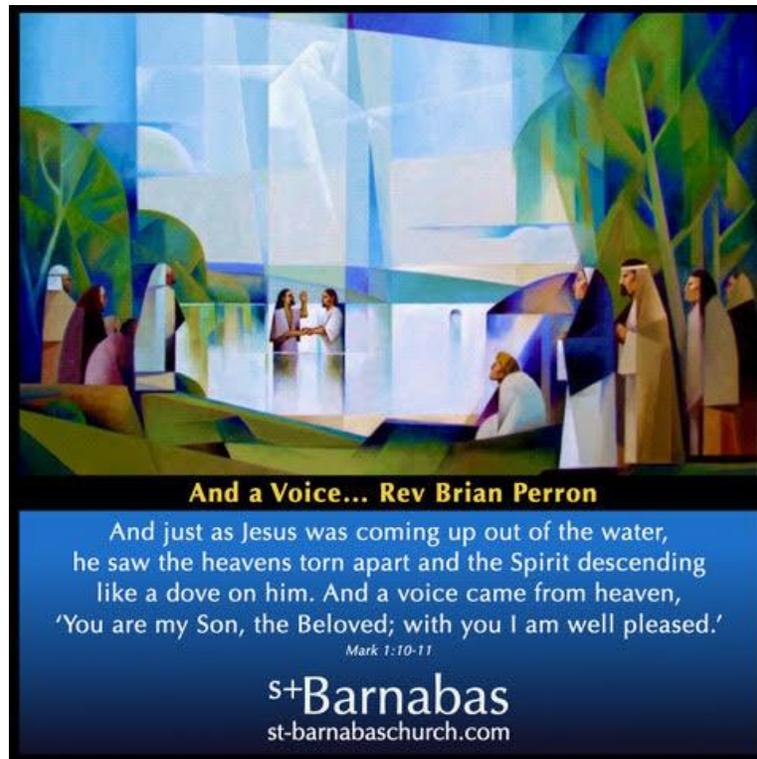


Sunday, January 10, 2021 | dimanche, le 10 janvier 2021

We encourage you to follow along with the service bulletin that continues below.



And it shall come to pass, if they will not believe thee, neither hearken to the voice of the first sign, that they will believe the voice of the latter sign. *Exodus 4:8*

S'ils ne te croient pas, dit l'Éternel, et n'écoutent pas la voix du premier signe, ils croiront à la voix du dernier signe. *Exode 4:8*

Welcome:

Worship at Home: Due to the continuing surge in Covid cases, we must be prudent and therefore stop gathering in person for worship. Our recent times together since September have provided us with hope for the days when we can again safely assemble in worship.

"Church services in person have been suspended and that means that we are all returning to Phase 1 and that our buildings are closed to the public from Saturday, January 9 to Monday, February 8." – The Right Reverend Mary Irwin-Gibson *Bishop of Montreal*

In the meantime for reasons of safety, *there should be no entry into our church facilities without prior agreement from management.*

Church Offering Envelopes: St-Barnabas Envelope boxes have arrived and many were distributed at our Christmas services. In the coming weeks, we will mail your boxes to you.

If you no longer require a box of envelopes, please let us know. Thank you to all who continue to support our church financially, [St-Barnabas on-line Donations Page](#).

More announcements and updates follow at the end of the service ...

A SERVICE FOR THE RENEWAL OF OUR BAPTISMAL VOWS

Opening Hymn – Sing of the Lord's Goodness <https://youtu.be/q5R9PmGf3aE>

Sing of the Lord's goodness,
Father of all wisdom,
come to him and bless his name.
Mercy he has shown us,
his love is for ever,
faithful to the end of days.
Come, then, all you nations,
sing of your Lord's goodness,
melodies of praise and thanks to God.
Ring out the Lord's glory,
praise him with your music,
worship him and bless his name.

Power he has wielded, honor is his garment,
risen from the snares of death.
His word he has spoken,
one bread he has broken,
new life he now gives to all.
Come, then, all you nations,
sing of your Lord's goodness,
melodies of praise and thanks to God.
Ring out the Lord's glory,
praise him with your music,
worship him and bless his name.

Courage in our darkness,
comfort in our sorrow,
Spirit of our God most high;
solace for the weary,
pardon for the sinner,
splendor of the living God.
Come, then, all you nations,
sing of your Lord's goodness,
melodies of praise and thanks to God.
Ring out the Lord's glory,
praise him with your music,
worship him and bless his name.

