

The Revised Common Lectionary

Consultation on Common Texts

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YEAR B

Begins on the First Sunday of Advent in 2008, 2011, 2014, 2017, 2020, and so on.

SEASON OF ADVENT

First Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 64:1-9
Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19
1 Corinthians 1:3-9
Mark 13:24-37

Second Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 40:1-11
Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13
2 Peter 3:8-15a
Mark 1:1-8

Third Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11
Psalm 126 *or* Luke 1:46b-55
1 Thessalonians 5:16-24
John 1:6-8, 19-28

Fourth Sunday of Advent

2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16
Luke 1:46b-55 *or* Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26
Romans 16:25-27
Luke 1:26-38

SEASON OF CHRISTMAS

Nativity of the Lord

Christmas Day

Any of the following three Propers may be used on Christmas Eve/Day.

The readings from Propers II and III for Christmas may be used as alternatives for Christmas Day. If Proper III is not used on Christmas Day, it should be used at some service during the Christmas cycle because of the significance of John's prologue.

Christmas, Proper I (A, B, C)

Isaiah 9:2-7
Psalm 96
Titus 2:11-14
Luke 2:1-14 [15-20]

Christmas, Proper II (A, B, C)

Isaiah 62:6-12
Psalm 97
Titus 3:4-7
Luke 2:[1-7] 8-20

Christmas, Proper III (A, B, C)

Isaiah 52:7-10
Psalm 98
Hebrews 1:1-4 [5-12]
John 1:1-14

First Sunday after Christmas Day (B)

Isaiah 61:10—62:3
Psalm 148
Galatians 4:4-7
Luke 2:22-40

January 1—Holy Name of Jesus (Mary, Mother of God) (A, B, C)

Numbers 6:22-27
Psalm 8
Galatians 4:4-7 *or* Philippians 2:5-11
Luke 2:15-21

January 1—When observed as New Year's Day (A, B, C)

Ecclesiastes 3:1-13
Psalm 8
Revelation 21:1-6a
Matthew 25:31-46

Second Sunday after Christmas Day (A, B, C)

The following readings are provided for use when Epiphany (January 6) is celebrated on a weekday following the Second Sunday after Christmas Day.

Jeremiah 31:7-14 *or* Sirach 24:1-12
Psalm 147:12-20 *or* Wisdom of Solomon 10:15-21
Ephesians 1:3-14
John 1:[1-9] 10-18

SEASON OF EPIPHANY (ORDINARY TIME)

The Proper for the Sunday after the Epiphany that immediately precedes Ash Wednesday may be replaced, in those churches using Transfiguration readings on that Sunday, by the readings for the Last Sunday after the Epiphany.

Epiphany of the Lord (A, B, C)

Isaiah 60:1-6
Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14
Ephesians 3:1-12
Matthew 2:1-12

Baptism of the Lord

First Sunday after the Epiphany [Ordinary/Lectionary 1]

Genesis 1:1-5
Psalm 29
Acts 19:1-7
Mark 1:4-11

Second Sunday after the Epiphany [Ordinary/Lectionary 2]

1 Samuel 3:1-10 [11-20]
Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18
1 Corinthians 6:12-20
John 1:43-51

Third Sunday after the Epiphany [Ordinary/Lectionary 3]

Jonah 3:1-5, 10
Psalm 62:5-12
1 Corinthians 7:29-31
Mark 1:14-20

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany [Ordinary/Lectionary 4]

Deuteronomy 18:15-20
Psalm 111
1 Corinthians 8:1-13
Mark 1:21-28

Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany [Ordinary/Lectionary 5]

Isaiah 40:21-31
Psalm 147:1-11, 20c
1 Corinthians 9:16-23
Mark 1:29-39

Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany [Proper 1, Ordinary/Lectionary 6]

2 Kings 5:1-14
Psalm 30
1 Corinthians 9:24-27
Mark 1:40-45

Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany [Proper 2, Ordinary/Lectionary 7]

Isaiah 43:18-25
Psalm 41
2 Corinthians 1:18-22
Mark 2:1-12

Eighth Sunday after the Epiphany [Proper 3, Ordinary/Lectionary 8]

Hosea 2:14-20
Psalm 103:1-13, 22
2 Corinthians 3:1-6
Mark 2:13-22

Ninth Sunday after the Epiphany [Proper 4, Ordinary/Lectionary 9]

The following readings are for churches whose calendar requires this Sunday and who do not observe the Last Sunday after the Epiphany as Transfiguration.

