

Daily Bible Readings for January

Our list this month centers on the celebrations of the Epiphany and the Baptism of the Lord and then leads us into a very brief stint of Common Time. Epiphany in the Western Church (Catholics and Protestants) centers around the visitation of the Magi. The word Epiphany means “manifestation” and refers to the manifestation of the Messiah as God’s gift to all people. The Magi (who came from the East) were thought to be Zoroastrians from Iran and thereby were not Jewish. In the Eastern part of the Church (Eastern Orthodoxy) the Epiphany is the manifestation of the Glory of God at the Baptism of Jesus, when the dove descended and Jesus was declared to be the Beloved son of God, with whom God was well-pleased.

Our readings list comes from the Revised Common Lectionary recommended for use by the United Church of Christ and by many other Christian denominations in North America. The daily Bible readings are clustered into weeks with Sunday being the center of each week. The readings for Thursday, Friday, and Saturday of each week orient our prayer and preparation for the Sunday lessons; the readings for Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday reflect on Sunday’s lessons.

In the worship of Grace Church we normally read only two lessons. However, many Sundays the Psalm for the day is also incorporated into the service as a Call to Worship or prayer.

Dec 31	<i>First Sunday after Christmas</i> Isaiah 61:10—62:3 Psalm 148 Galatians 4:4-7 Luke 2:22-40	Jan 4	Psalm 110 Proverbs 3:1-12 James 4:11-17
Jan 1	<i>Holy Name of Jesus</i> <i>(Mary, Mother of God)</i> Numbers 6:22-27 Psalm 8 Galatians 4:4-7 or Phil. 2:5-11 Luke 2:15-21	Jan 5	Psalm 110 Proverbs 22:1-9 Luke 6:27-31
Jan 1	<i>New Year’s Day</i> Ecclesiastes 3:1-13 Psalm 8 Revelation 21:1-6a Matthew 25:31-46	Jan 6	<i>Epiphany of the Lord</i> Isaiah 60:1-6 Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14 Ephesians 3:1-12 Matthew 2:1-12
Jan 2	Psalm 148 Proverbs 1:1-7 James 3:13-18	Jan 7	<i>Baptism of the Lord</i> Psalm 110 Exodus 1:22—2:10 Hebrews 11:23-26
Days around Epiphany		Jan 8	Psalm 110 Exodus 2:11-25 Hebrews 11:27-28
Jan 3	Psalm 110 Proverbs 1:20-33 James 4:1-10	Jan 9	Psalm 110 Exodus 3:7-15 John 8:39-59
		Jan 10	Psalm 69:1-5, 30-36 Isaiah 41:14-20 John 1:29-34

Second Week after Epiphany

Jan 11 Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18
Judges 2:6-15
2 Corinthians 10:1-11

Jan 12 Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18
Judges 2:16-23
Acts 13:16-25

Jan 13 Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18
1 Samuel 2:21-25
Matthew 25:1-13

Jan 14 *Second Sunday after the Epiphany*
1 Samuel 3:1-10 [11-20]
Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18
1 Corinthians 6:12-20
John 1:43-51

Jan 15 Psalm 86
1 Samuel 9:27—10:8
2 Corinthians 6:14—7:1

Jan 16 Psalm 86
1 Samuel 15:10-31
Acts 5:1-11

Jan 17 Psalm 86
Genesis 16:1-14
Luke 18:15-17

Third Week after Epiphany

Jan 18 Psalm 62:5-12
Jeremiah 19:1-15
Revelation 18:11-20

Jan 19 Psalm 62:5-12
Jeremiah 20:7-13
2 Peter 3:1-7

Jan 20 Psalm 62:5-12
Jeremiah 20:14-18
Luke 10:13-16

Jan 21 *Third Sunday after the Epiphany*
Jonah 3:1-5, 10
Psalm 62:5-12
1 Corinthians 7:29-31
Mark 1:14-20

Jan 22 Psalm 46
Genesis 12:1-9
1 Corinthians 7:17-24

Jan 23 Psalm 46
Genesis 45:25—46:7
Acts 5:33-42

Jan 24 Psalm 46
Proverbs 8:1-21
Mark 3:13-19a

Fourth Week after Epiphany

Jan 25 Psalm 111
Deuteronomy 3:23-29
Romans 9:6-18

Jan 26 Psalm 111
Deuteronomy 12:28-32
Revelation 2:12-17

Jan 27 Psalm 111
Deuteronomy 13:1-5
Matthew 8:28—9:1

Jan 28 *Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany*
Deuteronomy 18:15-20
Psalm 111
1 Corinthians 8:1-13
Mark 1:21-28

Jan 29 Psalm 35:1-10
Numbers 22:1-21
Acts 21:17-26

Jan 30 Psalm 35:1-10
Numbers 22:22-28
1 Corinthians 7:32-40

Jan 31 Psalm 35:1-10
Jeremiah 29:1-14
Mark 5:1-20