

2014-2015 LECTIONARY FOR SUNDAYS AND FEAST DAYS – YEAR B

| DATE | CALENDAR | SCRIPTURES | GOSPEL THEME |
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| Nov. 30 | 1 st Sunday of Advent | Psalms 80; Isaiah 64:1-9; 1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 13:33-37 | Watchfulness |
| Dec. 7 | 2 nd Sunday of Advent | Psalms 85; Isaiah 40:1-11; 2 Peter 3:8-14; Mark 1:1-8 | John the Forerunner |
| Dec. 14 | 3 rd Sunday of Advent | Luke 1:68-79; Isaiah 61:1-4, 7-11; 1 Thess. 5:16-24; John 1:6-8, 19-28 | John the Forerunner |
| Dec. 21 | 4 th Sunday of Advent | Luke 1:46b-55; 2 Sam. 7:1-5, 8-11,16; Romans 16:25-27; Luke 1:26-38 | The Blessed Virgin God-bearer Mary |
| Dec. 24/25 (Wednesday and Thursday) | Christmas Eve/Day Services <i>If only one service is done, any combination of the scriptures from the various services may need to be used in order to best capture the necessary themes.</i> | Vigil: Psalms 89:3-4, 15-16, 20-28; Isaiah 62:1-5; Acts 13:16-25; Matthew 1:1-25 Evening Communion service: Psalms 96; 1-3, 11-13; Is. 9:1-6; Titus 2:11-14; Luke 2:1-20 Christmas Morning: Psalms 98:1-6; Isaiah 52:7-10; Hebrews 1:1-6; John 1:1-18 | Christ is Born! |
| Dec. 28 | Sunday After Christmas | Psalms 128; Isaiah 61:10-62:3; Col. 3:12-21; Luke 2:15-21 | Holy Name of Jesus |
| <i>Since this is the only Sunday after Christmas, you might want to consider mentioning any/all of the following themes as well, which chronologically fall before the Baptism: Circumcision/naming, meeting in the temple, wise men, flight to Egypt, slaughter of the innocents, teaching in the temple (Matt. 2, Lk. 2:21-52). (Official Eastern Feast of the Meeting in the Temple is Feb. 2, the 40th day.)</i> | | | |
| Jan. 4 | Epiphany/Theophany (6th actual feast day, but celebrated on 4th) | Psalms 29; Isaiah 42:1-7; Acts 10:34-38 or Titus 2:11-14, 3:4-7; Mark 1:7-11 | Baptism of Christ/Manifestation of Messiah and Trinity |
| Jan. 11 | 1st Sunday after Epiphany | Psalms 40; Isaiah 49:1-7; 1 Corinthians 1:1-9; John 1:29-42 | Following the Lamb of God |
| Jan. 18 | 2 nd Sunday after Epiphany | Ps. 139:1-6, 13-18; 1 Sam. 3:1-10, 19; 1 Cor. 6:12-20; Jn. 1:43-51 | Calling of Philip and Nathanael |
| Jan. 25 | 3 rd Sunday after Epiphany | Psalms 25:1-21; Jonah 3:1-10; 1 Corinthians 7:29-31; Mark 1:14-20 | Jesus' Public Ministry |
| Feb. 1 | <i>(If Meeting of Our Lord isn't celebrated here)</i> 4 th Sunday after Epiphany | Psalms 95:1-7; Deut. 18:15-19; 1 Corinthians 7:32-35; Mark 1:21-28 | Teaching with Authority |
| Feb. 2 (Monday) | Meeting of Our Lord in the Temple | Psalms 85:8-13; Ex. 12:51-13:16; Hebrews 7:7-17; Luke 2:22-40 | Fulfillment of the Old Covenant in Christ |
| Feb. 8 | 5 th Sunday after Epiphany | Psalms 147:1-11; Isaiah 40:21-31; 1 Corinthians 9:16-23; Mark 1:29-39 | Healing and Delivering |
| Feb. 15 | 6 th Sun. after Epiphany (Sunday Before Lent) Forgiveness Service | <u>Eucharist:</u> Ps. 32; Lev. 13:1-3; 45-46; 1 Cor. 10:31-11:1; Mark 1:40-45 <u>Vespers:</u> Psalms 32; Genesis 50:15-21 or Isaiah 58; Romans 14:1-13 or James 3:13-4:12; Matthew 6:14-21 | Healing of a Leper Forgiveness, Fasting, Treasure in Heaven |
