

The Revised Common Lectionary

Consultation on Common Texts

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YEAR C

Begins on the First Sunday of Advent in 2009, 2012, 2015, 2018, 2021, and so on.

Season of Advent

First Sunday of Advent

Jeremiah 33:14-16
Psalm 25:1-10
1 Thessalonians 3:9-13
Luke 21:25-36

Second Sunday of Advent

Baruch 5:1-9 *or* Malachi 3:1-4
Luke 1:68-79
Philippians 1:3-11
Luke 3:1-6

Third Sunday of Advent

Zephaniah 3:14-20
Isaiah 12:2-6
Philippians 4:4-7
Luke 3:7-18

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Micah 5:2-5a
Luke 1:46b-55 *or* Psalm 80:1-7
Hebrews 10:5-10
Luke 1:39-45 [46-55]

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 (C)

1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26
Psalm 148
Colossians 3:12-17
Luke 2:41-52

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]

Isaiah 43:1-7
Psalm 29
Acts 8:14-17
Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Second Sunday after the Epiphany [Ordinary/Lectionary 2]

Isaiah 62:1-5
Psalm 36:5-10
1 Corinthians 12:1-11
John 2:1-11

Third Sunday after the Epiphany [Ordinary/Lectionary 3]

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10
Psalm 19
1 Corinthians 12:12-31a
Luke 4:14-21

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany [Ordinary/Lectionary 4]

Jeremiah 1:4-10
Psalm 71:1-6
1 Corinthians 13:1-13
Luke 4:21-30

Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany [Ordinary/Lectionary 5]

Isaiah 6:1-8 [9-13]
Psalm 138
1 Corinthians 15:1-11
Luke 5:1-11

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

Jeremiah 17:5-10
Psalm 1
1 Corinthians 15:12-20
Luke 6:17-26

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

Genesis 45:3-11, 15
Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40
1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50
Luke 6:27-38

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

Sirach 27:4-7 *or* Isaiah 55:10-13
Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15
1 Corinthians 15:51-58
Luke 6:39-49

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.

1 Kings 8:22-23, 41-43
Psalm 96:1-9
Galatians 1:1-12
Luke 7:1-10

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.

Exodus 34:29-35
Psalm 99
2 Corinthians 3:12—4:2
Luke 9:28-36 [37-43]

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

Deuteronomy 26:1-11
Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16
Romans 10:8b-13
Luke 4:1-13

Second Sunday in Lent

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18
Psalm 27
Philippians 3:17—4:1
Luke 13:31-35 *or* Luke 9:28-36

Third Sunday in Lent

Isaiah 55:1-9
Psalm 63:1-8
1 Corinthians 10:1-13
Luke 13:1-9

Fourth Sunday in Lent

Joshua 5:9-12
Psalm 32
2 Corinthians 5:16-21
Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

Fifth Sunday in Lent

Isaiah 43:16-21
Psalm 126
Philippians 3:4b-14
John 12:1-8

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

Luke 19:28-40
Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

Liturgy of the Passion

Isaiah 50:4-9a
Psalm 31:9-16
Philippians 2:5-11
Luke 22:14—23:56 or Luke 23:1-49

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 (C)

Luke 24:1-12

Resurrection of the Lord—Easter Day

Acts 10:34-43 *or* Isaiah 65:17-25
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
1 Corinthians 15:19-26 *or* Acts 10:34-43
John 20:1-18 *or* Luke 24:1-12

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 5:27-32
Psalm 118:14-29 *or* Psalm 150
Revelation 1:4-8
John 20:19-31

Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 9:1-6 [7-20]
Psalm 30
Revelation 5:11-14
John 21:1-19

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 9:36-43
Psalm 23
Revelation 7:9-17
John 10:22-30

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 11:1-18
Psalm 148
Revelation 21:1-6
John 13:31-35

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 16:9-15
Psalm 67
Revelation 21:10, 22—22:5
John 14:23-29 *or* John 5:1-9

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 16:16-34
Psalm 97
Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21
John 17:20-26

Day of Pentecost

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

Acts 2:1-21 *or* Genesis 11:1-9
Psalm 104:24-34, 35b
Romans 8:14-17 *or* Acts 2:1-21
John 14:8-17 [25-27]

Season after Pentecost (Ordinary Time)

Trinity Sunday

First Sunday after Pentecost

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31

Psalm 8

Romans 5:1-5

John 16:12-15

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

[Proper 3, Ordinary/Lectionary 8]

Sirach 27:4-7 *or* Isaiah 55:10-13

Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15

1 Corinthians 15:51-58

Luke 6:39-49

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

[Proper 4, Ordinary/Lectionary 9]

