



**LECTIONARY YEAR B**  
6 Jan 2021 - 14 Feb 2021

# Epiphany to Transfiguration

## Revised Common Lectionary: Year B

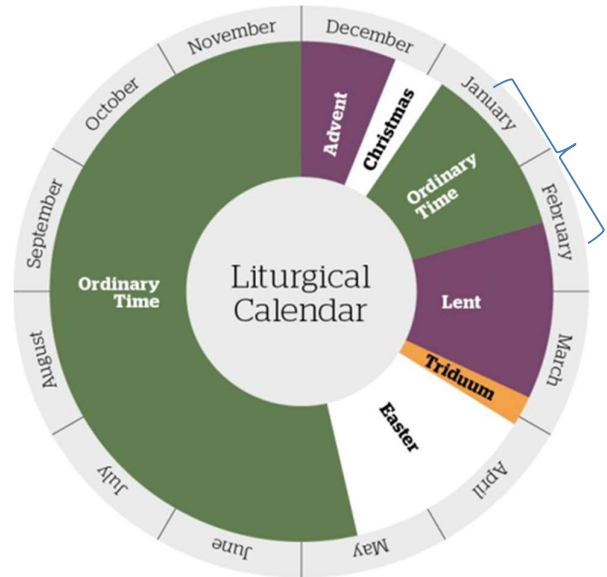
### EPHIPHANY to TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY

6 JANUARY to 14 FEBRUARY

This booklet contains the Lectionary Readings for the week, with emphasis on the Gospels.

The daily readings expand the range of biblical readings in worship and personal devotion; they complement the Sunday readings and can help prepare the reader for the Sunday ahead or help reflect and digest what was heard in worship.

All congregants are encouraged to make sermon notes on a Sunday and to join a small group for deeper discussion in the week.



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WEEK 6	14 FEBRUARY	The Transfiguration



#### Daily Readings

- **Thursday, January 7:** Psalm 29; I Samuel 3:1-21; Acts 9:10-19a
- **Friday, January 8:** Psalm 29; I Samuel 16:1-13; I Timothy 4:11-16
- **Saturday, January 9:** Psalm 29 ; I Kings 2:1-4, 10-12; Luke 5:1-11



## WEEK 1

10 JANUARY

### JOHN THE BAPTIST PREPARES THE WAY

**Worship Song:** *Touch of Heaven - Hillsong*

**Opening Prayer:** *Dear God, you are our provider and caretaker, we praise you for all the wonderful gifts of love in our lives. Help our minds focus and our hearts rest in your peace as we start our special time with you.*

#### Bible Readings:

First reading	Psalm	Second reading	Gospel
Genesis 1:1-5	Psalm 29	Acts 19:1-7	Mark 1:4-11

#### Daily Readings

- **Monday, January 11:** Psalm 69:1-5, 30-36; Genesis 17:1-13; Romans 4:1-12
- **Tuesday, January 12:** Psalm 69:1-5, 30-36; Exodus 30:22-38; Acts 22:2-16
- **Wednesday, January 13:** Psalm 69:1-5, 30-36; Isaiah 41:14-20; John 1:29-34
- **Thursday, January 14:** Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18; Judges 2:6-15; 2 Corinthians 10:1-11
- **Friday, January 15:** Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18; Judges 2:16-23; Acts 13:16-25
- **Saturday, January 16:** Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18; 1 Samuel 2:21-25; Matthew 25:1-13

#### Gospel Reading:

##### **Mark 1:4-11 New International Version - UK**

<sup>4</sup>And so John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>5</sup>The whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem went out to him. Confessing their sins, they were baptised by him in the River Jordan. <sup>6</sup>John wore clothing made of camel's hair, with a leather belt round his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. <sup>7</sup>And this was his message: 'After me comes the one more powerful than I, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie.' <sup>8</sup>I baptise you with water, but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit.'

##### **The baptism and testing of Jesus**

<sup>9</sup>At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptised by John in the Jordan. <sup>10</sup>Just as Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. <sup>11</sup>And a voice came from heaven: 'You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.'



Notes



Call on God's presence by lighting a candle, having a moment of silence, and or praying.



### SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

1. Who are some of your favourite preachers and why?
2. What was John the Baptists main task? What are the character traits he would need to do this job?
3. What can we learn from John? In which ways can you be more like him?
4. What is your understanding of baptism of the Holy Spirit?
5. How does one know you have been baptised by the Spirit?

