



BAPTIST CHURCH  
OF GERMANTOWN

# Grace Baptist Church of Germantown

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## TRAVEL GUIDE FOR THE LENTEN JOURNEY

*“Faith and Sacrifice”*

### FROM ASHES TO FIRE

Daily Readings from the Revised Common Lectionary – Year A

Lent IS A TIME TO  
GROW  
CLOSER TO JESUS

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## **What is a Lectionary?**

A lectionary is a collection of readings or selections from the Scriptures, arranged and intended for proclamation during the worship of the people of God. Lectionaries were known and used in the fourth century, where major churches arranged the Scripture readings according to a schedule which follows the calendar of the church's year. This practice of assigning particular readings to each Sunday and festival has continued through the history of the Christian Church.

## **Why use a Lectionary?**

- A **lectionary** provides whole churches or denominations with a uniform and common pattern of biblical proclamation.
- A **lectionary** serves as a guide for clergy, preachers, church members, musicians, and Sunday school teachers that shows them which texts are to be read on a given Sunday.
- A **lectionary** provides a guide and resource for clergy from different local churches who wish to work and pray together as they share their resources and insights while preparing for their preaching.
- A **lectionary** serves as a resource for those who produce ecumenical preaching and worship resources, commentaries, Sunday school curricula, and other devotional materials.
- A **lectionary** provides a guide to individuals and groups who wish to read, study, and pray the Bible in tune with the church's prayer and preaching. Some local churches print the references to the following Sunday's readings in their bulletins and encourage people to come prepared for the next week's celebration.
- A **lectionary** also shows us the relationship of the readings of one Sunday with those that come before it and after it. Within each of the major seasons of Lent, Easter, Advent, and Christmas-Epiphany, the flow and missional purpose of the season is reflected in the Scripture texts selected for each Sunday.

### **American Baptist Churches USA (ABCUSA)**

Resources for Churches and Leaders

<http://www.abc-usa.org/resources-for-churches-and-leaders/>

### **Vanderbilt Divinity Library**

<https://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu>

## **Lenten Journey – February 18, 2026 through April 4, 2026**

**Ash Wednesday Service (Meditation and Imposition of Ashes) – February 18, 2026**

- **Wednesday, February 18, 2026:** **Ash Wednesday**
- **Thursday, February 19, 2026:** Psalm 51; Jonah 3:1-10; Romans 1:1-7;
- **Friday, February 20, 2026:** Psalm 51; Jonah 4:1-11; Romans 1:8-17;
- **Saturday, February 21, 2026:** Psalm 51; Isaiah 58:1-12; Matthew 18:1-7;
- **Sunday, February 22, 2026:** **First Sunday in Lent**
- **Monday, February 23, 2026:** Psalm 32; 1 Kings 19:1-8; Hebrews 2:10-18;
- **Tuesday, February 24, 2026:** Psalm 32; Genesis 4:1-16; Hebrews 4:14-5:10;
- **Wednesday, February 25, 2026:** Psalm 32; Exodus 34:1-9, 27-28; Matthew 18:10-14;
- **Thursday, February 26, 2026:** Psalm 121; Isaiah 51:1-3; 2 Timothy 1:3-7;
- **Friday, February 27, 2026:** Psalm 121; Micah 7:18-20; Romans 3:21-31;
- **Saturday, February 28, 2026:** Psalm 121; Isaiah 51:4-8; Luke 7:1-10;
- **Sunday, March 01, 2026:** **Second Sunday in Lent**
- **Monday, March 02, 2026:** Psalm 128; Numbers 21:4-9; Hebrews 3:1-6;
- **Tuesday, March 03, 2026:** Psalm 128; Isaiah 65:17-25; Romans 4:6-13;
- **Wednesday, March 04, 2026:** Psalm 128; Ezekiel 36:22-32; John 7:53-8:11;
- **Thursday, March 05, 2026:** Psalm 95; Exodus 16:1-8; Colossians 1:15-23;
- **Friday, March 06, 2026:** Psalm 95; Exodus 16:9-21; Ephesians 2:11-22;
- **Saturday, March 07, 2026:** Psalm 95; Exodus 16:27-35; John 4:1-6;
- **Sunday, March 08, 2026:** **Third Sunday in Lent**
- **Monday, March 09, 2026:** Psalm 81; Genesis 24:1-27; 2 John 1:1-13;
- **Tuesday, March 10, 2026:** Psalm 81; Genesis 29:1-14; 1 Corinthians 10:1-4;
- **Wednesday, March 11, 2026:** Psalm 81; Jeremiah 2:4-13; John 7:14-31, 37-39;
- **Thursday, March 12, 2026:** Psalm 23; 1 Samuel 15:10-21; Ephesians 4:25-32;
- **Friday, March 13, 2026:** Psalm 23; 1 Samuel 15:22-31; Ephesians 5:1-9;
- **Saturday, March 14, 2026:** Psalm 23; 1 Samuel 15:32-34; John 1:1-9;
- **Sunday, March 15, 2026:** **Fourth Sunday in Lent**
- **Monday, March 16, 2026:** Psalm 146; Isaiah 59:9-19; Acts 9:1-20;
- **Tuesday, March 17, 2026:** Psalm 146; Isaiah 42:14-21; Colossians 1:9-14;
- **Wednesday, March 18, 2026:** Psalm 146; Isaiah 60:17-22; Matthew 9:27-34;
- **Thursday, March 19, 2026:** Psalm 130; Ezekiel 1:1-3, 2:8-3:3; Revelation 10:1-11;