Semicontinuous

1 Kings 18:20-21 [22-29] 30-39

Psalm 96

Galatians 1:1-12

Luke 7:1-10

Complementary

1 Kings 8:22-23, 41-43

Psalm 96:1-9

Galatians 1:1-12

Luke 7:1-10

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

[Proper 5, Ordinary/Lectionary 10]

Semicontinuous

1 Kings 17:8-16 [17-24]

Psalm 146

Galatians 1:11-24

Luke 7:11-17

Complementary

1 Kings 17:17-24

Psalm 30

Galatians 1:11-24

Luke 7:11-17

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

[Proper 6, Ordinary/Lectionary 11]

Semicontinuous

1 Kings 21:1-10 [11-14] 15-21a

Psalm 5:1-8

Galatians 2:15-21

Luke 7:36—8:3

Complementary

2 Samuel 11:26—12:10, 13-15

Psalm 32

Galatians 2:15-21

Luke 7:36—8:3

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

[Proper 7, Ordinary/Lectionary 12]

Semicontinuous

1 Kings 19:1-4 [5-7] 8-15a

Psalm 42 and 43

Galatians 3:23-29

Luke 8:26-39

Complementary

Isaiah 65:1-9

Psalm 22:19-28

Galatians 3:23-29

Luke 8:26-39

Sunday between June 26 and July 2 inclusive

[Proper 8, Ordinary/Lectionary 13]

Semicontinuous

2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14

Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20

Galatians 5:1, 13-25

Luke 9:51-62

Complementary

1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21

Psalm 16

Galatians 5:1, 13-25

Luke 9:51-62

Sunday between July 3 and July 9 inclusive

[Proper 9, Ordinary/Lectionary 14]

Semicontinuous

2 Kings 5:1-14

Psalms 30

Galatians 6:[1-6] 7-16

Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

Complementary

Isaiah 66:10-14

Psalms 66:1-9

Galatians 6:[1-6] 7-16

Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

Sunday between July 10 and July 16 inclusive

[Proper 10, Ordinary/Lectionary 15]

Semicontinuous

Amos 7:7-17

Psalms 82

Colossians 1:1-14

Luke 10:25-37

Complementary

Deuteronomy 30:9-14

Psalms 25:1-10

Colossians 1:1-14

Luke 10:25-37

Sunday between July 17 and July 23 inclusive

[Proper 11, Ordinary/Lectionary 16]

Semicontinuous

Amos 8:1-12

Psalms 52

Colossians 1:15-28

Luke 10:38-42

Complementary

Genesis 18:1-10a

Psalms 15

Colossians 1:15-28

Luke 10:38-42

Sunday between July 24 and July 30 inclusive

[Proper 12, Ordinary/Lectionary 17]

Semicontinuous

Hosea 1:2-10

Psalms 85

Colossians 2:6-15 [16-19]

Luke 11:1-13

Complementary

Genesis 18:20-32

Psalms 138

Colossians 2:6-15 [16-19]

Luke 11:1-13

Sunday between July 31 and August 6 inclusive

[Proper 13, Ordinary/Lectionary 18]

Semicontinuous

Hosea 11:1-11

Psalms 107:1-9, 43

Colossians 3:1-11

Luke 12:13-21

Complementary

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23

Psalms 49:1-12

Colossians 3:1-11

Luke 12:13-21

Sunday between August 7 and August 13 inclusive

[Proper 14, Ordinary/Lectionary 19]

Semicontinuous

Isaiah 1:1, 10-20

Psalms 50:1-8, 22-23

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Luke 12:32-40

Complementary

Genesis 15:1-6

Psalms 33:12-22

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Luke 12:32-40

Sunday between August 14 and August 20 inclusive

[Proper 15, Ordinary/Lectionary 20]

Semicontinuous

Isaiah 5:1-7

Psalms 80:1-2, 8-19

Hebrews 11:29—12:2

Luke 12:49-56

Complementary

Jeremiah 23:23-29

Psalms 82

Hebrews 11:29—12:2

Luke 12:49-56

Sunday between August 21 and August 27 inclusive

[Proper 16, Ordinary/Lectionary 21]

Semicontinuous

Jeremiah 1:4-10

Psalms 71:1-6

Hebrews 12:18-29

Luke 13:10-17

Complementary

Isaiah 58:9b-14

Psalms 103:1-8

Hebrews 12:18-29

Luke 13:10-17

Sunday between August 28 and September 3 inclusive

[Proper 17, Ordinary/Lectionary 22]