**Closing Prayer:** *Dear God, please help us be aware of your Spirit in a very real way this week. Help us see your Spirit in others and communicate with them as if with you.*

### Memory Verse(s):





## WEEK 2

17 JANUARY

### JESUS CALLS PHILIP AND NATHANAEAL

**Worship Song:** *Come as you are - Crowder*

**Opening Prayer:** *Dear God, you call us to your side, we praise you for love and forgiveness. Help our minds focus and our hearts rest in your peace as we start our special time with you.*

#### Bible Readings:

First reading	Psalm	Second reading	Gospel
I Samuel 3:1-10, (11-20)	Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18	I Corinthians 6:12-20	John 1:43-51

#### Daily Readings

- **Monday, January 18:** Psalm 86; I Samuel 9:27-10:8; 2 Corinthians 6:14-7:1
- **Tuesday, January 19:** Psalm 86; I Samuel 15:10-31; Acts 5:1-11
- **Wednesday, January 20:** Psalm 86; Genesis 16:1-14; Luke 18:15-17
- **Thursday, January 21:** Psalm 62:5-12; Jeremiah 19:1-15; Revelation 18:11-20
- **Friday, January 22:** Psalm 62:5-12; Jeremiah 20:7-13; 2 Peter 3:1-7
- **Saturday, January 23:** Psalm 62:5-12; Jeremiah 20:14-18; Luke 10:13-16

#### Gospel Reading:

John 1:43-51

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#### Jesus calls Philip and Nathanael

<sup>43</sup> The next day Jesus decided to leave for Galilee. Finding Philip, he said to him, 'Follow me.'<sup>44</sup> Philip, like Andrew and Peter, was from the town of Bethsaida. <sup>45</sup> Philip found Nathanael and told him, 'We have found the one Moses wrote about in the Law, and about whom the prophets also wrote – Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.'<sup>46</sup> 'Nazareth! Can anything good come from there?' Nathanael asked. 'Come and see,' said Philip. <sup>47</sup> When Jesus saw Nathanael approaching, he said of him, 'Here truly is an Israelite in whom there is no deceit.'

<sup>48</sup> 'How do you know me?' Nathanael asked. Jesus answered, 'I saw you while you were still under the fig-tree before Philip called you.'

<sup>49</sup> Then Nathanael declared, 'Rabbi, you are the Son of God; you are the king of Israel.'<sup>50</sup> Jesus said, 'You believe because I told you I saw you under the fig-tree. You will see greater things than that.'<sup>51</sup> He then added, 'Very truly I tell you, you will see "heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man.'



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### SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

1. Why do you think some people have a 6<sup>th</sup> sense about the future or people?
2. Do you believe that God called you (*name*), and that you have a purpose? If not, why not? If yes, what is your purpose?
3. What can you do to "enlarge your territory"?

**Closing Prayer:** *Dear God, you are the one that press a purpose on our hearts. Please help us to make constructive changes in our lives to accommodate your will better.*

### Memory Verse(s):

You, Lord, are forgiving and good,  
abounding in love to all who call to you.  
**Psalm 86:5**





**WEEK 3**

24 JANUARY

**THE GOOD NEWS**

**Worship Song:** Oceans - Hillsong

**Opening Prayer:** Dear God, I am yours and you are mine. Take me deeper where my soul is without borders and my faith is made stronger.

**Bible Readings:**

First reading	Psalm	Second reading	Gospel
Jonah 3:1-5, 10	Psalm 62:5-12	I Corinthians 7:29-31	Mark 1:14-20

**Daily Readings**

- **Monday, January 25:** Psalm 46; Genesis 12:1-9; I Corinthians 7:17-24
- **Tuesday, January 26:** Psalm 46; Genesis 45:25-46:7; Acts 5:33-42
- **Wednesday, January 27:** Psalm 46; Proverbs 8:1-21; Mark 3:13-19a
- **Thursday, January 28:** Psalm 111; Deuteronomy 3:23-29; Romans 9:6-18
- **Friday, January 29:** Psalm 111; Deuteronomy 12:28-32; Revelation 2:12-17
- **Saturday, January 30:** Psalm 111; Deuteronomy 13:1-5; Matthew 8:28-9:1

**Gospel Reading:**

Mark 1:14-20

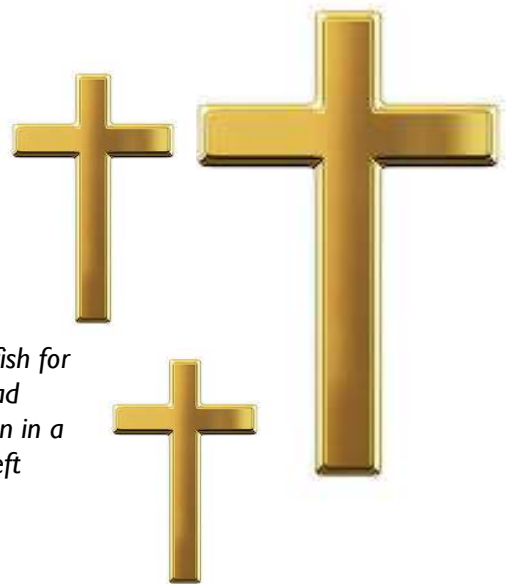
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**Jesus announces the good news**

<sup>14</sup>After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. <sup>15</sup>'The time has come,' he said. 'The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!'

