

LECTIONARY TEXTS

RCL (Revised Common Lectionary)

Jeremiah 23:1-6

Psalm 46

Colossians 1:11-20

Luke 23:33-43

Suggested ReClaim texts

(same)

**COLLECT / PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Our risen, ascended, and reigning Lord, you are Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending. Absolve your people from their offences and deliver them by your bountiful grace; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**ON THE GOSPEL READING**

Lord Jesus Christ, in your great mercy, you chose the cross for your throne, to reign forever over all sin, death, and the power of the devil. By faith, may we be numbered as subjects of your gracious rule when you return as the King of glory and the Lord of hosts. Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

THANKS AND PRAISE TO GOD

O Lord, your mercy endures forever. You created us and you sustain us. You redeemed us and you sanctify us. You give bread for the body, and refresh our souls with your life-giving Spirit. You take away the burden of our sins, comfort us in every sorrow, and bless us with more than we can ask or think. To you be glory in the church forevermore. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR THE BLESSINGS OF REDEMPTION

Lord God, heavenly Father, we give you thanks that in your great mercy you sent your only Son to become incarnate, and to redeem us from sin and everlasting death, and we pray that you would enlighten our hearts by your Holy Spirit, that we may give thanks always for your grace, and may comfort ourselves with the same in every time of trial and temptation. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR THOSE IN AUTHORITY

Merciful God and Father, bless your servants, the president of the United States, and the governor of this state. May they, and all who are entrusted with public office, execute their responsibilities as ministers of your commandments. Grant them wisdom and understanding so that under their governance, we may be protected and directed in the way of righteousness, peace, and unity. Defend them from danger, O God, that we, and they, may show forth the glory and righteousness of your name. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR THOSE IN AFFLICTION

Visit and relieve, O Lord, your servants who are ill, for whom we now make supplication, naming them in our hearts. Comfort them with a sure confidence in your care, defend them in danger, and keep them in your lasting peace and safety. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Lord, we thank you that you have taught us what you would have us believe and do. Help us to keep your Word in pure hearts, so we thereby may be strengthened in faith, perfected in holiness, and comforted in life and in death. **Amen.**
