BRIEF LESSONS (Year B)

For Prayers at Mid-Morning, Noon and Mid-Afternoon

Advent 2023 through the Easter Season 2024

Divisions of Psalm 119 for prayers

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

December 3—Advent I—Mark 13:31

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

December 10—Advent II—Mark 1:7*f*

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

December 17—Advent III—John 1:7

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

December 24—Advent IV—Luke 1:32*f*

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

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 31—Christmas I—Luke 2:22-40

This was to fulfill what had been spoke by the Lord through the prophets, "Out of Egypt I have called my son" and "he will be called a Nazarene."

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.

January 6—Epiphany of Our Lord—Matthew 2:11

The wise men saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

January 7—Epiphany I/ Baptism of our Lord—Mark 1:10*f*

Just as Jesus was coming 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."

January 14—Epiphany II—John 1:51

John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him…I myself seen and have testified that this is the Son of God."

January 21—Epiphany III—Mark 1: 15

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

January 28—Epiphany IV—Mark 1:22

They were astounded at Jesus' teaching, for he taught them as one having authority.

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

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

February 4—Epiphany V—Mark 1:39

You are the light of the world…Let your light so shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

February 11—Epiphany VI/Trans. of Our Lord—Mark 9: 2, 4

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

February 14—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.

February 18—Lent I—Mark 1:12*f*

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

February 25—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 3—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 10—Lent IV—John 3:14*f*

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 17—Lent V—John 12:32

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

March 24—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!"

March 28—Maundy Thursday—John 13:31

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

March 29—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.

March 30—Easter Vigil—Mark 16:6

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

March 31—Easter Day—John 20:8*f*

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

April 1—Annunciation of Our Lord (*transferred)*—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.

April 7—Easter II—John 20:31

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

April 14—Easter III—Luke 24:44*ff*

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

April 21—Easter IV—John 10:14*ff*

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.

April 28—Easter V—John 15:8

My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become disciples.

May 5—Easter VI—John 15:9

As the Father has loved me, so I have love you; abide in my love.

May 9—Ascension of Our Lord—Luke 24:46b

The Lord was taken up into heaven and sat down at the right hand of God.

May 12—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.

May 19—Day of 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.