**Jesus calls his first disciples**

<sup>16</sup>As Jesus walked beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. <sup>17</sup>'Come, follow me,' Jesus said, 'and I will send you out to fish for people.' <sup>18</sup>At once they left their nets and followed him. <sup>19</sup>When he had gone a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John in a boat, preparing their nets. <sup>20</sup>Without delay he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men and followed him.



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### SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

1. Why do you think Jesus waiting until John was arrested before he began his ministry?
2. Is there a right time and a wrong time to act? How do we know when it is the right time?
3. What does the word "proclamation" mean? Discussing? Debating? Arguing? Are we as Christians called to do the same? How do we do this?
4. Do you think that what we are doing in our small group is helping us to do this?

**Closing Prayer:** *Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me. Overflow my soul with your love so that I can be your light in this world.*

### Memory Verse(s):







## WEEK 4

31 JANUARY

### JESUS DRIVES OUT AN IMPURE SPIRIT

**Worship Song:** *How He love* – Jeremy Riddle

**Opening Prayer:** *Dear God, you are true, and our only authority. Thank you that we can come to you for discernment. Help our minds focus and our hearts rest in your peace as we start our special time with you.*

#### Bible Readings:

First reading	Psalm	Second reading	Gospel
Deuteronomy 18:15-20	Psalm 111	I Corinthians 8:1-13	Mark 1:21-28

#### Daily Readings

- **Monday, February 1:** Psalm 35:1-10; Numbers 22:1-21; Acts 21:17-26
- **Tuesday, February 2:** Psalm 35:1-10; Numbers 22:22-28; I Corinthians 7:32-40
- **Wednesday, February 3:** Psalm 35:1-10; Jeremiah 29:1-14; Mark 5:1-20
- **Thursday, February 4:** Psalm 147:1-11, 20c; Proverbs 12:10-21; Galatians 5:2-15
- **Friday, February 5:** Psalm 147:1-11, 20c; Job 36:1-23; I Corinthians 9:1-16
- **Saturday, February 6:** Psalm 147:1-11, 20c; Isaiah 46:1-13; Matthew 12:9-14



#### Gospel Reading:

Mark 1:21-28 New International Version – UK

#### Jesus drives out an impure spirit

<sup>21</sup> They went to Capernaum, and when the Sabbath came, Jesus went into the synagogue and began to teach. <sup>22</sup> The people were amazed at his teaching, because he taught them as one who had authority, not as the teachers of the law. <sup>23</sup> Just then a man in their synagogue who was possessed by an impure spirit cried out, <sup>24</sup> 'What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are – the Holy One of God!' <sup>25</sup> 'Be quiet!' said Jesus sternly. 'Come out of him!' <sup>26</sup> The impure spirit shook the man violently and came out of him with a shriek. <sup>27</sup> The people were all so amazed that they asked each other, 'What is this? A new teaching – and with authority! He even gives orders to impure spirits and they obey him.' <sup>28</sup> News about him spread quickly over the whole region of Galilee.

...true authority is not based on control - it's based on truth...

-John Geddes

Notes:



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### SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

1. Who has the most authority (can enforce obedience) in your life?
2. How do you typically react to authority?
3. What do you think made Jesus's authority different from the teachers of the law?
4. What can we learn about authority from Jesus?

**Closing Prayer:** *Dear God, you are the ultimate authority. Please help us to use our power over others wisely, always discerning your will.*

### Memory Verse(s):





## WEEK 5

7 FEBRUARY

### JESUS HEALS MANY

**Worship Song:** *Our God* – Chris Tomlin

**Opening Prayer:** *Dear God, you are the ultimate healer. Assist us in believing in your miracles again. Help our minds focus and our hearts rest in your peace as we start our special time with you.*

#### Bible Readings:

First reading	Psalm	Second reading	Gospel
Isaiah 40:21-31	Psalm 147:1-11, 20c	1 Corinthians 9:16-23	Mark 1:29-39

