

Weekend: 7/11/26-7/12/26

Psalms 74:1-11 (NRSV)

A reading from Psalm 74:1-11:

O God, why do you cast us off forever?

Why does your anger smoke against the sheep of your pasture?
Remember your congregation, which you acquired long ago,
which you redeemed to be the tribe of your heritage.

Remember Mount Zion, where you came to dwell.

Direct your steps to the perpetual ruins;
the enemy has destroyed everything in the sanctuary.

Your foes have roared within your holy place;
they set up their emblems there.

At the upper entrance they hacked
the wooden trellis with axes.

And then, with hatchets and hammers,
they smashed all its carved work.

They set your sanctuary on fire;
they desecrated the dwelling place of your name,
bringing it to the ground.

They said to themselves, "We will utterly subdue them";
they burned all the meeting places of God in the land.

We do not see our emblems;
there is no longer any prophet,
and there is no one among us who knows how long.

How long, O God, is the foe to scoff?

Is the enemy to revile your name forever?

Why do you hold back your hand;
why do you keep your hand in your bosom?

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God!