Deuteronomy 5:12-15
Psalm 81:1-10
2 Corinthians 4:5-12
Mark 2:23—3:6

Last Sunday after the Epiphany—Transfiguration Sunday

The following readings are used in churches where the Last Sunday after the Epiphany is observed as Transfiguration Sunday.

2 Kings 2:1-12
Psalm 50:1-6
2 Corinthians 4:3-6
Mark 9:2-9

SEASON OF LENT

Ash Wednesday (A, B, C)

Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 *or* Isaiah 58:1-12
Psalm 51:1-17
2 Corinthians 5:20b—6:10
Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

First Sunday in Lent

Genesis 9:8-17
Psalm 25:1-10
1 Peter 3:18-22
Mark 1:9-15

Second Sunday in Lent

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16
Psalm 22:23-31
Romans 4:13-25
Mark 8:31-38 *or* Mark 9:2-9

Third Sunday in Lent

Exodus 20:1-17
Psalm 19
1 Corinthians 1:18-25
John 2:13-22

Fourth Sunday in Lent

Numbers 21:4-9
Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22
Ephesians 2:1-10
John 3:14-21

Fifth Sunday in Lent

Jeremiah 31:31-34
Psalm 51:1-12 *or* Psalm 119:9-16
Hebrews 5:5-10
John 12:20-33

Sixth Sunday in Lent**Passion Sunday *or* Palm Sunday**

Those who do not observe the procession with palms and do not wish to use the passion gospel may substitute the gospel and psalm given for the Liturgy of the Passion with the gospel and psalm indicated for the Liturgy of the Palms. Whenever possible, the whole passion narrative should be read.

Liturgy of the Palms

Mark 11:1-11 *or* John 12:12-16
Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

Liturgy of the Passion

Isaiah 50:4-9a
Psalm 31:9-16
Philippians 2:5-11
Mark 14:1—15:47 *or* Mark 15:1-39 [40-47]

Monday of Holy Week (A, B, C)

Isaiah 42:1-9
Psalm 36:5-11
Hebrews 9:11-15
John 12:1-11

Tuesday of Holy Week (A, B, C)

Isaiah 49:1-7
Psalm 71:1-14
1 Corinthians 1:18-31
John 12:20-36

Wednesday of Holy Week (A, B, C)

Isaiah 50:4-9a
Psalm 70
Hebrews 12:1-3
John 13:21-32

Holy Thursday (A, B, C)

Exodus 12:1-4 [5-10] 11-14
Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19
1 Corinthians 11:23-26
John 13:1-17, 31b-35

Good Friday (A, B, C)

Isaiah 52:13—53:12
Psalm 22
Hebrews 10:16-25 *or* Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9
John 18:1—19:42

Holy Saturday (A, B, C) (for use at services other than the Easter Vigil)

Job 14:1-14 *or* Lamentations 3:1-9, 19-24
Psalm 31:1-4, 15-16
1 Peter 4:1-8
Matthew 27:57-66 *or* John 19:38-42

SEASON OF EASTER

Resurrection of the Lord—Easter Vigil

The following readings and responses are provided for use at the Easter Vigil. A minimum of three Old Testament readings should be chosen. The reading from Exodus 14 should always be used.

Old Testament Readings and Responses (A, B, C)

1

Genesis 1:1—2:4a
Psalm 136:1-9, 23-26

2

Genesis 7:1-5, 11-18; 8:6-18; 9:8-13
Psalm 46

3

Genesis 22:1-18
Psalm 16

4

Exodus 14:10-31; 15:20-21
Exodus 15:1b-13, 17-18

5

Isaiah 55:1-11
Isaiah 12:2-6

6

Baruch 3:9-15, 32—4:4 *or* Proverbs 8:1-8, 19-21; 9:4b-6
Psalm 19

7

Ezekiel 36:24-28
Psalm 42 and 43

8

Ezekiel 37:1-14
Psalm 143

9

Zephaniah 3:14-20
Psalm 98

New Testament Reading (A, B, C)

Romans 6:3-11
Psalm 114

Gospel (B)

Mark 16:1-8

Resurrection of the Lord—Easter Day

Acts 10:34-43 *or* Isaiah 25:6-9
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
1 Corinthians 15:1-11 *or* Acts 10:34-43
John 20:1-18 *or* Mark 16:1-8

Easter Evening (A, B, C)

The following readings are for occasions when the main (eucharistic) Easter service must be late in the day. They are not intended for Vespers (Evening Prayer) on Easter Evening.

