pint of a very expensive perfume made of pure nard, poured it on Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The sweet smell of the perfume filled the whole house. ⁴ One of Jesus' disciples, Judas Iscariot—the one who was going to betray him—said, ⁵ "Why wasn't this perfume sold for three hundred silver coins and the money given to the poor?" ⁶ He said this, not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief. He carried the money bag and would help himself from it.

⁷ But Jesus said, "Leave her alone! Let her keep what she has for the day of my burial. ⁸ You will always have poor people with you, but you will not always have me."

The Plot against Lazarus

⁹A large number of people heard that Jesus was in Bethany, so they went there, not only because of Jesus but also to see Lazarus, whom Jesus had raised from death. ¹⁰So the chief priests made plans to kill Lazarus too, ¹¹because on his account many Jews were rejecting them and believing in Jesus.

Lectio Divina for Wednesday, April 5, 2023 (This can be done either using the video or in person in the sanctuary at 9:00 am.)

The text will be Luke 13:18-21

¹⁸He said therefore, "What is the kingdom of God like? And to what should I compare it? ¹⁹It is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in the garden; it grew and became a tree, and the birds of the air made nests in its branches."

²⁰And again he said, "To what should I compare the kingdom of God? ²¹It is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened."

Lectio Divina for Sunday, April 9, 2023

The text will be Ezekiel 36:24-29

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²⁴I will take you from the nations and gather you from all the countries and bring you into your own land. ²⁵I will sprinkle clean water upon you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. ²⁶A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you, and I will remove from your body the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. ²⁷I will put my spirit within you and make you follow my statutes and be careful to observe my ordinances. ²⁸Then you shall live in the land that I gave to your ancestors, and you shall be my people, and I will be your God. ²⁹I will save you from all your uncleannesses, and I will summon the grain and make it abundant and lay no famine upon you.