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Home Devotional- July 5th- July 11th

Introduction

When Amos reports his vision of God judging Israel for its mistreatment of the poor, he becomes a threat to the power of the priests and the king. John the Baptist also speaks truth to power and Herod has him killed. In Herod's fear that Jesus is John returned from the dead, we may hear hope for the oppressed: all the prophets killed through the ages are alive in Jesus. We are called to witness to justice in company with them, and to proclaim God's saving love.

Prayer of the Day

O God, from you come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works. Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments; and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Readings and Psalm

Amos 7:7-15

The sign of the plumb line: God's judgment on Israel

Psalm 85:8-13

I will listen to what the Lord God is saying. (Ps. 85:8)

Ephesians 1:3-14

Chosen in Christ to live to the praise of God's glory

Mark 6:14-29

The death of John the Baptist

Questions for Reflection *(Choose one scripture passage and work through the following questions)*

1. What word or phrase stands out to you?
2. What do you hear God saying to you?
3. What does God want you to do in response to what you hear God saying?

Pray the Lord's Prayer Together

Bless one another saying:

May God bless you this week and always. AMEN

Resources:

Text and Prayers: Sundaysandseasons.com - Questions- Workingpreacher.org