Isaiah 25:6-9
Psalm 114
1 Corinthians 5:6b-8
Luke 24:13-49

Second Sunday of Easter

Acts 4:32-35
Psalm 133
1 John 1:1—2:2
John 20:19-31

Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 3:12-19
Psalm 4
1 John 3:1-7
Luke 24:36b-48

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 4:5-12
Psalm 23
1 John 3:16-24
John 10:11-18

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 8:26-40
Psalm 22:25-31
1 John 4:7-21
John 15:1-8

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 10:44-48
Psalm 98
1 John 5:1-6
John 15:9-17

Ascension of the Lord (A, B, C)

These readings may also be used on the Seventh Sunday of Easter.

Acts 1:1-11
Psalm 47 *or* Psalm 93
Ephesians 1:15-23
Luke 24:44-53

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26
Psalm 1
1 John 5:9-13
John 17:6-19

Day of Pentecost

If the Ezekiel passage is chosen for the first reading, the Acts passage is used as the second reading.

Acts 2:1-21 *or* Ezekiel 37:1-14
Psalm 104:24-34, 35b
Romans 8:22-27 *or* Acts 2:1-21
John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

SEASON AFTER PENTECOST (ORDINARY TIME)

Trinity Sunday

First Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 6:1-8
Psalm 29
Romans 8:12-17
John 3:1-17

Sunday between May 24 and May 28 inclusive (if after Trinity Sunday)

[Proper 3, Ordinary/Lectionary 8]

Hosea 2:14-20
Psalm 103:1-13, 22
2 Corinthians 3:1-6
Mark 2:13-22

Sunday between May 29 and June 4 inclusive (if after Trinity Sunday)

[Proper 4, Ordinary/Lectionary 9]

<i>Semicontinuous</i>	<i>Complementary</i>
1 Samuel 3:1-10 [11-20]	Deuteronomy 5:12-15
Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18	Psalm 81:1-10
2 Corinthians 4:5-12	2 Corinthians 4:5-12
Mark 2:23—3:6	Mark 2:23—3:6

Sunday between June 5 and June 11 inclusive (if after Trinity Sunday)

[Proper 5, Ordinary/Lectionary 10]

<i>Semicontinuous</i>	<i>Complementary</i>
1 Samuel 8:4-11 [12-15] 16-20 [11:14-15]	Genesis 3:8-15
Psalm 138	Psalm 130
2 Corinthians 4:13—5:1	2 Corinthians 4:13—5:1
Mark 3:20-35	Mark 3:20-35

Sunday between June 12 and June 18 inclusive (if after Trinity Sunday)

[Proper 6, Ordinary/Lectionary 11]

<i>Semicontinuous</i>	<i>Complementary</i>
1 Samuel 15:34—16:13	Ezekiel 17:22-24
Psalm 20	Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15
2 Corinthians 5:6-10 [11-13] 14-17	2 Corinthians 5:6-10 [11-13] 14-17
Mark 4:26-34	Mark 4:26-34

Sunday between June 19 and June 25 inclusive (if after Trinity Sunday)

[Proper 7, Ordinary/Lectionary 12]

<i>Semicontinuous</i>	<i>Complementary</i>
1 Samuel 17:[1a, 4-11, 19-23] 32-49 or 1 Samuel 17:57—18:5, 10-16	Job 38:1-11
Psalm 9:9-20 or Psalm 133	Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32
2 Corinthians 6:1-13	2 Corinthians 6:1-13
Mark 4:35-41	Mark 4:35-41

Sunday between June 26 and July 2 inclusive

[Proper 8, Ordinary/Lectionary 13]

<i>Semicontinuous</i>	<i>Complementary</i>
2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27	Wisdom of Solomon 1:13-15; 2:23-24 or Lamentations 3:22-33
Psalm 130	Psalm 30
2 Corinthians 8:7-15	2 Corinthians 8:7-15
Mark 5:21-43	Mark 5:21-43