Praise him with your singing,
praise him with the trumpet,
praise God with the lute and harp;
praise him with the cymbals,
praise him with your dancing,
praise God till the end of days.
Come, then, all you nations,

sing of your Lord's goodness,
melodies of praise and thanks to God.
Ring out the Lord's glory,
praise him with your music,
worship him and bless his name.

The grace, mercy and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

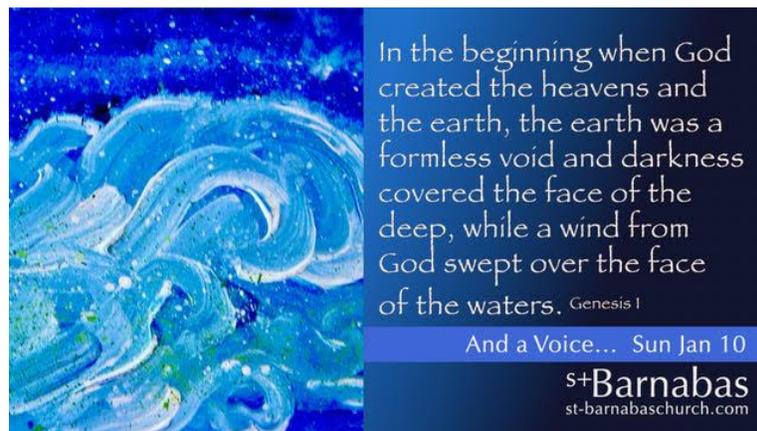
And also with you.

In the old covenant, God chose Israel to be his people. He showed them his ways and gave them his laws. We stand within the new covenant made by the birth, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, and in this we bear his name. We are initiated into this covenant by baptism, dying with Christ, being buried with Christ, and rising with Christ to a life of faith, hope and love. In the strength of the covenant, which he has made with his people, and mindful of our shortcomings, let us bind ourselves anew to God who has so graciously bound himself to us. And let us gladly take the yoke of Christ upon us.

Let us pray:

Open the heavens, almighty Father, and pour out your Spirit upon your people gathered in prayer. Renew the power of our baptismal cleansing and fill us with zeal for good deeds. Let us hear your voice once again that we may recognise in your beloved Son our hope of inheriting eternal life. Grant this through Jesus Christ, your Word made flesh, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, in the splendour of eternal light, God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

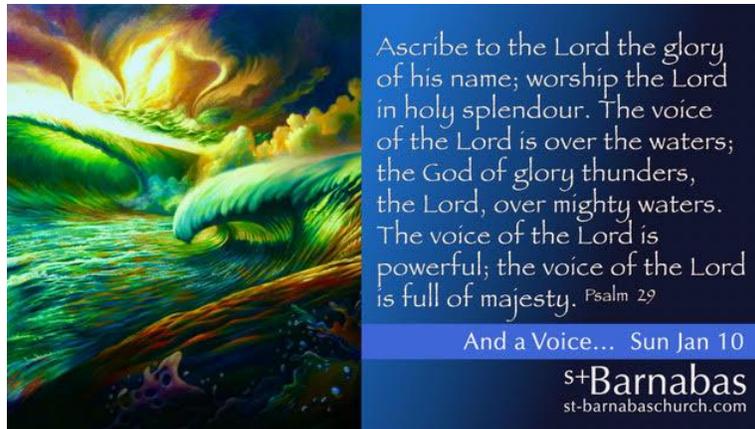


Genesis 1:1-5 *A mighty wind*

¹In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, ²the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. ³Then God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light.

⁴And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness.

⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.



Psalms 29 The Voice of God in a Great Storm

Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name; worship the Lord in holy splendour.

The voice of the Lord is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the Lord, over mighty waters.

The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.

The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars; the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon.

He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Sirion like a young wild ox.

