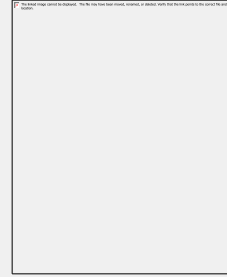


Welcome to

The Lectionary Page



A Liturgical Calendar for Upcoming Weeks

With Links to the Lessons
for Sundays and Major Holy Days
From the Revised Common Lectionary (RCL)
(as adapted for use in Episcopal worship)

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Planning further ahead? Use the [2018 Liturgical Calendar](#) or the [2019 Liturgical Calendar](#).

Go to the [Reverse Lectionary](#).

NEW Resource: [RCL Daily Readings](#).

What are [Track 1 and Track 2](#)?

April 2018						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Easter Day Early Principal Evening	2 Monday in Easter Week	3 Tuesday in Easter Week	4 Wednesday in Easter Week	5 Thursday in Easter Week	6 Friday in Easter Week	7 Saturday in Easter Week
8 Second Sunday of Easter	9 The Annunciation (transferred)	10	11	12	13	14

15 Third Sunday of Easter	16	17	18	19	20	21
22 Fourth Sunday of Easter	23	24	25 St Mark, Evangelist	26	27	28
29 Fifth Sunday of Easter	30					

May 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 St Philip and St James, Apostles	2	3	4	5
6 Sixth Sunday of Easter	7	8	9	10 Ascension Day	11	12
13 Seventh Sunday of Easter	14	15	16	17	18	19
20 Day of Pentecost Whitsunday	21	22	23	24	25	26
27 First Sunday after Pentecost Trinity Sunday	28	29	30	31 Visitation of the Blessed Virgin		

June 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9

Second Sunday after Pentecost Proper 4						
10 Third Sunday after Pentecost Proper 5	11 St Barnabas, Apostle	12	13	14	15	16
17 Fourth Sunday after Pentecost Proper 6	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 Fifth Sunday after Pentecost Proper 7	25 Nativity of St John, the Baptist (transferred)	26	27	28	29 St Peter and St Paul, Apostles	30

July 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Sixth Sunday after Pentecost Proper 8	2	3	4 Independence Day	5	6	7
8 Seventh Sunday after Pentecost Proper 9	9	10	11	12	13	14
15 Eighth Sunday after Pentecost Proper 10	16	17	18	19	20	21
22 Ninth Sunday after Pentecost	23 Mary Magdalene	24	25 St James, Apostle	26	27	28

Proper 11	(transferred)					
29 Tenth Sunday after Pentecost Proper 12	30	31				

August 2018						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5 Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost Proper 13	6 The Transfiguration	7	8	9	10	11
12 Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost Proper 14	13	14	15 St Mary, the Virgin	16	17	18
19 Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost Proper 15	20	21	22	23	24 St Bartholomew, Apostle	25
26 Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost Proper 16	27	28	29	30	31	

September 2018						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost Proper 17	Labor Day					
9 Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost Proper 18	10	11	12	13	14 Holy Cross Day	15
16 Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost Proper 19	17	18	19	20	21 St Matthew, Evangelist	22
23 Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost Proper 20	24	25	26	27	28	29 St Michael and All Angels
30 Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost Proper 21						

What are “Track 1” and “Track 2”?

During the long green season after Pentecost, there are two tracks (or strands) each week for Old Testament readings. Within each track, there is a Psalm chosen to accompany the particular lesson.

The Revised Common Lectionary allows us to make use of either of these tracks, but **once a track has been selected, it should be followed through to the end of the**

Pentecost season, rather than jumping back and forth between the two strands.

The first track of Old Testament readings (“Track 1”) follows major stories and themes, read mostly continuously from week to week. In Year A we begin with Genesis, in Year B we hear some of the great monarchy narratives, and in Year C we read from the later prophets.

A second track of readings (“Track 2”) follows the Roman Catholic tradition of thematically pairing the Old Testament reading with the Gospel reading, often typologically—a sort of foretelling of Jesus Christ’s life and ministry, if you will. This second track is almost identical to our previous Book of Common Prayer lectionary.

Within each track there may be additional readings, complementary to the standard reading; these may be used with the standard reading, or in place of it.

(credit to The Rev Dr. J. Barrington Bates)

A Note about Weekday Observances

In 2006, the General Convention of the Episcopal Church gave final approval to the observances of saints and martyrs found in *Lesser Feasts and Fasts, 2006*.

The General Convention of 2009 gave approval for trial use of *Holy Women, Holy Men*, intended as a replacement for *Lesser Feasts and Fasts*. It was expected that the General Convention of 2012 would either give *Holy Women, Holy Men* final approval or reject it. However, because a consensus opinion about *Holy Women, Holy Men* had not emerged, the Convention extended the trial period to 2015 and directed the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music to continue revising *Holy Women, Holy Men*.

The General Convention of 2015 gave initial approval to a new document called *A Great Cloud of Witnesses*, replacing *Holy Women, Holy Men*. In the new document, the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music presented seven criteria for adding commemorations to the calendar and recommended sixteen deletions from the calendar of *Holy Women, Holy Men* because those persons did not meet all of the seven criteria. The General Convention approved the criteria but not the deletions!