- **Friday, March 20, 2026:** Psalm 130; Ezekiel 33:10-16; Revelation 11:15-19;
- **Saturday, March 21, 2026:** Psalm 130; Ezekiel 36:8-15; Luke 24:44-53;
- **Sunday, March 22, 2026:** **Fifth Sunday in Lent**
- **Monday, March 23, 2026:** Psalm 143; 1 Kings 17:17-24; Acts 20:7-12;
- **Tuesday, March 24, 2026:** Psalm 143; 2 Kings 4:18-37; Ephesians 2:1-10;
- **Wednesday, March 25, 2026:** Psalm 143; Jeremiah 32:1-9, 36-41; Matthew 22:23-33;
- **Wednesday, March 25, 2026:** **Annunciation of the Lord**
- **Thursday, March 26, 2026:** Psalm 31:9-16; 1 Samuel 16:11-13; Philippians 1:1-11;
- **Friday, March 27, 2026:** Psalm 31:9-16; Job 13:13-19; Philippians 1:21-30;
- **Saturday, March 28, 2026:** Psalm 31:9-16; Lamentations 3:55-66; Mark 10:32-34;

## **HOLY WEEK – MARCH 29, 2026 THROUGH APRIL 4, 2026**

**Palm Sunday** - (Commemorates Christ's Triumphant Entry into Jerusalem) – March 29, 2026

- **Sunday, March 29, 2026:** **Liturgy of the Palms**
- **Sunday, March 29, 2026:** **Liturgy of the Passion**
- **Monday, March 30, 2026:** **Monday of Holy Week**
- **Tuesday, March 31, 2026:** **Tuesday of Holy Week**
- **Wednesday, April 01, 2026:** **Wednesday of Holy Week**
- **Thursday, April 02, 2026:** **Maundy Thursday**

**MAUNDY THURSDAY** - (Commemorates the Last Supper of Jesus Christ with the Apostles)

- **Friday, April 03, 2026:** **Good Friday**

**GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE** – (Commemorates the crucifixion of Christ)

(1) "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do." **Luke 23:34**

(2) "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise." **Luke 24:43**

(3) "Jesus said to his mother: 'Woman, this is your son.' Then he said to the disciple, "This is your mother." **John 19:26-27**

(4) "My God, My God, why have you forsaken me?" **Matthew 27:46 and Mark 15:34**

(5) "I thirst" **John 19:28**

(6) "When Jesus had received the wine, he said, 'It is finished;' and he bowed his head and handed over the spirit." **John 19:30**

(7) "Jesus cried out in a loud voice, 'Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.'" **Luke 23:46**

- **Saturday, April 04, 2026:** **Holy Saturday**

**HOLY SATURDAY** – (Commemorates one full day of Christ's body laid in the tomb)

# He Is Risen!

**Eastertide/Easter time** – (Period of 50 days from Easter Sunday to Pentecost Sunday) –  
**April 5, 2026 through May 24, 2026**