Semicontinuous

Jeremiah 2:4-13

Psalms 81:1, 10-16

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

Luke 14:1, 7-14

Complementary

Sirach 10:12-18 or Proverbs 25:6-7

Psalms 112

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

Luke 14:1, 7-14

Sunday between September 4 and September 10 inclusive

[Proper 18, Ordinary/Lectionary 23]

Semicontinuous

Jeremiah 18:1-11

Psalms 139:1-6, 13-18

Philemon 1-21

Luke 14:25-33

Complementary

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Psalms 1

Philemon 1-21

Luke 14:25-33

Sunday between September 11 and September 17 inclusive

[Proper 19, Ordinary/Lectionary 24]

Semicontinuous

Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28

Psalms 14

1 Timothy 1:12-17

Luke 15:1-10

Complementary

Exodus 32:7-14

Psalms 51:1-10

1 Timothy 1:12-17

Luke 15:1-10

Sunday between September 18 and September 24 inclusive

[Proper 20, Ordinary/Lectionary 25]

Semicontinuous

Jeremiah 8:18—9:1

Psalms 79:1-9

1 Timothy 2:1-7

Luke 16:1-13

Complementary

Amos 8:4-7

Psalms 113

1 Timothy 2:1-7

Luke 16:1-13

Sunday between September 25 and October 1 inclusive

[Proper 21, Ordinary/Lectionary 26]

Semicontinuous

Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15

Psalms 91:1-6, 14-16

1 Timothy 6:6-19

Luke 16:19-31

Complementary

Amos 6:1a, 4-7

Psalms 146

1 Timothy 6:6-19

Luke 16:19-31

Sunday between October 2 and October 8 inclusive

[Proper 22, Ordinary/Lectionary 27]

Semicontinuous

Lamentations 1:1-6

Lamentations 3:19-26 or Psalm 137

2 Timothy 1:1-14

Luke 17:5-10

Complementary

Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4

Psalms 37:1-9

2 Timothy 1:1-14

Luke 17:5-10

Sunday between October 9 and October 15 inclusive

[Proper 23, Ordinary/Lectionary 28]

Semicontinuous

Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7
Psalm 66:1-12
2 Timothy 2:8-15
Luke 17:11-19

Complementary

2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c
Psalm 111
2 Timothy 2:8-15
Luke 17:11-19

Sunday between October 16 and October 22 inclusive

[Proper 24, Ordinary/Lectionary 29]

Semicontinuous

Jeremiah 31:27-34
Psalm 119:97-104
2 Timothy 3:14—4:5
Luke 18:1-8

Complementary

Genesis 32:22-31
Psalm 121
2 Timothy 3:14—4:5
Luke 18:1-8

Sunday between October 23 and October 29 inclusive

[Proper 25, Ordinary/Lectionary 30]

Semicontinuous

Joel 2:23-32

Psalm 65
2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18
Luke 18:9-14

Complementary

Sirach 35:12-17
or Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22
Psalm 84:1-7
2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18
Luke 18:9-14

Sunday between October 30 and November 5 inclusive

[Proper 26, Ordinary/Lectionary 31]

Semicontinuous

Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4
Psalm 119:137-144
2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12
Luke 19:1-10

Complementary

Isaiah 1:10-18
Psalm 32:1-7
2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12
Luke 19:1-10

Sunday between November 6 and November 12 inclusive

[Proper 27, Ordinary/Lectionary 32]

Semicontinuous

Haggai 1:15b—2:9
Psalm 145:1-5, 17-21 or Psalm 98
2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17
Luke 20:27-38

Complementary

Job 19:23-27a
Psalm 17:1-9
2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17
Luke 20:27-38

Sunday between November 13 and November 19 inclusive

[Proper 28, Ordinary/Lectionary 33]

Semicontinuous

Isaiah 65:17-25
Isaiah 12
2 Thessalonians 3:6-13
Luke 21:5-19

Complementary

Malachi 4:1-2a
Psalm 98
2 Thessalonians 3:6-13
Luke 21:5-19

Reign of Christ or Christ the King

Sunday between November 20 and November 26 inclusive

[Proper 29, Ordinary/Lectionary 34]

Semicontinuous

Jeremiah 23:1-6
Luke 1:68-79
Colossians 1:11-20
Luke 23:33-43

Complementary

Jeremiah 23:1-6
Psalm 46
Colossians 1:11-20
Luke 23:33-43

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 (C)

November 1 or the First Sunday in November

Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18
Psalm 149
Ephesians 1:11-23
Luke 6:20-31

Thanksgiving Day (C)

Second Monday in October (Canada)

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

Deuteronomy 26:1-11
Psalm 100
Philippians 4:4-9
John 6:25-35