Lesser Feasts and Fasts, 2006 remains the last calendar of saints to be given final approval. Because of the general level of confusion about the lesser commemorations and the lack of agreement about what should be included, and because the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music envisions these commemorations as local observances in communities where the person being commemorated is already venerated and remembered, from January 2016 onward,

the lesser commemorations will not be included on the main calendar.

You may access them by date through the [Index to Lesser Feasts and Fasts and Newer Commemorations](#).

An alphabetical index is also available: [Lesser Feasts and Fasts and Newer Commemorations, Alphabetical](#)

The lessons appointed for the following special services are now available:

[Marriages](#)

[Burials](#)

[Dedication of a Church](#)

[Advent Lessons and Carols](#)

[Christmas Lessons and Carols](#)

[Nine Lessons and Carols for Christmas Eve \(King's College\)](#)

[The Passion Gospels Formatted for Dramatic Reading](#)

Those seeking lessons not on the current calendar may consult the

[Comprehensive Index to Texts: Years A, B, and C, and Holy Days](#)

Looking back? Use the Calendars for [2017](#), [2016](#), [2015](#), [2014](#), [2013](#), [2012](#), [2011](#)

For communities continuing to use the older BCP lectionary:

[General Index to the 1979 BCP Lection Texts](#)

This site was created to support all those who need access to the lesson texts of the Episcopal (TEC) Eucharistic Lectionary.

The Sunday Lectionary is a three year cyclical lectionary. We are currently in Year B. Beginning with the first Sunday of Advent in 2018, we will be in Year C. The year which ended at Advent 2017 was Year A.

The Bible translation used is The New Revised Standard Version, copyright 1989 by the Division of Christian Education of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the USA, and used by permission.

The collects and the Psalms are from the Book of Common Prayer. The collects use the contemporary wording.

The liturgical color appropriate for the day is indicated, when the color is green, red or purple, by the color of the numeral against a light grey background. When the liturgical color is white, the numeral is black against a white background.

On weekdays, other than major Holy Days, the color indicated is the color appropriate to the season. When celebrating the feast of a martyred saint, scarlet is also appropriate.

I am always interested in ways to make this site more useful to you. Your [feedback](#) is appreciated. And, please, let me know as soon as possible if you catch an error in this material.

Liturgical Calendar available for iCal, Google Calendar, etc

A number of people have asked for a liturgical calendar formatted for iCal, Google Calendar, or any other program that uses the iCalendar format. I have prepared such a calendar, accurate through 2018. You can subscribe to it, through your calendar program, using this url:

<http://www.lectionarypage.net/Resources/LiturgicalCalendar.ics>

Alternatively, using the same url, you may download the calendar file by pasting the url in the destination window of your web browser and hitting the Go button. For most browsers, on most computers, this will result in that file being downloaded and stored in your downloads folder. You can then import it into your calendar program. What is the difference? You cannot alter a calendar to which you are subscribed, but you can alter a calendar imported from a file on your computer. The downside, if there is one, is that corrections made to the original file (that is, my file) will not be replicated on your computer. Your choice.

Inasmuch as this is something very new, there is a strong likelihood that the calendar contains an error, or the file is flawed in some other way. Please let me know as soon as possible about errors, omissions, or anything else that lessens the usability of this calendar.

Other Helpful Resources

Newly available: The Revised Common Lectionary Daily Readings are now available online at DailyLectio.net. This three year cycle of daily scripture readings follows and augments the RCL Sunday lections. The readings for Thursday through Saturday prepare for the Sunday lessons, while the Monday through Wednesday readings reflect on the Sunday lessons. (To be clear: these are not the Daily Office readings from the Book of Common Prayer.)

New resource: [A Sermon for Every Sunday](#) offers lectionary based video sermons from a group of accomplished preachers. The sermons are offered "for use in worship, Bible study, small groups, Sunday school classes, or for individual use."

A wonderful lectionary-based collection of commentaries, exegesis, articles, art and music suggestions can be found at [Textweek](#).

Sometimes the question is not what we read on a given date, but "When do we read a certain lesson?" The [Reverse Lectionary](#) can answer that question.

I am often asked where one can find the [Daily Lectionary](#) (a two year cycle) online.

A number of pronunciation guides are available online. [The Bible Workshop](#) offers phonetic spelling as well as audible guidance.

The Sunday lectionary in Spanish can be found at [St Mark's Press Leccionario Domenical](#).

The [Book of Common Prayer](#), in both the current and the historical versions, can be found online.

Looking for more information about the saints? [James Kiefer's hagiographs](#) are a good starting point.

Want to read the lessons in other translations? [Bible Study Tools](#) offers access to the King James, New King James, Revised Standard, New Revised Standard, New American Standard, New International and many other versions in various languages.

For those interested in chanting of Gospels, the Rev. William G. Gartig of Cincinnati has posted sheet music (in Gregorian, square note notation) of settings he has done using Gospel Tone I at his web site: www.nku.edu/~gartigw.

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