| Feb. 18 (Wed.) | Ash Wednesday and/or Presanctified Gifts | Psalms 51 or 90; Genesis 3 or Joel 2:12-18; 2 Corinthians 5:20-6:2 or James 4:13-5:16a; Luke 12:13-32 | A Reminder of Our Mortality and a Call to Repentance and Trust in God |
| **If an Ash Wednesday Service is not done, the above Scriptures can still be used. An alternate theme might be to explain the meaning of the Prayer of St. Ephraim. | | | |
| Feb. 22 | 1 st Sunday of Lent | Psalms 25:1-10, 19-21; Gen. 9:8-17; 1 Peter 3:18-22; Mark 1:9-15 | Testing in wilderness |
| Feb. 25 (Wed.) | Presanctified Gifts/ Zacchaeus | Luke 19:1-10 | Desire |

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| March 1 | 2 nd Sunday of Lent | Psalms 116; Genesis 22:1-18; Romans 8:31b-39; Mark 9:2-10 | Transfiguration |
| March 4 (Wed.) | Presanctified Gifts/ The Publican & Pharisee | Luke 18:10-14 | Humility |
| March 8 | 3 rd Sunday of Lent | Psalms 19; Exodus 20:1-17; 1 Corinthians 1:18-25; John 2:13-25 | Cleansing of Temple & Pascha foretold |
| March 11 (Wed.) | Presanctified Gifts/ The Prodigal Son | Luke 15:11-32 | Return |
| March 15 | 4 th Sunday of Lent | Psalms 137:1-6; 2 Chron. 36:14-23; Ephesians 2:1-10; John 3:14-21 | Foretelling and Purpose |
| March 18 (Wed.) | Presanctified Gifts/ The Last Judgement | Matthew 25:31-46 | Love |
| March 22 | <i>(If Annunciation not observed here)</i> 5 th Sunday of Lent | Psalms 51:1-17; Jeremiah 31:31-34; Hebrews 5:7-9; John 12:20-33 | Life and fruit from death |
| Mar. 25 | Presanctified Gifts/ The Paralytic | Mark 2:1-12 | Healing and Forgiveness in Christ |
| Also | The Annunciation of the Mother of God | Luke 46b-55; Isaiah 7:10-14; Hebrews 10:4-10; Luke 1:26-38 | Gabriel announces Mary as God-bearer |
| Mar. 29 | Palm Sunday | Ps. 118:15-29; Zechariah 9:9-17; Philippians 2:5-11; Mark 11:1-10 | Triumphal Entry |
| April 1 | Holy Wednesday Unction Service | Psalms 143; Job 2:1-10; Rom.12:1-3 or 2 Cor. 6:16-7:1; Matthew 26:6-16 | Anointing at Bethany and Plotting of Judas |
| April 2 | Holy Thursday | <u>Eucharist</u> : Psalms 23 or 116:12-19; Exodus 12:1-14; 1 Corinthians 11:23- 32; Matthew 26:2-29 <u>Ft. Washing</u> : John 13-17 or 13:1-15 <u>Betrayal</u> : Jn. 18:1-27 | Mystical Supper, Foot washing, Betrayal |
| April 3 | Holy Friday | <u>Crucifixion</u> : Psalms 22 or 31:1-5, 11- 16; Isaiah 52:13-54:1, Hebrews 4:14- 16, 5:7-9 or 1 Corinthians 1:18-2:2; Matthew 27:27-54 <u>Burial</u> : Matthew 27:57-66 | Crucifixion and Burial |
| April 4 | Holy Saturday | Psalms 88; Job. 19:23-27a, Daniel 3:13-25, Jonah 1:17-2:10; 1 Peter 1:3-9; Matthew 12:38-42 and/or 27:50-54 | Bright Sadness at its Climax |
| April 5 | Easter | Vigil Readings: Ps. 33; Ps. 16; Genesis 1-3; Genesis 22:1-18; Ps. 105/106; Exodus 14; Ezekiel 36: 16-28; Ezekiel 37:1-14; Mark 16:1-8 Eucharist: Psalms 118:1-2, 10-24; Acts 10:34-43; Colossians 3:1-4; John 20:1-18 | He is Risen! |
| April 12 | 2 nd Sunday of Easter | Psalms 118:1-14; Acts 4:32-35; 1 John 5:1-6; John 20:19-31 | Sunday of St. Thomas |