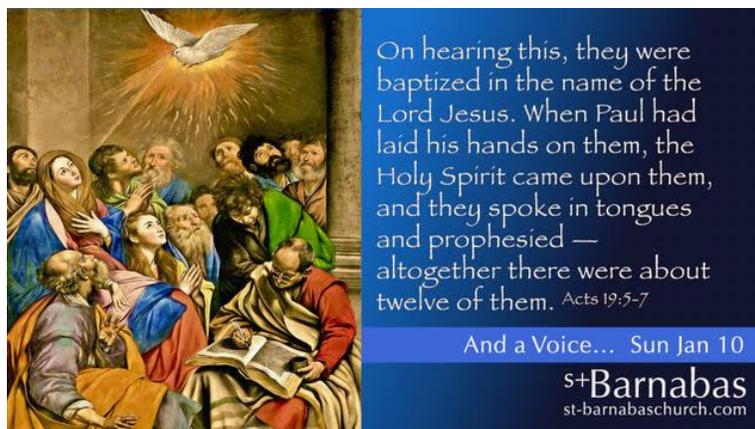
The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire.

The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

The voice of the Lord causes the oaks to whirl, and strips the forest bare; and in his temple all say, 'Glory!'

The Lord sits enthroned over the flood; the Lord sits enthroned as king for ever.

May the Lord give strength to his people! May the Lord bless his people with peace!



Acts 19:1-7 Paul in Ephesus

¹While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the inland regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. ²He said to them, 'Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?' They replied, 'No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.' ³Then he said, 'Into what then were you baptized?' They answered,

'Into John's baptism.' ⁴Paul said, 'John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus.' ⁵On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. ⁶When Paul had laid his hands on them, *the Holy Spirit came upon them*, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied— ⁷altogether there were about twelve of them.

Gospel Hymn : We have a Gospel to Proclaim <https://youtu.be/E-SPYAqCtkw>

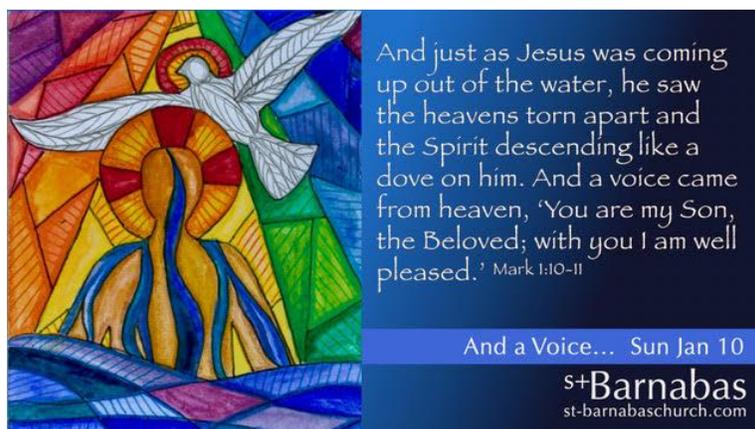
We have a gospel to proclaim,
Good news for men in all the earth;
The gospel of a Saviour's name,
We sing His glory, tell His worth.

Tell of His birth at Bethlehem,
Not in a royal house or hall
But in a stable dark and dim,
The Word made flesh, a light for all.

Tell of His death at Calvary,
Hated by those He came to save,
In lonely suffering on the cross,
For all He loved His life He gave.

Tell of that glorious Easter morn,
Empty the tomb, for He was free.
He broke the power of death and hell
That we might share His victory.

Now we rejoice to name Him King,
Jesus is Lord of all the earth,
This gospel message we proclaim,
We sing His glory, tell His worth.



THE GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to MARK 1:1-11

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Mark 1:1-11 *The Proclamation of John the Baptist*

¹The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. ²As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, 'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; ³the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight" ', ⁴John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷He proclaimed, 'The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. ⁸I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.'

The Baptism of Jesus

⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon: And a Voice ~ Rev Brian Perron

exodus 4: ⁸Then the Lord said, "If they do not believe you or pay attention to the first sign, they may believe the second. ⁹But if they do not believe these two signs or listen to you, take some water from the Nile and pour it on the dry ground. The water you take from the river will become blood on the ground." ¹⁰Moses said to the Lord, "Pardon your servant, Lord. I have never been eloquent, neither in the past nor since you have spoken to your servant. I am slow of speech and tongue." ¹¹The Lord said to him, "Who gave human beings their mouths? Who makes them deaf or mute? Who gives them sight or makes them blind? Is it not I, the Lord? ¹²Now go; I will help you speak and will teach you what to say."

Isaiah 29:18¹⁸In that day the deaf will hear the words of the scroll, and out of gloom and darkness the eyes of the blind will see.

Job 29:3³When his lamp shone on my head and by his light I walked through darkness!

