

Weekend: 4/25/26-4/26/26

Leviticus 24:5-9, 1 Samuel 21:3-6, Matthew 12:1-4 (NRSV)

A reading from Leviticus 24:5-9:

"You must take choice wheat flour and bake twelve loaves; there must be two tenths of an ephah of flour in each loaf, and you must set them in two rows, six in a row, on the ceremonially pure table before the LORD. You must put pure frankincense on each row, and it will become a memorial portion for the bread, a gift to the LORD.

Every Sabbath day Aaron shall set them in order before the LORD regularly as a commitment of the Israelites, as a covenant forever. They shall be for Aaron and his descendants, who shall eat them in a holy place, for they are most holy portions for him from the offerings by fire to the LORD, a perpetual due."

A reading from 1 Samuel 21:3-6:

Now what do you have at your disposal? Give me five loaves of bread, or whatever can be found." The priest replied to David, "I don't have any ordinary bread at my disposal. Only holy bread is available... So the priest gave him holy bread, for there was no bread there other than the bread of the Presence. It had been removed from before the LORD in order to replace it with hot bread on the day it had been taken away.

A reading from Matthew 12:1-4:

At that time Jesus went through the grain fields on the Sabbath; his disciples were hungry, and they began to pluck heads of grain and to eat. When the Pharisees saw it, they said to him, "Look, your disciples are doing what is not lawful to do on the Sabbath." He said to them, "Have you not read what David did when he and his companions were hungry? How he entered the house of God, and they ate the bread of the Presence, which it was not lawful for him or his companions to eat, but only for the priests?"

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God!