

**LECTIONARY FOR YEAR B
2020—2021**

Note. For the period of Ordinary Time following Trinity Sunday (6 June ff.), the Principal Service listings offer alternative readings for the Old Testament and Psalm. One is a 'continuous' option under which the OT lesson forms part of an independent, semi-continuous series of readings from one OT book. The second is a 'related' set of OT and Psalm readings, designed to be linked thematically to the gospel reading for the day.

Principal Service

First Sunday of Advent

29 Nov

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

Second Sunday of Advent

6 Dec

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

Third Sunday of Advent

13 Dec

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

Fourth Sunday of Advent

20 Dec

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

Christmas Day

25 Dec

Any of the following sets of readings may be used on the evening of Christmas Eve and on Christmas Day. Set III should be used at some service during the celebration.

- I* Isaiah 9:2-7; Psalm 96; Titus 2:11-14; Luke 2:1-14 (15-20)
- II* Isaiah 62:6-12; Psalm 97; Titus 3:4-7; Luke 2:(1-7) 8-20
- III* Isaiah 52:7-10; Psalm 98; Hebrews 1:1-4 (5-12); John 1:1-14

First Sunday of Christmas

27 Dec

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

New Year: Watchnight

31 Dec

Deuteronomy 8:1-20 *or* Ecclesiastes 3:1-15
Psalm 8 *or* Psalm 90
Revelation 21:1-6a
Matthew 25:31-46 *or* Luke 12:13-21 *or* Luke 12:35-50

Second Sunday of Christmas

3 Jan

Jeremiah 31:7-14
Psalm 147: 12-20
Ephesians 1:3-14
John 1:(1-9) 10-18
or
Sirach/Ecclesiasticus 24:1-12
Canticle: Wisdom of Solomon 10:15-21
Ephesians 1:3-14
John 1:(1-9) 10-18

The Epiphany

6 Jan (Wednesday)

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

As 6 January is a weekday, these readings may replace those of Sunday 4 January 1.

**Sunday after Epiphany and the
First in Ordinary Time**

10 Jan

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

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

17 Jan

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

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

24 Jan

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

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time	31 Jan
Deuteronomy 18:15-20 Psalm 111 1 Corinthians 8:1-13 Mark 1:21-28	
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time	7 Feb
Isaiah 40:21-31 Psalm 147:1-11, 20c 1 Corinthians 9:16-23 Mark 1:29-39	
Sunday before Lent	14 Feb
2 Kings 2:1-12 Psalm 50:1-6 2 Corinthians 4:3-6 Mark 9:2-9	
Ash Wednesday	17 Feb
Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 <i>or</i> Isaiah 58:1-12 Psalm 51:1-17 2 Corinthians 5:20b – 6:10 Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21	
First Sunday in Lent	21 Feb
Genesis 9:8-17 Psalm 25:1-10 1 Peter 3:18-22 Mark 1:9-15	
Second Sunday in Lent	28 Feb
Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16 Psalm 22:23-31 Romans 4:13-25 Mark 8:31-38	
Third Sunday in Lent	7 March
Exodus 20:1-17 Psalm 19 1 Corinthians 1:18-25 John 2:13-22	
Fourth Sunday in Lent	14 March
Numbers 21:4-9 Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22 Ephesians 2:1-10 John 3:14-21	

or for MOTHERING SUNDAY

Exodus 2:1-10 or 1 Samuel 1:20-28
 Psalm 34:11-20 or Psalm 127:1-4
 2 Corinthians 1:3-7 or Colossians 3:12-17
 Luke 2:33-35 or John 19:25-27

Fifth Sunday in Lent

21 March

First Sunday of the Passion

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

28 March

Second Sunday of the Passion / Palm Sunday

Entry into Jerusalem

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

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 in Holy Week

29 March

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

Tuesday in Holy Week

30 March

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

Wednesday in Holy Week

31 March

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

Maundy Thursday

1 April

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

2 April

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

3 April

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

Easter Day

4 April

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

Second Sunday of Easter

11 April

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

Third Sunday of Easter

18 April

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

Fourth Sunday of Easter

25 April

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

Fifth Sunday of Easter

2 May

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

Sixth Sunday of Easter

9 May

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

Ascension Day

13 May (Thursday)

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

Seventh Sunday of Easter

16 May

Sunday in Ascensiontide

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

Pentecost (also Aldersgate Sunday)

23 May

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

John and Charles Wesley Day

24 May (Monday)

These readings should not normally be used at the Principal Service on Pentecost.

Isaiah 12:1-6 *or* Isaiah 51:1-3, 7-11
 Psalm 130
 Romans 5:1-11 *or* 2 Peter 1:1-11
 Mark 12:28-37 *or* Luke 10:1-12, 17-20

Trinity Sunday

30 May

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

Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

6 June

Continuous

1 Samuel 8:4-11 (12-15), 16-20 (11:14-15)
 Psalm 138
 2 Corinthians 4:13 – 5:1
 Mark 3:20-35

Related

Genesis 3:8-15
 Psalm 130
 2 Corinthians 4:13 – 5:1
 Mark 3:20-35

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

13 June

Continuous

1 Samuel 15:34 – 16:13
 Psalm 20
 2 Corinthians 5:6-10 (11-13), 14-17
 Mark 4:26-34

Related

Ezekiel 17:22-24
 Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15
 2 Corinthians 5:6-10 (11-13), 14-17
 Mark 4:26-34

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

20 June

Continuous

1 Samuel 17:(1a, 4-11, 19-23) 32-49
 Psalm 9:9-20
 or 1 Samuel 17:57 – 18:5, 10-16
 Psalm 133
 2 Corinthians 6:1-13
 Mark 4:35-41

Related

Job 38:1-11
 Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32
 2 Corinthians 6:1-13
 Mark 4:35-41