| April 19 | 3 rd Sunday of Easter | Psalms 4; Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; 1 John 2:1-5a; Luke 24:35-48 | Post-resurrection Appearance |
| April 26 | 4 th Sunday of Easter | Psalms 100; Acts 4:8-12; 1 John 3:1-3; John 10:11-18 | Good Shepherd |
| May 3 | 5 th Sunday of Easter | Psalms 22:25-31; Acts 9:26-31; 1 John 3:18-24; John 15:1-8 | The Vine and the Branches |
| May 10 | 6 th Sunday of Easter | Ps. 98: 1-6; Acts 10:25-26, 34-36, 43-48; 1 John 4:7-10; John 15:9-17 | Abiding in Love |
| May 14 (Thursday) | Ascension of Our Lord | Psalms 47; Acts 1:1-12; Ephesians 1:17-23; Luke 24:44-53 | Christ Raises Humanity to Glory |

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| May 17 | <i>(If Ascension isn't celebrated here)</i> Last/7 th Sunday of Easter | Psalms 103; Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; 1 John 4:11-21; John 17:11b-21 | Christ Prays for Unity |
| May 24 | Pentecost | Vigil Readings: Ps. 104; Gen. 11:1-9 or Ex. 19:3-8, 16-20 or Ezek. 37:1-4 or Joel 3:1-5; Rom. 8:22-27; Jn. 7:37-39 Eucharist: Ps. 104:24-34; Acts 2:1-11; 1 Cor 12:1-13; John 20:19-23 | The Descent of the Spirit |
| May 31 | Trinity Sunday | Psalms 33; Deuteronomy 4:32-40 Romans 8:12-17; Matthew 28:16-20 | Ministry in the Image of the Trinity |
| June 7 | 2 nd Sunday after Pentecost | Psalms 138; Genesis 3:8-15; 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1; Mark 3:20-35 | Binding the Strong Man & Plundering his House |
| June 14 | 3 rd Sunday after Pentecost | Psalms 92; Ezekiel 17:22-24; 2 Corinthians 4:1-7; Mark 4:26-34 | Parables of the Kingdom |
| June 21 | 4 th Sunday after Pentecost | Psalms 107:1-3, 23-32; Job 38:1-11, 40:1-5; 2 Cor. 5:14-17; Mk. 4:35-41 | Jesus calms the stormy sea |
| June 28 | 5 th Sunday after Pentecost | Psalms 30; Ezekiel 18:21-23, 31-32; 2 Corinthians 8:7-15; Mark 5:21-43 | Jairus' Daughter & the Bleeding Woman |
| July 5 | 6 th Sunday after Pentecost | Ps. 123:1-4, 1; Ezek. 1:1, 28c, 2:1-5; 2 Corinthians 12:1-10; Mark 6:1-6 | A Prophet Without Honor |
| July 12 | 7 th Sunday after Pentecost | Psalms 85:7-13; Amos 7:10-15; Ephesians 1:3-14; Mark 6:7-13 | The Apostles Sent Out |
| July 19 | 8 th Sunday after Pentecost | Psalms 23; Jeremiah 23:1-6; Ephesians 2:11-22; Mark 6:30-34 | Compassionate Shepherd |
| July 26 | 9 th Sunday after Pentecost | Psalms 145; 2 Kings 4:42-44; Ephesians 4:1-6; John 6:1-15 | Loaves and Fish |
| Aug. 2 | 10 th Sunday after Pentecost | Psalms 78:1-25; Ex. 16:2-4, 12-15; Ephesians 4:17-24; John 6:24-35 | The Bread from Heaven |
| Aug. 6 (Thursday) | Transfiguration | Ps. 104; Dan. 7:9-14; 2 Pet. 1:16-19; Lk. 9:28-36 | Christ's Eternal Reality/Our Hope |
| Aug. 9 | <i>(If Transfiguration isn't celebrated here)</i> 11 th Sunday after Pentecost | Psalms 34:1-10; 1 Kings 19:1-8; Ephesians 4:30-5:2; John 6:41-51 | The Bread of Life |
| Aug. 15 (Saturday) | The Falling Asleep of the Mother of God | Ps. 132; Gen. 28:10-17; Phil. 2:5-11; Lk. 10:38-42, 11:27-28 | The Blessed Mary Enters Heaven |