**Resurrection/Easter Sunday** – (Commemorates the Resurrection of Christ) - **April 5, 2026**

- **Sunday, April 05, 2026:** **Easter Vigil**
- **Sunday, April 05, 2026:** **Resurrection of the Lord**
- **Sunday, April 05, 2026:** **Easter Evening**
- **Monday, April 06, 2026:** Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; Exodus 14:10-31; 15:20-21; Colossians 3:5-11;
- **Tuesday, April 07, 2026:** Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; Exodus 15:1-18; Colossians 3:12-17;
- **Wednesday, April 08, 2026:** Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; Joshua 3:1-17; Matthew 28:1-10;
- **Thursday, April 09, 2026:** Psalm 16; Song of Solomon 2:8-15; Colossians 4:2-5;
- **Friday, April 10, 2026:** Psalm 16; Song of Solomon 5:9-6:3; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11;
- **Saturday, April 11, 2026:** Psalm 16; Song of Solomon 8:6-7; John 20:11-20;
- **Sunday, April 12, 2026:** **Second Sunday of Easter**
- **Monday, April 13, 2026:** Psalm 114; Judges 6:36-40; 1 Corinthians 15:12-20;
- **Tuesday, April 14, 2026:** Psalm 114; Jonah 1:1-17; 1 Corinthians 15:19-28;
- **Wednesday, April 15, 2026:** Psalm 114; Jonah 2:1-10; Matthew 12:38-42;
- **Thursday, April 16, 2026:** Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19; Isaiah 25:1-5; 1 Peter 1:8b-12;
- **Friday, April 17, 2026:** Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19; Isaiah 26:1-4; 1 Peter 1:13-16;
- **Saturday, April 18, 2026:** Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19; Isaiah 25:6-9; Luke 14:12-14;
- **Sunday, April 19, 2026:** **Third Sunday of Easter**
- **Monday, April 20, 2026:** Psalm 134; Genesis 18:1-14; 1 Peter 1:23-25;
- **Tuesday, April 21, 2026:** Psalm 134; Proverbs 8:32-9:6; 1 Peter 2:1-3;
- **Wednesday, April 22, 2026:** Psalm 134; Exodus 24:1-11; John 21:1-14;
- **Thursday, April 23, 2026:** Psalm 23; Exodus 2:15b-25; 1 Peter 2:9-12;
- **Friday, April 24, 2026:** Psalm 23; Exodus 3:16-22, 4:18-20; 1 Peter 2:13-17;
- **Saturday, April 25, 2026:** Psalm 23; Ezekiel 34:1-16; Luke 15:1-7;
- **Sunday, April 26, 2026:** **Fourth Sunday of Easter**
- **Monday, April 27, 2026:** Psalm 100; Ezekiel 34:17-23; 1 Peter 5:1-5;
- **Tuesday, April 28, 2026:** Psalm 100; Ezekiel 34:23-31; Hebrews 13:20-21;
- **Wednesday, April 29, 2026:** Psalm 100; Jeremiah 23:1-8; Matthew 20:17-28;
- **Thursday, April 30, 2026:** Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16; Genesis 12:1-3; Acts 6:8-15;

- **Friday, May 01, 2026:** Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16; Exodus 3:1-12; Acts 7:1-16;
- **Saturday, May 02, 2026:** Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16; Jeremiah 26:20-24; John 8:48-59;
- **Sunday, May 03, 2026:** **Fifth Sunday of Easter**
- **Monday, May 04, 2026:** Psalm 102:1-17; Exodus 13:17-22; Acts 7:17-40;
- **Tuesday, May 05, 2026:** Psalm 102:1-17; Proverbs 3:5-12; Acts 7:44-56;
- **Wednesday, May 06, 2026:** Psalm 102:1-17; Proverbs 3:13-18; John 8:31-38;
- **Thursday, May 07, 2026:** Psalm 66:8-20; Genesis 6:5-22; Acts 27:1-12;
- **Friday, May 08, 2026:** Psalm 66:8-20; Genesis 7:1-24; Acts 27:13-38;
- **Saturday, May 09, 2026:** Psalm 66:8-20; Genesis 8:13-19; John 14:27-29;
- **Sunday, May 10, 2026:** **Sixth Sunday of Easter**
- **Monday, May 11, 2026:** Psalm 93; Genesis 9:8-17; Acts 27:39-44;
- **Tuesday, May 12, 2026:** Psalm 93; Deuteronomy 5:22-33; 1 Peter 3:8-12;
- **Wednesday, May 13, 2026:** Psalm 93; Deuteronomy 31:1-13; John 16:16-24;
- **Thursday, May 14, 2026:** **Ascension of the Lord**
- **Friday, May 15, 2026:** Psalm 93; 2 Kings 2:1-12; Ephesians 2:1-7;
- **Saturday, May 16, 2026:** Psalm 93; 2 Kings 2:13-15; John 8:21-30;
- **Sunday, May 17, 2026:** **Seventh Sunday of Easter**
- **Monday, May 18, 2026:** Psalm 99; Leviticus 9:1-11, 22-24; 1 Peter 4:1-6;
- **Tuesday, May 19, 2026:** Psalm 99; Numbers 16:41-50; 1 Peter 4:7-11;
- **Wednesday, May 20, 2026:** Psalm 99; 1 Kings 8:54-65; John 3:31-36;
- **Thursday, May 21, 2026:** Psalm 33:12-22; Exodus 19:1-9a; Acts 2:1-11;
- **Friday, May 22, 2026:** Psalm 33:12-22; Exodus 19:16-25; Romans 8:14-17;
- **Saturday, May 23, 2026:** Psalm 33:12-22; Exodus 20:1-21; Matthew 5:1-12;
- **Sunday, May 24, 2026:** **Day of Pentecost**

**Pentecost Sunday** - (Commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit on the disciples of Jesus)