Job 29:24²⁴When I smiled at them, they scarcely believed it; the light of my face was precious to them.

Isaiah 42:16¹⁶I will lead the blind by ways they have not known, along unfamiliar paths I will guide them; I will turn the darkness into light before them and make the rough places smooth. These are the things I will do; I will not forsake them.

formlessness, confusion, unreality, emptiness (primary meaning difficult to seize)

inane | **i'nein** | lacking sense or meaning; silly

darkness, obscurity, also disaster, calamity, extinction, mischief. Those who are in darkness, ie. in ignorance.

A curative knowledge: the herb's curative properties: healing, therapeutic, medicinal, remedial, curing, corrective; restorative, tonic, health-giving, healthful

sanative; | **sanativ** | conducive to physical or spiritual health and well-being; healing.

Anthem of reflection: down Galilee's Slow Roadways <https://youtu.be/hmWRlrBF7ME>

Down Galilee's slow roadways,
a stranger travelled on
from Nazareth to Jordan
to be baptized by John.
He went down to the waters with soldier, scribe,
and slave, but there within the river
the sign was birth and grave.

Arising from the river,
he saw the heavens torn;
it seemed the sky was open
to show the Spirit's form.
The holy dove descended;
he heard a glorious voice:
"You are my own beloved—
my child, my heart, my choice."

We too have found a roadway;
it led us to this place.
We all have had to travel
in search of hope and grace.
But now beside this water
again a voice is heard:
"You are my own, my chosen,
beloved of your Lord."

Affirmation of Baptism

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in God the Son?

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate was crucified, died and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.

This is the faith of the Church.

**This is our faith in one God, Father Son and Holy Spirit
We are proud to profess it together**

Praise to you, almighty God and Father, for you have created water to cleanse and to give life.

Blessed be God.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, the Father's only Son, for you offered yourself on the cross, that in the blood and water flowing from your side and through your death and resurrection the Church might be born.

Blessed be God.

Praise to you, God the Holy Spirit, for you anointed Christ at his baptism in the waters of the Jordan, so that we might all be baptised in you.

Blessed be God.

Hymn: Like the Murmur of a Dove's Song <https://youtu.be/UxfY0ME6pXI>

Like the murmur of the dove's song,
like the challenge of her flight,
like the vigor of the wind's rush,
like the new flame's eager might:
Come, Holy Spirit, come.

To the members of Christ's body,
to the branches of the Vine,
to the Church in faith assembled,
to her midst as gift and sign:
Come, Holy Spirit, come.

With the healing of division,
with the ceaseless voice of prayer,
with the power to love and witness,
with the peace beyond compare:
Come, Holy Spirit, come.

Commitment to the Christian Life

As a disciple of Christ will you continue in the Apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread and in prayer?

With the help of God, I will.

Will you proclaim the good news by word and deed, serving Christ in all people?

With the help of God, I will.

Will you work for justice and peace, honouring God in all creation?

With the help of God, I will.

This is the task of the Church.

This is our task; to live and work for the kingdom of God.

The Sharing of Christ's Peace

God has made us one in Christ. He has set his seal upon us and, as a promise of what is to come, has given the Spirit to dwell in our hearts.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

*And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts,
to which indeed you were called in the one body. Colossians 3:15*

THE COLLECT

Eternal Father, who at the baptism of Jesus revealed him to be your Son, anointing him with the Holy Spirit, keep your children, born of water and the Spirit, faithful to their calling; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

INTERCESSIONS AND THANKSGIVINGS

“O Lord, you have taught us that without *love*, whatever we do is worth nothing: Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts your greatest gift, which is love, the true bond of peace and of all virtue, without which whoever lives is accounted dead before you. Grant this for the sake of your only Son Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and ever. Amen.”

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Having renewed our baptismal vows and having committed ourselves to live and work for the kingdom of God, we are more confident to call God our father and to pray:

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

BLESSING

God Creator, allow our being to be always aware of the presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives. Allow us to hear and to see the voice of God and always with a readiness to testify to our neighbor, through the power of the Holy Spirit; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn: To the name of our Salvation <https://youtu.be/ld7KpZQ9phq>

To the name of our salvation
laud and honour let us pay,
which for many a generation
hid in God's foreknowledge lay,
but with holy exultation
we may sing aloud to-day.

Jesus is the name we treasure,
name beyond what words can tell;
name of gladness, name of pleasure,
ear and heart delighting well;
name of sweetness passing measure,
saving us from sin and hell.

