

LITURGY READINGS

Is This Seriously My Life: *Week One* / Ryan Meeks

OPENING PRAYER

Jesus Christ, Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world. Have mercy on us, grant us peace. Amen.

READING DURING MUSIC

“Longings are like growing pains in that their origins can be difficult to trace, and yet they give indication of something deep and profound, something immediately true of us. In that respect, noting our longings and looking more deeply into them can function as a sort of ‘thin space’ in which God pierces our desires and then redeems them with a more devout understanding for how we can live in relationship to God, one another and all of creation.”

Phileena Heuertz

READINGS FROM THE MESSAGE

“He said to Jacob, ‘Let me eat some of that red stuff because I’m exhausted.’”

Genesis 25:30

“It is better to live alone in the desert than with a crabby, complaining wife.”

Proverbs 21:19

“The thing for me is to understand myself. To know what God really wants me to do. The thing for me is to find a truth that is true for me, a truth that I am willing to die for.” — **Soren Kierkegaard**

“Then Peter stood up with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: ‘Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. These men are not drunk, as you suppose. It’s only nine in the morning! No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel: ‘In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams. Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy.’” **Acts 2:14-18**

Most organizations take actions contrary to the true desires of the members and fail to achieve success in their real calling. (Abilene Theory)

“Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—His good, pleasing, and perfect will.” **Romans 12:2**

LITURGY READINGS *(continued)*

“As Jesus and His disciples were leaving Jericho, a large crowd followed Him. Two blind men were sitting by the roadside, and when they heard that Jesus was going by, they shouted, ‘Lord, Son of David, have mercy on us!’ The crowd rebuked them and told them to be quiet but they shouted all the louder, ‘Lord, Son of David, have mercy on us!’ Jesus stopped and called them. ‘What do you want me to do for you?’ He asked. ‘Lord,’ they answered, ‘we want our sight.’ Jesus had compassion on them and touched their eyes. Immediately they received their sight and followed Him.” **Matthew 20:29-34**

“If you knew the generosity of God and who I am, you would be asking Me for a drink, and I would give you fresh, living water.” **John 4:10**

“If you are thirsty, come to Me! If you believe in me, come and drink! For the scriptures declare that rivers of living water will flow out from within.” **John 7:37-38**

“I have come that they may have life and have it to the full.” **John 10:10**

“In Him was life and the life was the light of humanity.” **John 1:4**

“You have your heads in your Bibles constantly because you think you’ll find eternal life there. But you miss the forest for the trees. These Scriptures are all about me! And here I am, standing right before you, and you aren’t willing to receive from me the life you say you want.” **John 5:39-40**

“If your kid asks you for bread, you’re not going to give him a rock. How much more do you think I want to hear your desires? I love to meet the desires of your heart. So ask, seek, knock.” **Matthew 7:7-9**

“Christianity recognizes that we have desire gone mad within us. But it does not seek to rectify the problem by killing desire; rather it seeks the healing of desire, just as it seeks the healing of every other part of the human being.” **John Eldredge**

SENDING PRAYER

O my God, teach me to be generous: to serve you as you deserve to be served; to give without counting the cost; to fight without fear of being wounded; to work without seeking rest; and to spend myself without expecting any reward, but the knowledge that I am doing Your holy will. Amen.

St. Ignatius

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