

April 22—Easter III—*Luke 24:44ff.*

Everything written in the law, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled: 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.

Compline—Acts 3:18ff.: God fulfilled what he had foretold through the prophets, that his Christ would suffer. Repent and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.

April 29—Easter IV—*John 10:14ff.*

I am the good shepherd and I lay down my life for the sheep. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life to take it up again.

Compline—Acts 4:10: Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, God raised from the dead.

May 6—Easter V—*John 15:8*

My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples. *Compline—Acts 8:37*: If you believe with all your heart, you may [be baptized].—I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.

May 13—Easter VI—*John 15:9*

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. *Compline—Acts 10:44, 48*: The Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the Word... so Peter ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.

May 17—Ascension—*Mark 16:19f.*

The Lord Jesus was taken up into heaven and sat down at the right hand of God; and [the eleven] went out and proclaimed the gospel everywhere.

Compline—Acts 1:11: Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.

May 20—Easter VII—*John 17:17, 19*

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.

Compline—Acts 1:21ff.: During all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us—one of these [men] must become a witness with us to his resurrection.

May 26—Pentecost Vigil—*John 7:37f.*

Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, and let the one who believes in me drink—now Jesus said this about the Spirit, which believers in him were to receive.

Compline—Ex. 19:5f.: If you obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession... you shall be for me a priestly kingdom and a holy nation.

May 27—Pentecost—*John 15:26*

When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf.

Compline—Acts 2:17, 21: I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh... then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.

June 3—Holy Trinity—*John 3:5*

No one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. *Compline—Is. 6:3*: Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory.

These Brief Lessons follow the Revised Common Lectionary (1992). Lessons for *Compline* may be used on the eve and the day. Verses from the Gospels may also be used as antiphons for the Benedictus at Nocturns and for the Magnificat at Vespers. The order of the Psalms for Prayers at Mid-morning—Tercer, at Noon—Sext, and at Mid-afternoon—None, and for Prayer at the Close of the Day—*Compline* follows The Daily Prayer of the Church, edited by Philip H. Pfaltzsch (2005).

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BRIEF LESSONS

for Prayers during the Day and at the Close of the Day
ADVENT 2011 THROUGH EASTER 2012 (YEAR B)

Verses of Psalm 119 for Prayers at Mid-morning, Noon, and Mid-afternoon						
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	97-104	121-128	145-152	169-176
Psalms for Prayer at the Close of the Day— <i>Compline</i>						
136	91	33	31	34	86	4 & 134

November 27—Advent I—*Mark 13:31*

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

Compline—Is. 64:8: O Lord, you are our Father; we are all the work of your hand.

December 4—Advent II—*Mark 1:7f.*

The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.

Compline—Is. 40:9, 11: Here is your God; he will feed his flock like a shepherd.

December 11—Advent III—*John 1:7*

John came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. *Compline—Is. 61:1f.*: The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me; he has sent me to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.

December 18—Advent IV—*Luke 1:32f.*

Jesus will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High, and of his kingdom there will be no end.

Compline—2 Sam. 7:16: Your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me—says the Lord of hosts.

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.

Compline—Is. 9:6f.: For a child has been born for us, a son given to us, and there shall be endless peace, with justice and righteousness.

December 25—Christmas Dawn—*Luke 2:15*

Let us go to see this word that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us. *Compline—Is. 62:11*: The Lord has proclaimed to the end of the earth: "See, your salvation comes."

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.

Compline—Is. 52:7: The messenger announces peace, brings good news, announces salvation: "Your God reigns." [or *Is. 62:11* above]

January 1—Name of Jesus—*Luke 2:21*

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

Compline—Num. 6:24ff.: The Lord bless us and keep us, make his face shine upon us and be gracious to us, lift up his countenance upon us and give us peace.

January 6—Epiphany—*Matthew 2:11*

The wise men knelt down and paid Jesus homage; then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

Compline—Is. 60:6: They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

January 8—Epiphany I / Baptism—Mark 1:10f.

Just as Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw the Spirit descending like a dove on him; and a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, the Beloved, with you I am well pleased."

Compline—Gen. 1:1f.: In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth the spirit of God swept over the face of the waters.

January 15—Epiphany II—John 1:51

Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.

Compline—1 Sam. 3:9.: Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.

January 22—Epiphany III—Mark 1:15

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

Compline—Jonah 3:10.: When God saw how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity, and he did not do it.

January 29—Epiphany IV—Mark 1:22

They were astounded at Jesus' teaching, for he taught them as one having authority. *Compline—Deut. 18:18.*: I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command.

February 2—Presentation / Candlemas—Luke 2:27f.

Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God.

Compline—Mal. 3:1.: See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple.

February 5—Epiphany V—Mark 1:39

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

Compline—Is. 40:28, 31.: The Lord does not faint or grow weary; those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength and not faint.

February 12—Epiphany VI—Mark 1:41

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

Compline—2 Kings 5:14.: Naaman immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored, and he was clean.

February 19—Epiphany VII / Transfiguration—Mark 9:2, 4

Jesus was transfigured before them, and there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus.

Compline—2 Kings 2:1, 11.: Now when the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven, Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven.

February 22—Ash Wednesday—Matthew 6:1

Beware of practicing your piety before others in order to be seen by them; for then you have no reward from your Father in heaven.

Compline—Joel 2:13.: Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and repents of evil.

February 26—Lent I—Mark 1:12f.

The Spirit immediately drove Jesus out into the wilderness; he was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan, and the angels waited on him.

Compline—Gen. 9:16.: When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh.

March 4—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.

Compline—Gen. 17:14.: I will establish my covenant between me and you for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.

March 11—Lent III—John 2:22

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

Compline—Ex. 20:2f.: I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me.

March 18—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.

Compline—Num. 21:9.: Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent and live.

March 25—Lent V—John 12:32

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

Compline—Jer. 31:34.: I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more—says the Lord.

March 26—Annunciation—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.

Compline—Is. 7:14.: Look, the virgin is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel.

April 1—Passion / Palm Sunday—Mark 15:39

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

Compline—Is. 50:7f.: The Lord God helps me; he who vindicates me is near.

April 5—Maundy Thursday—John 13:31

Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. *Compline—Ex. 12:14.*: This day shall be a day of remembrance for you; you shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord.

April 6—Good Friday—John 19: 34, 36

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

Compline—Is. 53:5.: He was wounded for our transgressions.

April 7—Easter Vigil—Mark 16:6

Do not be alarmed... Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified, has been raised. *Compline—Ex. 14:13.*: Do not be afraid, stand firm, and see the deliverance that the Lord will accomplish for you today.

April 8—Easter Day—John 20:8f.

The other disciple went in the tomb, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that Jesus must rise from the dead.

Compline—Acts 10:40.: God raised Jesus on the third day and allowed him to appear to us who were chosen by God as witnesses.

April 15—Easter II—John 20:31

These signs are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Compline—Acts 4:33.: With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all.