

Epiphany I ✠ A.D. 2021 ✠ Lectionary

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Thur Evening	73-74	Amos 6	Galatians 4:1-5:1
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Sat Morning	79-81	Amos 9	Matthew 12:1-21
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Epiphany II	86-88	Isaiah 43:14-44:5	Ephesians 1
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