

BRIEF LESSONS

*for Prayers at Mid-Morning, Noon, and Mid-Afternoon*¹

Advent 2008 through Easter 2009 (Year B)

Sections of Psalm 119 for Prayers during the Day

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1–8	25–32	49–56	81–88	105–112	129–136	153–160
9–16	33–40	57–64	89–96	113–120	137–144	161–168
17–24	41–48	65–72 ²	97–104	121–128	145–152	169–176

November 30—Advent I—Mark 13:31

Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

December 7—Advent II—Mark 1:7a, 8b

The one who is coming after me...will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.

December 14—Advent III—John 1:7

John came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him.

December 21—Advent IV—Luke 1:35

The Holy Spirit will come upon you, Mary...therefore the child to be born of you will be holy; he will be called Son of God.

December 24—Christmas Eve—Luke 2:11

To you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

December 25—Christmas Dawn—Luke 2:15b

Let us go and see this word that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.

December 25—Christmas Day—John 1:14

The Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of the Father's only Son, full of grace and truth.

December 28—Christmas I—Luke 2:40

The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

April 26—Easter III—Luke 24:46f.

Thus it is written, that the Christ is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations.

May 3—Easter IV—John 10:14f.

I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father.

May 10—Easter V—John 15:5

I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing.

May 17—Easter VI—John 15:16

You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last.

May 21—Ascension of Our Lord—Mark 16:15f.

Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved.

May 24—Easter VII—John 17:17, 19

Holy Father, sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.

May 30—Vigil of Pentecost—John 7:37f.

Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, and let the one who believes in me drink.

May 31—Day of Pentecost—John 16:13

When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come.

¹These Brief Lessons—mostly sayings of Jesus—are generally taken from the Gospels appointed for Sundays and festivals of Year B in the Revised Common Lectionary (1992).

These verses may also be used as antiphons for the Benedictus at Matins and the Magnificat at Vespers. On Sundays and festivals outside of Lent, an Alleluia may be added to the antiphon at First Vespers, Matins, and Second Vespers.

²The ordering of the sections of Psalm 119 follows that of The Daily Prayer of the Church, edited by Philip H. Pfatteicher (2005), in which verses 73–80 are designated for Vespers of Fridays in Lent. According to the Lutheran Book of Worship (1978), those verses are designated for Matins of Mondays in Lent.

January 1—The Name of Jesus—Luke 2:21

The child was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

January 4—Christmas II—John 1:18

No one has ever seen God; God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart has made him known.

January 6—Epiphany of Our Lord—Matthew 2:6b

From Bethlehem shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.

January 11—Baptism of Our Lord—Mark 1:11

You are my beloved Son, with you I am well pleased.

January 18—Epiphany II—John 1:51

You will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.

January 25—Epiphany III—Mark 1:15

The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of heaven is at hand; repent, and believe in the gospel.

February 1—Epiphany IV—Mark 1:27b

Jesus commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.

February 2—Presentation of Our Lord—Luke 2:34b, 35a

This child is destined to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed.

February 8—Epiphany V—Mark 1:39

Jesus went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

February 15—Epiphany VI—Mark 1:41

Moved with pity, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched the leper, and said to him, Be made clean!

February 22—Transfiguration of Our Lord—Mark 9:7b

This is my beloved Son; listen to him!

February 25—Ash Wednesday—Matthew 6:21

Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

March 1—Lent I—Mark 1:13

Jesus was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan...and the angels waited on him.

March 8—Lent II—Mark 8:31

The Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected, and be killed, and after three days rise again.

March 15—Lent III—John 2:22

After Jesus was raised from the dead, his disciples believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

March 22—Lent IV—John 3:14f.

Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

March 25—Annunciation of Our Lord—Luke 1:28, 42

Hail, Mary, full of grace. The Lord is with you. Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.

March 29—Lent V—John 12:32

When I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw all to myself.

April 5—Sunday of the Passion—Mark 15:39

When the centurion saw that Jesus cried out and breathed his last, he said, Truly this man was God's Son!

April 9—Maundy Thursday—John 13:31

Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him.

April 10—Good Friday—John 18:34, 36

One of the soldiers pierced Jesus' side with a spear, and at once blood and water came out. These things occurred so that the scripture might be fulfilled.

April 11—Vigil of Easter—Mark 16:6a

Do not be alarmed...Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified, has been raised.

April 12—Easter Day—John 20:17

I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.

April 19—Easter II—John 20:20

Jesus showed the disciples his hands and his side; then they rejoiced when they saw the Lord.