

Grace Daily Readings

Friends,

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 1	<i>Holy Name of Jesus (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 1	<i>New Year’s Day</i> : Ecclesiastes 3:1-13, Psalm 8, Revelation 21:1-6a, Matthew 25:31-46
Jan 2	Psalm 148, Proverbs 1:1-7, James 3:13-18
Jan 3	Psalm 110, Proverbs 1:20-33, James 4:1-10
Jan 4	Psalm 110, Proverbs 3:1-12, James 4:11-17
Jan 5	Psalm 110, Proverbs 22:1-9, Luke 6:27-31
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 7	Psalm 110, Exodus 1:22—2:10, Hebrews 11:23-26
Jan 8	Psalm 110, Exodus 2:11-25, Hebrews 11:27-28

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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	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
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	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
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	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