

Rejoice and be glad, for your father invites you into his loving presence. Use this devotional as you are able, in whole or in part.

OPENING PRAYER

Almighty and most merciful God, we remember before you all poor and neglected persons whom it would be easy for us to forget: the homeless and the destitute, the old and the sick, and all who have none to care for them. Help us to heal those who are broken in body or spirit, and to turn their sorrow into joy. Grant this, Father, for the love of your Son, who for our sake became poor, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (BCP 826)

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 3:18-23

¹⁸ But this is how God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, saying that his Messiah would suffer. ¹⁹ Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord, ²⁰ and that he may send the Messiah, who has been appointed for you—even Jesus. ²¹ Heaven must receive him until the time comes for God to restore everything, as he promised long ago through his holy prophets. ²² For Moses said, 'The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you must listen to everything he tells you. ²³ Anyone who does not listen to him will be completely cut off from their people.'

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

1. Who did Moses say that God would raise up?



2. How would you feel if you were cut off from people in your life, such as your mom, dad or siblings?

3. What do you think it means to receive God?

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Q: What are they [the three offices that Christ fulfills]?

A: The offices of a prophet, of a priest, and of a king.

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

Neighborhood

Lord, help us to remember to engage and serve our neighbors, despite our busy lives.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name. Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

ACTIVITY

The Bible is filled with prophets like Moses and Jesus who spoke God's message. Learn more about prophets below.

Prophet Quotations

Many familiar Bible verses are from the prophets. Look up and read each verse, and draw a line to its meaning.

Even though things are bad, I will rejoice.



We have wandered away like sheep.

God: Whom shall I send?

Isaiah: Send me!

Bring your tithes, and God will bless you.

Isaiah 53:6

Isaiah 6:8

Jeremiah 29:11

Joel 2:28

Micah 5:2

Habakkuk 3:17-18

Zechariah 1:3

Malachi 3:10



God will pour out his Spirit so his children can prophesy.

Jesus will be born in Bethlehem.

God says: Return to me, and I

will return to you.



God has a plan for the future.

A New Testament Prophet

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Between Old and New Testament times, there were no prophets for about 400 years.

Then God sent _	OJNH the	TABSTIP	to prepare the way fo	r Jesus.
He preached that	people should	TEPREN	and turn away from their _	INSS.
Word List: BAPTIST, JOHN, REPENT, SINS				

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