'Tis the name that whoso preacheth

speaks like music to the ear;
who in prayer this name beseecheth
sweetest comfort findeth near;
who its perfect wisdom reacheth
heavenly joy possesseth here.

Therefore we in love adoring
this most blessed name revere,
holy Jesu, thee imploring
so to write it in us here,
that hereafter heavenward soaring
we may sing with angels there.

DISMISSAL:

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude: *Your Love is Finer than Life* <https://youtu.be/f4moWjcT368>

This is a time for us to meditate in quiet reflection and prayer.

Oh God, I seek you, my soul thirsts for you, your love is finer than life.
Oh God, I seek you, my soul thirsts for you, your love is finer than life.
As a dry and weary desert land, so my soul is thirsting for my God,
and my flesh is faint for the God I seek, for your love is more to me than life.
Oh God, I seek you, my soul thirsts for you, your love is finer than life.
I think of you when at night I rest, I reflect upon your steadfast love.
I will cling to you, Oh Lord my God, in the shadow of your wings I sing.
Oh God, I seek you, my soul thirsts for you, your love is finer than life.
I will bless your name all the days I live, I will raise my hands and call on you.
My joyful lips shall sing your praise, you alone have filled my hungry soul.
Oh God, I seek you, my soul thirsts for you, your love is finer than life.

Our lectionary readings for next week, Sunday January 17th: "Seeing Greater Things!"
[1 SAMUEL 3:1-20; PSALM 139:1-5, 12-17; 1 CORINTHIANS 6:12-20; JOHN 1:43-51](#)

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More announcements

Annual Vestry Report and Meeting

Each new year we begin to prepare for our annual vestry meeting. This is the time we gather reports from our department leaders, reports of what has been done but also now during these times expressing a vision of what are our hopes are for our St-Barnabas. Please send in your reports to barnabas@bellnet.ca.

ECS – (Ecumenical Community Services) – 40th Christmas Baskets Campaign:

Thank you to all of you who have graciously given to ECS this year, and continue with your faithful tithes and offerings to your St-Barnabas.

Your Tithes and Offerings

At the end of each Service, we ask you to remember your church with your offering to God. We understand these are new and different ways, and yet we are pleased to say that St-Barnabas has been able, because of you, to maintain itself financially during these difficult times. May you be blessed as you continue to safely give to God by supporting the work of your church by donating online through links found on the [St-Barnabas on-line Donations Page](#). It's easy; by [e-Transfer](#), [St-Barnabas CanadaHelps](#), or [PayPal link](#), and as always through Canada Post to: 95, avenue Lorne, Saint-Lambert, QC J4P 2G7. Your ongoing donations are critical at this time. *Complete confidentiality is assured, as all donations are received and processed only by our Church Treasurer.*

"Then he saith, I will return into my house from whence I came out; and when he is come, he findeth it empty, swept, and garnished" Matthew 12:44

Les Jardins Intérieurs

We are broadcasting twice a week on the corporate TV Channel of Les Jardins: Wednesday afternoons at 3:00pm and Saturday mornings at 9:15am.

The work of the church continues well beyond the Sunday morning as we the Church reach out to our neighbours.

Stay connected through our social media links:

Listen to our on-line messages posted on our [St-Barnabas website](#) and [Facebook](#) page, as well as in the emails that we send twice a week. I encourage you to share these posts and this bulletin with your families and friends, as words and thoughts of encouragement. Also, if you hear of individuals in need of something, let us know; we will see what we can do with members who have put their names forward to help in a safe and manageable way.

Share your stories

Send us an email at barnabas@bellnet.ca of what you have been up to, and to share your experiences of getting through this isolation. Share your stories with us to brighten the lives of others, and stay safe.

Keep in touch

So stay tuned and reach out to members you feel concern for, allow the Holy Spirit to speak to you and to minister to those shut-in and alone at this time. Be safe, 'Stay Home', for your sake and for the well being of others, and... wash your hands!

God bless you and thank you for your thoughts and prayers,

Brian and Joyce

The Reverend Brian Perron
St-Barnabas St-Lambert

A Word of Happiness for 2020

I myself am God, your God: Keep my statutes and live by my laws.
Keep my Sabbaths as holy rest days, signposts between me and you,
signalling that I am God, your God. *Ezekiel 20 :20*



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