

Daily Morning Message
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Lectionary Readings

Psalm 26
Obadiah 1:10-16
Revelation 8:1-5

Today's Scripture Verse:

When the Lamb opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven for about half an hour. (Revelation 8:5)

What it means:

The Book of Revelation may be best understood as the powerful dream and imaginings of a man who was deeply disappointed with the powers that maintained the governments of the earth. John's thoughts are not a prediction of the future – more like a lament over the turmoil brought about by imperial power, and a vision of God's final triumph. The book is filled with dramatic symbols of conflict when the forces of evil provoke the unleashing of God's power. In this verse, the Lamb is the triumphant figure of the Christ, but in the Revelation the Christ is hard to recognize as the risen form of Jesus as we are used to thinking about him. The Lamb in this passage is casting powerful symbols of judgment upon the earth.

Reflection:

Holy One, we see in these passages of judgment the strong calling in Scripture for setting right the injustices of the world. When we see wrongs being committed by people against one another, we pray for the remembrance among us of your anger, and we pray for the courageous compassion of Jesus to guide our efforts to live by the ways of justice and mercy and move us to the day of peace.