| Aug. 16 | <i>(If Dormition isn't celebrated here)</i> 12 th Sunday after Pentecost | Psalms 34:11-22; Proverbs 9:1-6; Ephesians 5:15-20; John 6:51-58 | Life-giving Flesh and Blood |
| Aug. 23 | 13 th Sunday after Pentecost | Psalms 16; Joshua 24:1-2, 14-18; Ephesians 5:21-33; John 6:60-69 | Spiritual Perspective |
| Aug. 30 | 14 th Sunday after Pentecost | Psalms 15; Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8; Js. 1:16-27; Mark 7:1-23 | Inside Out |
| Sept. 6 | <i>(If Nativity isn't celebrated here)</i> 15 th Sunday after Pentecost | Psalms 146; Isaiah 35:4-7a; James 2:1-5; Mark 7:31-37 | Healed Ears and Tongue |
| Sept. 8 (Tuesday) | Nativity of the Mother of God | Ps. 45; Micah 5:1-4; Rom. 12:1-13 Mat. 1:1-23 | Birth of the Birth-giver |
| Sept. 13 | <i>(If Exaltation isn't celebrated here)</i> 16 th Sunday after Pentecost | Psalm 116; Isaiah 50:4-9a; James 2:14-18; Mark 8:27-38 | Discipleship, Confession & the Cross |
| Sept. 14 (Monday) | Exaltation of the Cross | Ps. 116; Num. 21:4-9; 1 Cor. 1:18-24; Jn. 19:6-35 or Jn. 3:14-21 or Jn. 12:31-36a | Glory and Victory in the Cross of Christ |
| Sept. 20 | 17 th Sunday after | Psalms 54:1-7; Proverbs 31:10-31; | Greatness in Serving |

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| | Pentecost | James 3:16-4:8a; Mark 9:30-37 | |
| Sept. 27 | 18 th Sunday after Pentecost | Psalms 19; Numbers 11:24-29; James 5:1-11; Mark 9:38-50 | Peace and Obstacles |
| Oct. 4 | 19 th Sunday after Pentecost | Psalms 128; Genesis 2:18-24; Hebrews 2:5-11; Mark 10:2-16 | Marriage and Divorce |
| Oct. 11 | 20 th Sunday after Pentecost | Psalms 90:1-4, 12-17; Prov. 4:1-9; Hebrews 4:12-13; Mark 10:17-30 | True Riches |
| Oct. 18 | 21 st Sunday after Pentecost | Psalms 33; Isaiah 53:1-3, 7-11; Hebrews 4:14-16; Mark 10:35-45 | Glory through Cross |
| Oct. 25 | 22 nd Sunday after Pentecost | Psalms 126; Jeremiah 31:7-9; Hebrews 5:1-10; Mark 10:46-52 | Blind Bartimaeus Healed |
| Nov. 1 | <i>(If All Saints isn't observed)</i> 23 rd Sunday after Pentecost | Psalms 18:1-3, 26-50; Deut. 6:1-9; Hebrews 7:23-28; Mark 12:28-34 | Greatest Commandment |
| Also | All Saints Day | Psalms 16; Exodus 3:1-6; Revelation 7:1-14; Matthew 5:1-12 | Sainthood |
| Nov. 8 | 24 th Sunday after Pentecost | Psalms 146; 1 Kings 17:8-16; Hebrews 9:24-28; Mark 12:38-44 | Widow's Offering |
| Nov. 15 | 25 th Sunday after Pentecost | Psalms 16; Daniel 12:1-4; Hebrews 10:11-14; Mark 13:24-32 | Return of Christ |
| Nov. 21 (Saturday) | Presentation of Theotokos in the Temple | Ps. 84; 1 Cor. 3:16-23; 1 Cor. 6:12-20; Lk. 10:38-42, 11:27-28 | Mary prepared to be the Temple of God |
| Nov. 22 | <i>(If Presentation isn't celebrated here)</i> 26 th Sunday after Pentecost/Sunday of Christ the King | Ps. 93; Daniel 7:1-2, 9-10, 13-14; Revelation 1:4-8; John 18:33-37 | The True King |

****Note:** - If you celebrate a Thanksgiving holiday in your country and you want some scriptures to use for the celebration, the following are typically used: Psalm 65; Deuteronomy 8:7-18; 2 Corinthians 9:6-15; Luke 17:11-19