

February 2021

Bible Readings



As we enter Common Time, the daily readings lack any real cohesive theme, like they might during advent. I can barely find any one book that appears more than 2 or 3 times this month! Except of course for the Psalms, which appear every day of the year. So, let's take a moment and reflect on those. Did you know that Psalms were the original

hymns of faith? Psalms are in fact songs. They had meter and tune, like any of our modern hymns would. Hymns as we know them, did not exist until the Protestant Reformation. They were not a part of the Catholic worship experience until after Vatican II in 1969! Orthodox Christians still have no hymns, relying solely on chants of psalms, canticles and other acts of praise. If you go to a Monastery (Which I'm sure you do!) you will most certainly hear the psalms chanted. They are never meant to be read. It would be like my standing on Sunday and reading "Amazing Grace how sweet the sound...." No! Sing it! Psalms, if read, are almost always read responsively, with congregational participation. This is the music of our faith, expressing (like all good hymns) emotions like thankfulness and longing. Exuberance and desperation. These are the hymns of our faith! Pay attention to the psalms this month and enjoy!

Monday, February 1, 2021: Psalm 35:1-10; Numbers 22:1-21; Acts 21:17-26

Tuesday, February 2, 2021: Psalm 35:1-10; Numbers 22:22-28; 1 Corinthians 7:32-40

Wednesday, February 3, 2021: Psalm 35:1-10; Jeremiah 29:1-14; Mark 5:1-20

Thursday, February 4, 2021: Psalm 147:1-11, 20c; Proverbs 12:10-21; Galatians 5:2-15

Friday, February 5, 2021: Psalm 147:1-11, 20c; Job 36:1-23; 1 Corinthians 9:1-16

Saturday, February 6, 2021: Psalm 147:1-11, 20c; Isaiah 46:1-13; Matthew 12:9-14

Sunday, February 7, 2021: Psalm 147:1-11, 20c; Isaiah 40:21-31; 1 Corinthians 9:16-23; Mark 1:29-39

Monday, February 8, 2021: Psalm 102:12-28; 2 Kings 4:8-17, 32-37; Acts 14:1-7

Tuesday, February 9, 2021: Psalm 102:12-28; 2 Kings 8:1-6; Acts 15:36-41

Wednesday, February 10, 2021: Psalm 102:12-28; Job 6:1-13; Mark 3:7-12

Thursday, February 11, 2021: Psalm 50:1-6; 1 Kings 11:26-40; 2 Corinthians 2:12-17

Friday, February 12, 2021: Psalm 50:1-6; 1 Kings 14:1-18; 1 Timothy 1:12-20

Saturday, February 13, 2021: Psalm 50:1-6; 1 Kings 16:1-7; Luke 19:41-44

Sunday, February 14, 2021: Psalm 50:1-6; 2 Kings 2:1-12; 2 Corinthians 4:3-6; Mark 9:2-9

Monday, February 15, 2021: Psalm 110:1-4; Exodus 19:7-25; Hebrews 2:1-4

Tuesday, February 16, 2021: Psalm 110:1-4; Job 19:23-27; 1 Timothy 3:14-16

Wednesday, February 17, 2021: Psalm 51:1-17; Joel 2:1-2, 12-17; 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10;

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

Thursday, February 18, 2021: Psalm 25:1-10; Daniel 9:1-14; 1 John 1:3-10

Friday, February 19, 2021: Psalm 25:1-10; Daniel 9:15-25a; 2 Timothy 4:1-5

Saturday, February 20, 2021: Psalm 25:1-10; Psalm 32; Matthew 9:2-13

Sunday, February 21, 2021: Psalm 25:1-10; Genesis 9:8-17; 1 Peter 3:18-22; Mark 1:9-15

Monday, February 22, 2021: Psalm 77; Job 4:1-21; Ephesians 2:1-10

Tuesday, February 23, 2021: Psalm 77; Job 5:8-27; 1 Peter 3:8-18a

Wednesday, February 24, 2021: Psalm 77; Proverbs 30:1-9; Matthew 4:1-11

Thursday, February 25, 2021: Psalm 22:23-31; Genesis 15:1-6, 12-18; Romans 3:21-31

Friday, February 26, 2021: Psalm 22:23-31; Genesis 16:1-6; Romans 4:1-12

Saturday, February 27, 2021: Psalm 22:23-31; Genesis 16:7-15; Mark 8:27-30

Sunday, February 28, 2021: Psalm 22:23-31; Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16; Romans 4:13-25; Mark 8:31-38