## **FEBRUARY 2021**

Bible readings for each day

John 8:28-36 Mon Jesus said: I do nothing of myself, but I say what the Father has taught me, and the one who sent me is with me.

2 Luke 2:22-40 **Tue** PRESENTATION OF THE LORD Having presented the child Jesus in the Temple, his parents returned with him to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. And as the child grew to maturity, he was filled with wisdom; and God's favour was with him.

Jeremiah 31:23-25 Wed The Lord says: I shall give in abundance to the weary and fill those whose strength has gone.

4 Colossians 3:8-11 Thu You have put on a new self that is being renewed in the image of its Creator. Here there is no room for distinction between persons; there is only Christ, who is all and in all.

5 Psalms 51 Fri Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.

6 John 5:24-27 Sat Jesus said: Whoever listens to my words, and believes in the one who sent me, has eternal life; without being brought to judgement such a person has passed from death to life.

SUN Very early, long before dawn, Jesus got up and went to a deserted place and there he prayed. When the disciples found him, he said to them, "Let us go on to the neighbouring towns, so that I may

B Psalms 94:14-22 Mon When I say, "I am slipping," your faithful love, Lord, supports me.

proclaim the message there also."

9 <sup>1</sup> Thessalonians 5:12-22 Tue See that people do not pay back evil for evil, but always seek what is good, both among yourselves and for others.

**10** Matthew 19:27-29 Wed Jesus said: Anyone who leaves everything for my sake will receive much more and will inherit eternal life.

11 James 1:22-25 Thu James writes: Do not only listen to the Word, put it into practice.

12 Romans 14:7-15 Fri While we live, as when we die, we belong to the Lord. For Christ died and returned to life that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

13 1 Corinthians 1:10-13 Sat Paul writes: May there be no divisions among you. Be closely united in mind and thought. **4** Mark 1:40-45 **SUN** A leper came to

Jesus and said, "If you are willing, you can cleanse me." Filled with compassion, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him, saying, "I am willing. Be clean!"

15 Psalms 130 Mon If you, Lord, remember all our sins, who could survive? But with you there is forgiveness; I adore you and hope in you.

16 Deuteronomy 4:29-31 Tue The Lord your God is a merciful God who will not forsake you.

17 Matthew 6:1-6 Wed ASH WEDNESDAY Jesus said: When you give, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your generosity be secret. And your Father, who sees all that is done in secret, will reward you.

18 <sup>1</sup>Corinthians 2:12-16 Thu We have not received the spirit of the world but the Spirit that comes from God, that we may understand what God has freely given us.

**19** Luke 4:1-13 Fri Jesus said to the tempter, "It is written: 'Worship the Lord your God, him alone must you serve.'"

20 Philippians 4:12-20 Sat Paul writes: I have learnt to make the best of every situation. I face all things with the help of Christ, who gives me strength. Mark 1:12-15 SUN Jesus came into

Galilee proclaiming the Gospel of God. "The time has come," he said, "the kingdom of God is at hand. Turn to God and believe in the good news of the Gospel."

22 Matthew 6:31-34 Mon Jesus said: Strive first for the kingdom of God and God's righteousness. Do not worry about tomorrow.

23 Hebrews 13:14-19 **Tue** Keep doing good works and sharing your resources, for these are the kinds of sacrifice that please God.

24 <sup>2</sup> Timothy 1:12-14 Wed Paul writes to Timothy: With the help of the Holy Spirit who dwells in us, keep safe the good deposit of faith given to you.

25 James 2:1-5 Thu God has chosen those who are poor in the eyes of the world to be rich in faith and to inherit the kingdom he promised to those who love him.

26 John 8:31-36 Fri Jesus said: Everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. Now a slave has no permanent place, but a child of the house belongs to it for ever. So if the Son sets you free, you will indeed be free.

27 Romans 12:1-13 Sat Paul writes: Do not model yourselves on the pattern of this world, but let yourselves be transformed by the renewing of your mind so that you may discern the will of God. 28 Mark 9:2-10 SUN Jesus was transfigured in the presence of his disciples. And a cloud covered them with its shadow, and from the cloud a voice came, saying, "This is my beloved Son: listen to him."

These short readings are those read, day by day, at community prayer in Taizé. The Bible reference given indicates a slightly longer passage.