

Daily Bible Readings for February

The season of Epiphany might be called Christian Enlightenment. We have announced in weekly worship, "Arise, shine your light has come!" We follow Jesus, empowered by the Spirit, from baptism into wilderness trials and Galilee ministry with the cry of Good News. The Spirit of Jesus is the cord that carries the light of Christ. This month we conclude the season recalling Jesus' transfiguration (Feb 19). It is an encounter with hope. The execution of Jesus will not mean the defeat of Jesus. The light from the mount of transfiguration is a light that shines from the tomb and gloom of human life. Morning will follow midnight! Yet Transfiguration is more than a conclusion to Epiphany. It is prelude to Lent. In the rays of Transfiguration Lent is not a time for dejection or obsession about sin. Rather, it calls us to be realistic with our frailties and limitations as human beings. It calls us to repent for the ways that we overestimate our ability to control God's creation. But Lent is always a journey bounded by Transfiguration at its beginning and Easter at its conclusion.

The daily Bible readings are clustered into weeks with Sunday being the center of each week. The lessons for Sunday come from the Revised Common Lectionary recommended for use by the United Church of Christ and by many other Christian denominations in North America.

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 only read two lessons. However, many Sundays the Psalm for the day is also incorporated into the service as a Call to Worship or prayer. For each Sunday the lessons that will be read during worship are marked with an asterisk *.

Jan 29	Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany Deuteronomy 18:15-20 Psalm 111 *1 Corinthians 8:1-13 *Mark 1:21-28	Feb 4	Psalm 147:1-11, 20c Isaiah 46:1-13 Matthew 12:9-14
Jan 30	Psalm 35:1-10 Numbers 22:1-21 Acts 21:17-26	Feb 5	Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany Isaiah 40:21-31 Psalm 147:1-11, 20c *1 Corinthians 9:16-23 *Mark 1:29-39
Jan 31	Psalm 35:1-10 Numbers 22:22-28 1 Corinthians 7:32-40	Feb 6	Psalm 102:12-28 2 Kings 4:8-17, 32-37 Acts 14:1-7
Feb 1	Psalm 35:1-10 Jeremiah 29:1-14 Mark 5:1-20	Feb 7	Psalm 102:12-28 2 Kings 8:1-6 Acts 15:36-41
Fifth Week after Epiphany		Feb 8	Psalm 102:12-28 Job 6:1-13 Mark 3:7-12
Feb 2	Psalm 147:1-11, 20c Proverbs 12:10-21 Galatians 5:2-15		
Feb 3	Psalm 147:1-11, 20c Job 36:1-23 1 Corinthians 9:1-16	Sixth Week after Epiphany	
		Feb 9	Psalm 30 Leviticus 13:1-17 Hebrews 12:7-13

Feb 10	Psalm 30 Leviticus 14:1-20 Acts 19:11-20	Feb 20	Psalm 110:1-4 Exodus 19:7-25 Hebrews 2:1-4
Feb 11	Psalm 30 Leviticus 14:21-32 Matthew 26:6-13	Feb 21	Psalm 110:1-4 Job 19:23-27 1 Timothy 3:14-16
Feb 12	<i>Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany</i> 2 Kings 5:1-14 Psalm 30 *1 Corinthians 9:24-27 *Mark 1:40-45	First Week of Lent Feb 22	<i>Ash Wednesday</i> Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 <i>or</i> Isaiah 58:1-12 Psalm 51:1-17 2 Corinthians 5:20b—6:10 Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21
Feb 13	Psalm 6 2 Chronicles 26:1-21 Acts 3:1-10	Feb 23	Psalm 25:1-10 Daniel 9:1-14 1 John 1:3-10
Feb 14	Psalm 6 2 Kings 7:3-10 1 Corinthians 10:14—11:1	Feb 24	Psalm 25:1-10 Daniel 9:15-25a 2 Timothy 4:1-5
Feb 15	Psalm 6 Job 30:16-31 John 4:46-54	Feb 25	Psalm 25:1-10 Psalm 32 Matthew 9:2-13
Transfiguration			
Feb 16	Psalm 50:1-6 1 Kings 11:26-40 2 Corinthians 2:12-17	Feb 26	<i>First Sunday in Lent</i> Genesis 9:8-17 *Psalm 25:1-10 1 Peter 3:18-22 *Mark 1:9-15
Feb 17	Psalm 50:1-6 1 Kings 14:1-18 1 Timothy 1:12-20	Feb 27	Psalm 77 Job 4:1-21 Ephesians 2:1-10
Feb 18	Psalm 50:1-6 1 Kings 16:1-7 Luke 19:41-44	Feb 28	Psalm 77 Job 5:8-27 1 Peter 3:8-18a
Feb 19	<i>Transfiguration of the Lord</i> 2 Kings 2:1-12 Psalm 50:1-6 *2 Corinthians 4:3-6 *Mark 9:2-9	Feb 29	Psalm 77 Proverbs 30:1-9 Matthew 4:1-11