Sunday between July 3 and July 9 inclusive

[Proper 9, Ordinary/Lectionary 14]

Semicontinuous

2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10

Psalms 48

2 Corinthians 12:2-10

Mark 6:1-13

Complementary

Ezekiel 2:1-5

Psalms 123

2 Corinthians 12:2-10

Mark 6:1-13

Sunday between July 10 and July 16 inclusive

[Proper 10, Ordinary/Lectionary 15]

Semicontinuous

2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19

Psalms 24

Ephesians 1:3-14

Mark 6:14-29

Complementary

Amos 7:7-15

Psalms 85:8-13

Ephesians 1:3-14

Mark 6:14-29

Sunday between July 17 and July 23 inclusive

[Proper 11, Ordinary/Lectionary 16]

Semicontinuous

2 Samuel 7:1-14a

Psalms 89:20-37

Ephesians 2:11-22

Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

Complementary

Jeremiah 23:1-6

Psalms 23

Ephesians 2:11-22

Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

Sunday between July 24 and July 30 inclusive

[Proper 12, Ordinary/Lectionary 17]

Semicontinuous

2 Samuel 11:1-15

Psalms 14

Ephesians 3:14-21

John 6:1-21

Complementary

2 Kings 4:42-44

Psalms 145:10-18

Ephesians 3:14-21

John 6:1-21

Sunday between July 31 and August 6 inclusive

[Proper 13, Ordinary/Lectionary 18]

Semicontinuous

2 Samuel 11:26—12:13a

Psalms 51:1-12

Ephesians 4:1-16

John 6:24-35

Complementary

Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15

Psalms 78:23-29

Ephesians 4:1-16

John 6:24-35

Sunday between August 7 and August 13 inclusive

[Proper 14, Ordinary/Lectionary 19]

Semicontinuous

2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33

Psalms 130

Ephesians 4:25—5:2

John 6:35, 41-51

Complementary

1 Kings 19:4-8

Psalms 34:1-8

Ephesians 4:25—5:2

John 6:35, 41-51

Sunday between August 14 and August 20 inclusive

[Proper 15, Ordinary/Lectionary 20]

Semicontinuous

1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14

Psalms 111

Ephesians 5:15-20

John 6:51-58

Complementary

Proverbs 9:1-6

Psalms 34:9-14

Ephesians 5:15-20

John 6:51-58

Sunday between August 21 and August 27 inclusive

[Proper 16, Ordinary/Lectionary 21]

Semicontinuous

1 Kings 8:[1, 6, 10-11] 22-30, 41-43
Psalm 84
Ephesians 6:10-20
John 6:56-69

Complementary

Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18
Psalm 34:15-22
Ephesians 6:10-20
John 6:56-69

Sunday between August 28 and September 3 inclusive

[Proper 17, Ordinary/Lectionary 22]

Semicontinuous

Song of Solomon 2:8-13
Psalm 45:1-2, 6-9
James 1:17-27
Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Complementary

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9
Psalm 15
James 1:17-27
Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Sunday between September 4 and September 10 inclusive

[Proper 18, Ordinary/Lectionary 23]

Semicontinuous

Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23
Psalm 125
James 2:1-10 [11-13] 14-17
Mark 7:24-37

Complementary

Isaiah 35:4-7a
Psalm 146
James 2:1-10 [11-13] 14-17
Mark 7:24-37

Sunday between September 11 and September 17 inclusive

[Proper 19, Ordinary/Lectionary 24]

Semicontinuous

Proverbs 1:20-33
Psalm 19
or Wisdom of Solomon 7:26—8:1
James 3:1-12
Mark 8:27-38

Complementary

Isaiah 50:4-9a
Psalm 116:1-9
James 3:1-12
Mark 8:27-38

Sunday between September 18 and September 24 inclusive

[Proper 20, Ordinary/Lectionary 25]

Semicontinuous

Proverbs 31:10-31

Psalm 1
James 3:13—4:3, 7-8a
Mark 9:30-37

Complementary

Wisdom of Solomon 1:16—2:1, 12-22
or Jeremiah 11:18-20
Psalm 54
James 3:13—4:3, 7-8a
Mark 9:30-37

Sunday between September 25 and October 1 inclusive

[Proper 21, Ordinary/Lectionary 26]

