



Advent, Christmas, Epiphany 2018–19 At a Glance



Date	December 2, 2018	December 9, 2018	December 16, 2018	December 23, 2018	December 30, 2018	January 6, 2019	January 13, 2019
Liturgical date	Advent 1	Advent 2	Advent 3	Advent 4	Christmas 1	Epiphany Day	1st Sunday after the Epiphany 1st Sunday in Ordinary Time Baptism of Jesus
Title	Sprouting Leaves	Sound of a Promise Kept	Collide with a Promise Kept	Welcoming the Goodness of God	Universal Glory	Consumed by the Fire of a Star	Remembering God's Promises
Lectionary readings <i>(focus passage in bold)</i>	Jeremiah 33:14–16 Psalm 25:1–10 I Thessalonians 3:9–13 Luke 21:25–36	Baruch 5:1–9 <i>or</i> Malachi 3:1–4 Luke 1:68–79 Philippians 1:3–11 Luke 3:1–6	Zephaniah 3:14–20 Isaiah 12:2–6 Philippians 4:4–7 Luke 3:7–18	Micah 5:2–5a Luke 1:47–55 <i>or</i> Psalm 80:1–7 Hebrews 10:5–10 Luke 1:39–45, (46–55)	1 Samuel 2:18–20, 26 Psalm 148 Colossians 3:12–17 Luke 2:41–52	Isaiah 60:1–6 Psalm 72:1–7, 10–14 Ephesians 3:1–12 Matthew 2:1–12	Isaiah 43:1–7 Psalm 29 Acts 8:14–17 Luke 3:15–17, 21–22

Emphasis for worship, learning, and serving

We begin Advent, a season of waiting, longing, promise, and preparation, with Jeremiah's promise of a "righteous branch," and with our eyes focussed on God's reign breaking forth in the world.

Zechariah's silence and song draws us into the dramatic moment when this priest, once filled with doubt, comes alive with overflowing praise.

We watch the people scramble to get ready, as John the baptizer preaches repentance, offers practical advice, encouragement to act, and proclaims the promised Messiah is coming.

As we look toward Christmas, we join with Mary and Elizabeth in welcoming God's blessings, and we celebrate God's compassion and mercy in the anticipated gift of a child.

On the first Sunday of the Christmas season, we sing of the love that binds the universe together, joining sun and moon, men and women, mountains and fruit trees, and even sea monsters in a seamless garment of praise.

The pilgrimage to Bethlehem becomes a pilgrimage of discovery as a "star gift" guides us into a new year and into new places where a new experience of God awaits.

On Baptism of Jesus Sunday, we sit on the banks of the river Jordan and witness Jesus revealed as a fulfillment of God's promised reign of justice and love.





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Date	January 20, 2019	January 27, 2019	February 3, 2019	February 10, 2019	February 17, 2019	February 24, 2019	March 3, 2019
Liturgical date	2nd Sunday after the Epiphany 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	3rd Sunday after the Epiphany 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	4th Sunday after the Epiphany 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time	5th Sunday after the Epiphany 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time	6th Sunday after the Epiphany 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time	7th Sunday after the Epiphany 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Transfiguration Sunday
Title	Witnessing God's New Way in the World	Shaped by God's Word	Power of the Word	Being Surprised	Being Blessed	Be Holy	Living in Glory
Lectionary readings <i>(focus passage in bold)</i>	Isaiah 62:1–5 Psalm 36:5–10 1 Corinthians 12:1–11 John 2:1–11	Nehemiah 8:1–3, 5–6, 8–10 Psalm 19 1 Corinthians 12:12–31a Luke 4:14–21	Jeremiah 1:4–10 Psalm 71:1–6 1 Corinthians 13:1–13 Luke 4:21–30	Isaiah 6:1–8, (9–13) Psalm 138 1 Corinthians 15:1–11 Luke 5:1–11	Jeremiah 17:5–10 Psalm 1 1 Corinthians 15:12–20 Luke 6:17–26	Genesis 45:3–11, 15 Psalm 37:1–11, 39–40 1 Corinthians 15:35–38, 42–50 Luke 6:27–38	Exodus 34:29–35 Psalm 99 2 Corinthians 3:12–4:2 Luke 9:28–36, (37–43a)
Emphasis for worship, learning, and serving	A story of water transformed into wine inspires us to stay open to the new places and the new ways that reveal God's work.	As we follow the light of Christ into the world in the Season after the Epiphany, we hear Jesus proclaim the good news of release, recovery, and liberation.	When Jesus is rejected in the synagogue of his hometown, we ponder the power of God's word to reform expectations, mould lives, and reshape and strengthen communities.	In a story about a surprising catch of fish, we can be confident that when we open ourselves to possibilities, take another look, and try again, abundance waits.	In Jesus' Sermon on the Plain, we hear that we are blessed both for what we are and not what we have, and for what we will receive.	As Jesus sits with the people on the level plains and continues to preach, we are encouraged to strive to live and grow into the people God intends us to be.	On the last Sunday after the Epiphany, we hear the story of Jesus' transfiguration. We pause to celebrate and to hold within us the presence of Something More, which will strengthen us for the journey into Lent.