#### Daily Readings

- **Monday, February 8:** Psalm 102:12-28; 2 Kings 4:8-17, 32-37; Acts 14:1-7
- **Tuesday, February 9:** Psalm 102:12-28; 2 Kings 8:1-6; Acts 15:36-41
- **Wednesday, February 10:** Psalm 102:12-28; Job 6:1-13; Mark 3:7-12
- **Thursday, February 11:** Psalm 50:1-6; 1 Kings 11:26-40; 2 Corinthians 2:12-17
- **Friday, February 12:** Psalm 50:1-6; 1 Kings 14:1-18; 1 Timothy 1:12-20
- **Saturday, February 13:** Psalm 50:1-6; 1 Kings 16:1-7; Luke 19:41-44

#### Gospel Reading:

Mark 1:29-39 New International Version – UK

##### Jesus heals many

<sup>29</sup> As soon as they left the synagogue, they went with James and John to the home of Simon and Andrew. <sup>30</sup> Simon's mothers-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they immediately told Jesus about her. <sup>31</sup> So he went to her, took her hand and helped her up. The fever left her, and she began to wait on them. <sup>32</sup> That evening after sunset the people brought to Jesus all who were ill and demon possessed. <sup>33</sup> The whole town gathered at the door, <sup>34</sup> and Jesus healed many who had various diseases. He also drove out many demons, but he would not let the demons speak because they knew who he was.



##### Jesus prays in a solitary place

<sup>35</sup> Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed. <sup>36</sup> Simon and his companions went to look for him, <sup>37</sup> and when they found him, they exclaimed: 'Everyone is looking for you!' <sup>38</sup> Jesus replied, 'Let us go somewhere else – to the nearby villages – so that I can preach there also. That is why I have come.' <sup>39</sup> So he travelled throughout Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and driving out demons.

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### SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

1. Do you believe the human touch has a healing aspect to it? Explain.
2. How does God heal today? Do you believe in miracles? Expand.
3. What role does prayer play in the healing process?
4. Where do you pray and what percentage of your day to you spend in prayer?

**Closing Prayer:** *Dear God, we need to pray often and with conviction. Help us to carve out time for sitting quietly in your presence, soaking in your teachings.*

### Memory Verse(s):





# WEEK 6

14 FEBRUARY

## THE TRANSFIGURATION

**Worship Song:** *Still - Hillsong*

**Opening Prayer:** *Dear God, you change hearts. Help our minds focus and our hearts rest in your peace as we start our special time with you. May we leave her transformed with your Grace and Love.*

### Bible Readings:

First reading	Psalm	Second reading	Gospel
2 Kings 2:1-12	Psalm 50:1-6	2 Corinthians 4:3-6	Mark 9:2-9

### Daily Readings

- **Monday, February 15:** Psalm 110:1-4; Exodus 19:7-25; Hebrews 2:1-4
- **Tuesday, February 16:** Psalm 110:1-4; Job 19:23-27; 1 Timothy 3:14-16
- **Wednesday, February 17: Ash Wednesday**
- **Thursday, February 18:** Psalm 25:1-10; Daniel 9:1-14; 1 John 1:3-10
- **Friday, February 19:** Psalm 25:1-10; Daniel 9:15-25a; 2 Timothy 4:1-5
- **Saturday, February 20:** Psalm 25:1-10; Psalm 32; Matthew 9:2-13

### Gospel Reading:

Mark 9:2-9 New International Version – UK

#### The transfiguration

<sup>2</sup>After six days Jesus took Peter, James and John with him and led them up a high mountain, where they were all alone. There he was transfigured before them. <sup>3</sup>His clothes became dazzling white, whiter than anyone in the world could bleach them. <sup>4</sup>And there appeared before them Elijah and Moses, who were talking with Jesus. <sup>5</sup>Peter said to Jesus, ‘Rabbi, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters – one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.’ <sup>6</sup>(He did not know what to say, they were so frightened.) <sup>7</sup>Then a cloud appeared and covered them, and a voice came from the cloud: ‘This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him!’ <sup>8</sup>Suddenly, when they looked around, they no longer saw anyone with them except Jesus. <sup>9</sup>As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus gave them orders not to tell anyone what they had seen until the Son of Man had risen from the dead.



Notes:



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### SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

1. Has anyone seen God at work in their life this week?
2. Why do you think we crave mountain top experiences?
3. What happened when the disciples came off the mountain top? Why do you think God had to remind them to listen to Jesus?
4. How can we apply this lesson in our lives?

**Closing Prayer:** *Dear God, you are with us throughout our lives, all the highs and lows. Please help appreciate every moment with you – always craving your presence in all circumstances.*

### Memory Verse(s):



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