LECTIONARY FOR YEAR B
2026—2027

Note:
For the period of Ordinary Time following Trinity Sunday (23 May 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 3 January. [Also note that, in the past, Epiphany commemorated Jesus' baptism as well as the coming of the Magi – see Epiphany – arrivals and beginnings]

Sunday after Epiphany and the
First in Ordinary Time (Baptism of Jesus) 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

Sunday before Lent 7 Feb
2 Kings 2:1-12
Psalm 50:1-6
2 Corinthians 4:3-6
Mark 9:2-9

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

First Sunday in Lent 14 Feb
Genesis 9:8-17
Psalm 25:1-10
1 Peter 3:18-22
Mark 1:9-15

Second Sunday in Lent 21 Feb
Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16
Psalm 22:23-31
Romans 4:13-25
Mark 8:31-38

Third Sunday in Lent 28 Feb
Exodus 20:1-17
Psalm 19
1 Corinthians 1:18-25
John 2:13-22

Fourth Sunday in Lent 7 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 14 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 21 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 50:4-9*a*
Psalm 31:9-16
Philippians 2:5-11
Mark 14:1 – 15:47
or Mark 15:1-39 (40-47)

Monday in Holy Week 22 March
Isaiah 42:1-9
Psalm 36:5-11
Hebrews 9:11-15
John 12:1-11

Tuesday in Holy Week 23 March
Isaiah 49:1-7
Psalm 71:1-14
1 Corinthians 1:18-31
John 12:20-36

Wednesday in Holy Week 24 March
Isaiah 50:4-9*a*
Psalm 70
Hebrews 12:1-3
John 13:21-32

Maundy Thursday 25 March
Exodus 12:1-4 (5-10) 11-14
Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19
1 Corinthians 11:23-26
John 13:1-17, 31*b*-35

Good Friday 26 March
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 27 March
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 28 March
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 4 April
Acts 4:32-35
Psalm 133
1 John 1:1 – 2:2
John 20:19-31

Third Sunday of Easter 11 April
Acts 3:12-19
Psalm 4
1 John 3:1-7
Luke 24:36*b*-48

Fourth Sunday of Easter 18 April
Acts 4:5-12
Psalm 23
1 John 3:16-24
John 10:11-18

Fifth Sunday of Easter 25 April
Acts 8:26-40
Psalm 22:25-31
1 John 4:7-21
John 15:1-8

Sixth Sunday of Easter 2 May
Acts 10:44-48
Psalm 98
1 John 5:1-6
John 15:9-17

Ascension Day 6 May (Thursday)
Acts 1:1-11
Psalm 47 *or* Psalm 93
Ephesians 1:15-23
Luke 24:44-53

Seventh Sunday of Easter 9 May
Sunday in Ascensiontide
Acts 1:15-17, 21-26
Psalm 1
1 John 5:9-13
John 17:6-19

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

Trinity Sunday (also Aldersgate Sunday) 23 May
Isaiah 6:1-8
Psalm 29
Romans 8:12-17
John 3:1-17

John and Charles Wesley Day 24 May (Monday)
These readings should not normally be used
at the Principal Service on Trinity Sunday.
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

Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time 30 May
Continuous
1 Samuel 3:1-10 (11-20)
Psalm 139: 1-6, 13-18
2 Corinthians 4:5-12
Mark 2:23-3:6
Related
Deuteronomy 5:12-15
Psalm 81:1-10
2 Corinthians 4:5-12
Mark 2:23-3:6

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:(1*a*, 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, 12*b*-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 7:1-14*a*
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 – 12:13*a*
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 24:1-2*a*, 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 35:4-7*a*
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 50:4-9*a*
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, 7-8*a*
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, 7-8*a*
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, 35*c*
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 24
Revelation 21:1-6*a*
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

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
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

Sunday before Advent 21 Nov
(Christ the King)
Continuous
2 Samuel 23:1-7
Psalm 132:1-12 (13-18)
Revelation 1:4*b*-8
John 18:33-37
Related
Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14
Psalm 93
Revelation 1:4*b*-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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