

Daily Morning Message  
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Daily Lectionary Readings    Psalm 142  
                                                 Jeremiah 12:1-13  
                                                 Acts 23:12-35

Today's Scripture Verse:    *Why does the way of the guilty prosper? Why do all who are treacherous thrive? (Jeremiah 12:1b)*

What it means:                 Jeremiah is asking a question of God that many of us have wanted to ask. Why doesn't God exercise justice by destroying the accomplishments of those who violate God's justice? Why should the righteous suffer for the sins of those who do not follow the ways of God's teachings?

Our time of reflection:        Dear God, like Jeremiah, we are often tempted to question your ways. When wrongdoing prospers, we think you should act, but you have left to us the resolution of the evil humans do to one another. Call us, God, to the works of compassion and the ministry of justice in a world that you have made open for your people to shape.