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

27 June

Continuous

2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27
 Psalm 130
 2 Corinthians 8:7-15
 Mark 5:21-43

Related

Wisdom of Solomon 1:13-15; 2:23-24
 or Lamentations 3:22-33
 Psalm 30
 2 Corinthians 8:7-15
 Mark 5:21-43

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4 July

Continuous

2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10
 Psalm 48
 2 Corinthians 12:2-10
 Mark 6:1-13

Related

Ezekiel 2:1-5
 Psalm 123
 2 Corinthians 12:2-10
 Mark 6:1-13

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**11 July*****Continuous***

2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19
 Psalm 24
 Ephesians 1:3-14
 Mark 6:14-29

Related

Amos 7:7-15
 Psalm 85:8-13
 Ephesians 1:3-14
 Mark 6:14-29

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**18 July*****Continuous***

2 Samuel 7:1-14a
 Psalm 89:20-37
 Ephesians 2:11-22
 Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

Related

Jeremiah 23:1-6
 Psalm 23
 Ephesians 2:11-22
 Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**25 July*****Continuous***

2 Samuel 11:1-15
 Psalm 14
 Ephesians 3:14-21
 John 6:1-21

Related

2 Kings 4:42-44
 Psalm 145:10-18
 Ephesians 3:14-21
 John 6:1-21

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**1 Aug*****Continuous***

2 Samuel 11:26 – 12:13a
 Psalm 51:1-12
 Ephesians 4:1-16
 John 6:24-35

Related

Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15
 Psalm 78:23-29
 Ephesians 4:1-16
 John 6:24-35

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8 Aug

Continuous

2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33
 Psalm 130
 Ephesians 4:25 – 5:2
 John 6:35, 41-51

Related

1 Kings 19:4-8
 Psalm 34:1-8
 Ephesians 4:25 – 5:2
 John 6:35, 41-51

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

15 Aug

Continuous

1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14
 Psalm 111
 Ephesians 5:15-20
 John 6:51-58

Related

Proverbs 9:1-6
 Psalm 34:9-14
 Ephesians 5:15-20
 John 6:51-58

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

22 Aug

Continuous

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

Related

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

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

29 Aug

Continuous

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

Related

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

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

5 Sept

Continuous

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

Related

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

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

12 Sept

Continuous

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

Related

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

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

19 Sept

Continuous

Proverbs 31:10-31
 Psalm 1
 James 3:13 – 4:3, 7-8a
 Mark 9:30-37

Related

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

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

26 Sept

Continuous

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

Related

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

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time 3 Oct

Continuous

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

Related

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

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time 10 Oct

Continuous

Job 23:1-9, 16-17
 Psalm 22:1-15
 Hebrews 4:12-16
 Mark 10:17-31

Related

Amos 5:6-7, 10-15
 Psalm 90:12-17
 Hebrews 4:12-16
 Mark 10:17-31

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time 17 Oct

Continuous

Job 38:1-7 (34-41)
 Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35c
 Hebrews 5:1-10
 Mark 10:35-45

Related

Isaiah 53:4-12
 Psalm 91:9-16
 Hebrews 5:1-10
 Mark 10:35-45

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time 24 Oct

Continuous

Job 42:1-6, 10-17
 Psalm 34:1-8 (19-22)
 Hebrews 7:23-28
 Mark 10:46-52

Related

Jeremiah 31:7-9
 Psalm 126
 Hebrews 7:23-28
 Mark 10:46-52

Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

31 Oct

Continuous

Ruth 1:1-18
 Psalm 146
 Hebrews 9:11-14
 Mark 12:28-34

Related

Deuteronomy 6:1-9
 Psalm 119:1-8
 Hebrews 9:11-14
 Mark 12:28-34

All Saints

1 Nov

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

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

7 Nov

Continuous

Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17
 Psalm 127
 Hebrews 9:24-28
 Mark 12:38-44

Related

1 Kings 17:8-16
 Psalm 146
 Hebrews 9:24-28
 Mark 12:38-44

or for REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Isaiah 25:1-9 *or* Isaiah 52:7-12 *or* Micah 4:1-8
 Psalm 9:9-20 *or* Psalm 46
 Romans 8:31-35, 37-39 *or* Revelation 22:1-5
 Matthew 5:1-12 *or* Matthew 5:43-48 *or* John 15:9-17

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

14 Nov

Continuous

1 Samuel 1:4-20
Canticle: 1 Samuel 2:1-10
 Hebrews 10:11-14 (15-18), 19-25
 Mark 13:1-8

Related

Daniel 12:1-3
 Psalm 16
 Hebrews 10:11-14 (15-18), 19-25
 Mark 13:1-8

Sunday before Advent
(Christ the King)

21 Nov

Continuous

2 Samuel 23:1-7
Psalm 132:1-12 (13-18)
Revelation 1:4b-8
John 18:33-37

Related

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14
Psalm 93
Revelation 1:4b-8
John 18:33-37

Church Anniversary

Genesis 28:10-22 *or* 2 Chronicles 7:11-16
Psalm 84 *or* Psalm 122
Ephesians 2:19-22 *or* 1 Peter 2:1-5
Matthew 12:1-8 *or* John 4:19- 26

Covenant

Exodus 24:3-11 *or* Deuteronomy 29:10-15
Jeremiah 31:31-34
Romans 12:1-2
John 15:1-10 *or* Mark 14:22-25
Part of Psalm 51 is used in the service as a prayer.

Harvest Thanksgiving

Genesis 8:15-22 *or* Deuteronomy 26:1-11 *or* Ruth 2:1-23
Psalm 65
1 Timothy 6:6-10 *or* Revelation 14:14-18
Matthew 6:25-33 *or* John 6:24-35

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