

Lenten Readings 2010

Old Testament

DAY	READING	COMMENTS
Feb. 17 Ash Wed.	Genesis 1:1— 2:3	Out of chaos God created an orderly world, assigning a permanent place for Humankind. Where are we in the order of creation?
Feb. 18	Genesis 2:4—3:24	A second creation story and the introduction of human frailty.
Feb. 19	Genesis 22:1-18 Exodus 12:1-32	In its oldest form this story was told to show that the Deity surrendered a claim upon the life of the firstborn and provided an animal for a substitute. Does this remind you of anyone? Passover, Feast of Unleavened Bread
Feb. 20	Exodus 14	The Exodus event
Feb. 21	Exodus 20	The Ten Commandments; the epitome of duties toward God and neighbor.
Feb. 22	Leviticus 16	The priestly sacrifice, Aaron, Day of Atonement, <i>Yom Kippur</i> . 20-22 Tells of the ritual that symbolizes the transfer of the people's sins to the animal. HMM?
Feb. 23	Numbers 6:1-26	The blessing—an act by word or speech transmitting power for life to another individual or party—more happens than can be explained, like the sacraments. Anything sound familiar here?
Feb. 24	Deuteronomy 5:6-21 Deuteronomy 6:4-9,20-25 Deuteronomy 7:6-8 Deuteronomy 10:14-15	The Ten Commandments Teach our kids Election "Chosen-ness"
Feb. 25	1 Samuel 2:1-10 1 Samuel 3	Hannah's prayer Samuel's calling; Tingling ears anyone?
Feb. 26	1 Samuel 8 & 16	The people determined to have a king
Feb. 27	Psalms 51, 100	51 What is an acceptable sacrifice? 100 % Giving Thanks
Feb. 28	Ecclesiastes 1:1-11 Ecclesiastes 3:1-8	Human desires are left unsatisfied What time is it?
Mar. 1	Isaiah 6, 7	6 The call of Isaiah 7:14 Isaiah tells of the coming of the Lord.
Mar. 2	Isaiah 42, 43	42 The servant a light to the nations 43 God redeems Israel not because of its merits but because of God's covenant relationship with Israel .
Mar. 3	Isaiah 52, 61	52:7 Sound familiar? 61 Who makes this claim

		in the new testament?
Mar. 4	Jeremiah 1:1-19 Jeremiah 9:23-26 Jeremiah 31:31-34	Jeremiah's unwillingness Circumcised (baptized?)—only in the foreskin, not the heart A promise of a new covenant
Mar. 5	Hosea 6	What does the Lord truly desire?
Mar. 6	Micah 5:1-5 Micah 6:1-8	Good things come in small packages! What is the Lord's requirement?

New Testament

On Matthew texts, also see parallel texts in Mark and Luke

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Mar. 7	Matthew 2	Sound familiar?
Mar. 8	Matthew 3	Fulfillment of Isaiah 40?
Mar. 9	Matthew 5	In what ways are we light for the world?
Mar. 10	Matthew 7:1-12 Matthew 10:5-23	Forgiveness; Is there something in our eye? Discipleship; wise as serpents and innocent as doves
Mar. 11	Matthew 13:18-53	Kingdom parables
Mar. 12	Matthew 17:1-13 Matthew 20:1-16	Transfiguration The Kingdom's upside-down protocols "Whose on first?" What are we willing to allow God to do?
Mar. 13	Matthew 21:1-16 Matthew 22:34-44	Overtured temple tables—the risk of the prophetic movement, upsetting religious sensibilities The Great Commandment "A bit of a schooling!"
Mar. 14	Matthew 23:1-39	Lament over Jerusalem
Mar. 15	Matthew 26:26-47	The spirit is willing; the flesh is weak
Mar. 16	Matthew 27:1-50	It is complete
Mar. 17	Matthew 28:1-20	The Great Commission
Mar. 18	Mark 10:35-45 Mark 12:41-44	Whoever wishes to be first among you must be servant of all Widow's mite—she gave all she had. How much do we give?
Mar. 19	Luke 1:46-56 Luke 1:67-79	The "Magnificat;" remember Hannah's prayer? Zechariah's prophecy; Does any of this sound familiar?
Mar. 20	Luke 6:27-36 Luke 18:18-26	Love of enemies; "Thanks, I needed that?" The rich ruler; "I hate it when that happens!"

Mar. 21	Luke 24:1-35	Emmaus Road resurrection appearance; “How does Jesus meet us in our journey?”
Mar. 22	John 1:1-18	Prologue to John’s Gospel Compare Genesis 1 The light shines in the darkness
Mar. 23	John 3:16-21 John 6:35-51	Look between the goalposts and behind the baskets, and look upon our hearts. Jesus as the Bread of Life
Mar. 24	John 11:17-26 John 13:1-9, 31-34	The Resurrection and the Life Foot washing, commandment to love. Something we could do amongst ourselves?
Mar. 25	John 17:1-26	High priestly prayer of Jesus. Christ’s desire for oneness
Mar. 26	Acts 5:1-6 Acts 6:1-7 Acts 7:51-60	Stewardship is serious business; you are only lying to God in withholding From apostles to deacons. Care of the Word and care of the people Telling the truth can be costly—Stephen’s martyrdom, the first Christian martyr. Saul/Paul watches
Mar. 27	Romans 5:1-14 Romans 6:1-11	Christ loves those we won’t United with him in a death like his, certainly united with him in resurrection like his
Mar. 28	Romans 8:1-17 Romans 11: 1-24	Set free from the law of sin and death Chosen people remain chosen
Mar. 29	1 Corinthians 12	The Body of Christ. Your gift is essential and needed. How are you using your gifts for Christ and his church?
Mar. 30	Galatians 5:1-26	For freedom Christ has set us free
Mar. 31	Ephesians 2:1-22	By grace you have been saved through faith
April 1	Hebrews 11 Hebrews 12:1-3	Recounting faith—great connection between the Old and New Testaments The great cloud of witnesses. Who comes to mind?
April 2	1 Peter 1:3-9 1 Peter 3:13-22 1 Peter 4:7-11	New birth and living hope Christian apologetic—significance of baptism Maintain love, be good stewards—awaiting the end of all things
April 3	1 John 3:11-24 1 John 4:7-16	Love in Christ. Love in action.
April 4 Easter	Revelation 11:15 Revelation 21:1-4 Revelation 22:16-17	Watching the ultimate prayer of the church Dwelling of God is with us. Death is no more. Come, rejoice without price. The deepest love.