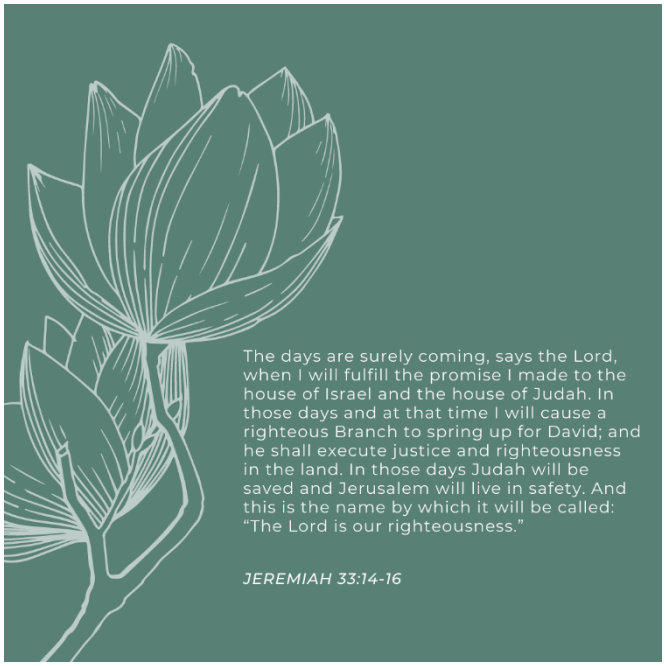
March 27, 2021 Lenten Devotional
Jeremiah 33:14-16 - "The days are surely coming ..."
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The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfil the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'

-Jeremiah 33:14-16



Reflection
Typically, we see this passage in advent proclaiming that Christ is coming. It is a bit different to look at this passage right before Christ's death. When we look at this in a Lenten sense, in reflection, we see that God keeps His promises. He kept his promise that there will be justice and righteousness. We see through Jesus's ministry, He turned tables over, both figuratively and literally. Jesus turned the world upside down for the good of all people, especially the oppressed and the sick. He gave them hope and the justice that they deserve.

This passage is a good reminder that God keeps His promises and that His promises are everlasting. God wants us to be with Him in heaven after we have fulfilled our life on earth and so God promised to give up His son throughout scripture. Jesus died on the cross, not for his sake but for the sake of all humanity. God sacrificed His son for the goodness of the human race, not that we deserve it but because God loves us so much.

As we turn our attention towards Palm Sunday and Holy Week, let us continue to be reflective on the goodness and forgiveness from God. It is written multiple times, "The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love" (Psalm 103:8 NRSV). These words are another reminder that God loves us, His creation and that He gave up His son for us.