



Introduction

2017 ABM Lenten Reflections

Each reflection in this series follows a similar format:

- ❖ The Gospel reading for each Sunday is listed, with links to the complete text of the reading for those using digital devices. You are encouraged to read through the passage several times before looking at the written reflection or the questions for group discussion.
- ❖ Brief comments reflect on some aspect of the text or comment on the passage in the context of the Holy Land today. These comments may serve as a stimulus to think more deeply about the Gospel reading.
- ❖ Questions for small group discussion are included at the end. These typically focus more on the Australian context as we seek to link the world of the text and the world behind the text with our own world. These questions may also serve as stimuli for individual meditation, including a personal spiritual journal.

A Prayer for Discernment

Holy God,
whose Spirit moved over the deep waters
and whose Word calls all that exists into being:
open my (our) ears to hear what the Spirit is saying to the church,
strengthen my (our) hands to work for justice, and
give me (us) the grace to walk humbly with you;
through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word of grace and truth. **Amen.**

Author

The Revd Canon Gregory Jenks is an Australian Anglican priest who has recently served as Dean of St George's College in Jerusalem. Dr Jenks draws on his long experience in the Holy Land to shape these weekly reflections, which also invite us to reflect on the meaning of the Sunday Gospel readings during Lent for our own lives here in Australia.

