

## TWO-YEAR DAILY LECTIONARY

Year 2 • Week of 1 Lent

### Sunday, February 18, 2024

*First Sunday of Lent*

Psalms 63:1-8(9-11), 98 (*morning*)

Psalms 103 (*evening*)

Dan. 9:3-10

Heb. 2:10-18

John 12:44-50

### Monday, February 19, 2024

Psalms 41, 52 (*morning*)

Psalms 44 (*evening*)

Gen. 37:1-11

1 Cor. 1:1-19

Mark 1:1-13

### Tuesday, February 20, 2024

Psalms 45 (*morning*)

Psalms 47, 48 (*evening*)

Gen. 37:12-24

1 Cor. 1:20-31

Mark 1:14-28

### Wednesday, February 21, 2024

Psalms 119:49-72 (*morning*)

Psalms 49, [53] (*morning*)

Gen. 37:25-36

1 Cor. 2:1-13

Mark 1:29-45

### Thursday, February 22, 2024

Psalms 50 (*morning*)

Psalms [59, 60] or 19, 46 (*evening*)

Gen. 39:1-23

1 Cor. 2:14—3:15

Mark 2:1-12

### Friday, February 23, 2024

Psalms 95 & 40, 54 (*morning*)

Psalms 51 (*evening*)

Gen. 40:1-23

1 Cor. 3:16-23

Mark 2:13-22

### Saturday, February 24, 2024

Psalms 55 (*morning*)

Psalms 138, 139:1-17(18-23) (*evening*)

Gen. 41:1-13

1 Cor. 4:1-7

Mark 2:23—3:6

### Sunday, February 25, 2024

*Second Sunday of Lent*

Psalms 24, 29 (*morning*)

Psalms 8, 84 (*evening*)

Gen. 41:14-45

Rom. 6:3-14

John 5:19-24

## *For Your Study and Reflection This Week* **First Sunday in Lent**

### ***Genesis 9:8-17***

God said, “This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth.” (vv. 12-13)

### ***Psalm 25:1-10***

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

O my God, in you I trust;

do not let me be put to shame;

do not let my enemies exult over me.

Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame;  
let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous. (vv. 1-3)

### ***1 Peter 3:18-22***

And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him. (vv. 21-22)

### ***Mark 1:9-15***

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove upon him. And a voice came from the heavens, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.” (vv. 9-11)

*This cycle of readings covers the New Testament every year and most of the Old Testament over a period of two years. The Psalms are arranged in a seven-week pattern, except around Christmas and Easter. This lectionary is used, with slight variations, in several Christian denominations.*

## ***Questions for Reflection***

The phrase “kingdom of God” occurs fourteen times in the Gospel of Mark. Though Jesus is described at the Gospel’s opening as being “from Nazareth of Galilee” (Mark 1:9), at Jesus’ baptism it becomes clear whence he comes and to whom he belongs. Jesus is God’s beloved Son, and his baptism signals the only realm to which he owes allegiance. His baptism, then not only is a religious act, but also is a political and economic one. In what ways does your baptism into Christ make claims on your political, social, and economic practices as well as your religious practices?

## ***Household Prayer: Morning***

God of ancient covenants,  
your steadfast love and faithfulness  
are still new every morning.  
I thank you that I can begin this day  
in the confidence of your abiding love and unending mercy.  
Help me to treat others—  
family, friends,  
coworkers, classmates,  
and even strangers—  
with love and mercy in our encounters today.  
When I disappoint or am discordant,  
help me to show love to others.  
Open my eyes to the places, people, and circumstances  
in which your kingdom has come near.  
I pray in the name of your beloved Son,  
Jesus Christ, my Savior. Amen.

## ***Household Prayer: Evening***

God of peace,  
as the day draws to a close  
and the evening draws in around me,  
I think of the creatures of the earth  
that also seek rest in the hours of the night.  
You love them even as you love me,  
and your covenant faithfulness covers all of us. *Gen. 9:9*  
So, with the birds of the air,  
the beasts of the field,  
and the tiny ones who burrow in the ground,  
I offer you all thanks and praise:  
for your unending goodness;  
for the beauty of our home, the earth;  
for your gift of life instead of a deserved destruction.  
As your colorful bow now rests in the clouds, *Gen. 9:13*  
so may we color the earth with the ways of peace  
until all creation rests with you in completeness. *Gen. 2:2-3*  
In Christ’s name I pray. Amen.