Semicontinuous

Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22
Psalm 124
James 5:13-20
Mark 9:38-50

Complementary

Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29
Psalm 19:7-14
James 5:13-20
Mark 9:38-50

Sunday between October 2 and October 8 inclusive

[Proper 22, Ordinary/Lectionary 27]

Semicontinuous

Job 1:1; 2:1-10
Psalm 26
Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12
Mark 10:2-16

Complementary

Genesis 2:18-24
Psalm 8
Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12
Mark 10:2-16

Sunday between October 9 and October 15 inclusive

[Proper 23, Ordinary/Lectionary 28]

Semicontinuous

Job 23:1-9, 16-17

Psalms 22:1-15

Hebrews 4:12-16

Mark 10:17-31

Complementary

Amos 5:6-7, 10-15

Psalms 90:12-17

Hebrews 4:12-16

Mark 10:17-31

Sunday between October 16 and October 22 inclusive

[Proper 24, Ordinary/Lectionary 29]

Semicontinuous

Job 38:1-7 [34-41]

Psalms 104:1-9, 24, 35b

Hebrews 5:1-10

Mark 10:35-45

Complementary

Isaiah 53:4-12

Psalms 91:9-16

Hebrews 5:1-10

Mark 10:35-45

Sunday between October 23 and October 29 inclusive

[Proper 25, Ordinary/Lectionary 30]

Semicontinuous

Job 42:1-6, 10-17

Psalms 34:1-8 [19-22]

Hebrews 7:23-28

Mark 10:46-52

Complementary

Jeremiah 31:7-9

Psalms 126

Hebrews 7:23-28

Mark 10:46-52

Sunday between October 30 and November 5 inclusive

[Proper 26, Ordinary/Lectionary 31]

Semicontinuous

Ruth 1:1-18

Psalms 146

Hebrews 9:11-14

Mark 12:28-34

Complementary

Deuteronomy 6:1-9

Psalms 119:1-8

Hebrews 9:11-14

Mark 12:28-34

Sunday between November 6 and November 12 inclusive

[Proper 27, Ordinary/Lectionary 32]

Semicontinuous

Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17

Psalms 127

Hebrews 9:24-28

Mark 12:38-44

Complementary

1 Kings 17:8-16

Psalms 146

Hebrews 9:24-28

Mark 12:38-44

Sunday between November 13 and November 19 inclusive

[Proper 28, Ordinary/Lectionary 33]

Semicontinuous

1 Samuel 1:4-20

1 Samuel 2:1-10

Hebrews 10:11-14 [15-18] 19-25

Mark 13:1-8

Complementary

Daniel 12:1-3

Psalms 16

Hebrews 10:11-14 [15-18] 19-25

Mark 13:1-8

Reign of Christ or Christ the King

Sunday between November 20 and November 26 inclusive

[Proper 29, Ordinary/Lectionary 34]

Semicontinuous

2 Samuel 23:1-7

Psalms 132:1-12 [13-18]

Revelation 1:4b-8

John 18:33-37

Complementary

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

Psalms 93

Revelation 1:4b-8

John 18:33-37

SPECIAL DAYS

Presentation of the Lord (A, B, C)

February 2

Malachi 3:1-4
Psalm 84 *or* Psalm 24:7-10
Hebrews 2:14-18
Luke 2:22-40

Annunciation of the Lord (A, B, C)

March 25

Isaiah 7:10-14
Psalm 45 *or* Psalm 40:5-10
Hebrews 10:4-10
Luke 1:26-38

Visitation of Mary to Elizabeth (A, B, C)

May 31

1 Samuel 2:1-10
Psalm 113
Romans 12:9-16b
Luke 1:39-57

Holy Cross (A, B, C)

September 14

Numbers 21:4b-9
Psalm 98:1-5 *or* Psalm 78:1-2, 34-38
1 Corinthians 1:18-24
John 3:13-17

All Saints (B)

November 1 or the First Sunday in November

Wisdom of Solomon 3:1-9 *or* Isaiah 25:6-9
Psalm 24
Revelation 21:1-6a
John 11:32-44

Thanksgiving Day (B)

Second Monday in October (Canada)

Fourth Thursday in November (U.S.A.)

Joel 2:21-27
Psalm 126
1 Timothy 2:1-7
Matthew 6:25-33