

## **Sunday, April 3 Scripture Reading**

### 1 Kings 11:1-13

## New Revised Standard Version

### **Solomon's Errors**

**11** King Solomon loved many foreign women along with the daughter of Pharaoh: Moabite, Ammonite, Edomite, Sidonian, and Hittite women, <sup>2</sup> from the nations concerning which the LORD had said to the Israelites, "You shall not enter into marriage with them, neither shall they with you; for they will surely incline your heart to follow their gods"; Solomon clung to these in love. <sup>3</sup> Among his wives were seven hundred princesses and three hundred concubines; and his wives turned away his heart. <sup>4</sup> For when Solomon was old, his wives turned away his heart after other gods; and his heart was not true to the LORD his God, as was the heart of his father David. <sup>5</sup> For Solomon followed Astarte the goddess of the Sidonians, and Milcom the abomination of the Ammonites. <sup>6</sup> So Solomon did what was evil in the sight of the LORD, and did not completely follow the LORD, as his father David had done. <sup>7</sup> Then Solomon built a high place for Chemosh the abomination of Moab, and for Molech the abomination of the Ammonites, on the mountain east of Jerusalem. <sup>8</sup> He did the same for all his foreign wives, who offered incense and sacrificed to their gods.

<sup>9</sup> Then the LORD was angry with Solomon, because his heart had turned away from the LORD, the God of Israel, who had appeared to him twice, <sup>10</sup> and had commanded him concerning this matter, that he should not follow other gods; but he did not observe what the LORD commanded. <sup>11</sup> Therefore the LORD said to Solomon, "Since this has been your mind and you have not kept my covenant and my statutes that I have commanded you, I will surely tear the kingdom from you and give it to your servant. <sup>12</sup> Yet for the sake of your father David I will not do it in your lifetime; I will tear it out of the hand of your son. <sup>13</sup> I will not, however, tear away the entire kingdom; I will give one tribe to your son, for the sake of my servant David and for the sake of Jerusalem, which I have chosen."