

2021 Revised Common Lectionary for Sundays and Festivals

These Scripture readings are from the three-year Revised Common Lectionary as provided in the Presbyterian Book of Common Worship (Westminster John Knox Press, 2018). The readings from the two-year daily lectionary are not included in this document.

This list of readings includes both tracks of the Revised Common Lectionary for the time after Pentecost. The semicontinuous track moves sequentially through major stories and themes from the Old Testament. The complementary track provides Old Testament readings related to the Gospel selection for the day.

JANUARY

[Year B]

Second Sunday of Christmas—January 3, 2021

Jeremiah 31:7–14
Psalm 147:12–20
Ephesians 1:3–14
John 1:(1–9) 10–18

Epiphany of the Lord—January 6

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

Baptism of the Lord—January 10

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

Sunday, January 17

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

Sunday, January 24

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

Sunday, January 31

Deuteronomy 18:15–20
Psalm 111
1 Corinthians 8:1–13
Mark 1:21–28

FEBRUARY

Sunday, February 7

Isaiah 40:21–31
Psalm 147:1–11, 20c
1 Corinthians 9:16–23
Mark 1:29–39

Transfiguration of the Lord—February 14

2 Kings 2:1–12
Psalm 50:1–6
2 Corinthians 4:3–6
Mark 9:2–9

Ash Wednesday—February 17

Joel 2:1–2, 12–17 or Isa. 58:1–12
Psalm 51:1–17
2 Corinthians 5:20b–6:10
Matt. 6:1–6, 16–21

First Sunday in Lent—February 21

Genesis 9:8–17
Psalm 25:1–10
1 Peter 3:18–22
Mark 1:9–15

Second Sunday in Lent—February 28

Genesis 17:1–7, 15–16
Psalm 22:23–31
Romans 4:13–25
Mark 8:31–38

MARCH

Third Sunday in Lent—March 7

Exodus 20:1–17
Psalm 19
1 Corinthians 1:18–25
John 2:13–22

Fourth Sunday in Lent—March 14

Numbers 21:4–9
Psalm 107:1–3, 17–22
Ephesians 2:1–10
John 3:14–21

Fifth Sunday in Lent—March 21

Jeremiah 31:31–34
Psalm 51:1–12 or Psalm 119:9–16
Hebrews 5:5–10
John 12:20–33

Passion/Palm Sunday—March 28

Liturgy of the Palms
Mark 11:1–11 or John 12:12–16
Psalm 118:1–2, 19–29

Liturgy of 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 of Holy Week—March 29

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

Tuesday of Holy Week—March 30

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

Wednesday of Holy Week—March 31

Isaiah 50:4–9a
Psalm 70:1–5
Hebrews 12:1–3
John 13:21–32

APRIL

Maundy Thursday—April 1

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—April 2

Isaiah 52:13–53:12
Psalm 22:1–31
Hebrews 10:16–25 or Hebrews 4:14–16, 5:7–9
John 18:1–19:42

Easter Vigil—April 3

*A minimum of three Old Testament readings should be chosen.
The reading from Exodus 14 should always be used.*

Genesis 1:1–2:4a
Psalm 136:1–9, 23–26
Genesis 7:1–5, 11–18; 8:6–18; 9:8–13
Psalm 46
Genesis 22:1–18
Psalm 16
Exodus 14:10–31; 15:20–21
Exodus 15:1b–13, 17–18
Baruch 3:9–15, 32—4:4 or Proverbs 8:1–8, 19–21; 9:4b–6
Psalm 19
Isaiah 55:1–11
Isaiah 12:2–6
Isaiah 61:1–4, 9–11
Deuteronomy 32:1–4, 7, 36a, 43a
Ezekiel 36:24–28
Psalm 42 and 43
Ezekiel 37:1–14
Psalm 143
Daniel 3:1–29
Song of the Three 35–65
Jonah 1:1–2:1
Jonah 2:2–3 (4–6), 7–9
Zephaniah 3:14–20
Psalm 98
Romans 6:3–11
Psalm 114
John 20:1–18

**Resurrection of the Lord / Easter—
April 4**

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

Easter Evening

Isaiah 25:6–9
Psalm 114
1 Cor. 5:6b–8
Luke 24:13–49

Second Sunday of Easter—April 11

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

Third Sunday of Easter—April 18

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

Fourth Sunday of Easter—April 25

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

MAY

Fifth Sunday of Easter—May 2

Acts 8:26–40
Psalms 22:25–31
1 John 4:7–21
John 15:1–8

Sixth Sunday of Easter—May 9

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

Ascension of the Lord—May 13

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

Seventh Sunday of Easter—May 16

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

Day of Pentecost—May 23

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

Trinity Sunday—May 30

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

JUNE

Sunday, June 6 (Proper 5)

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

Complementary

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

Sunday, June 13 (Proper 6)

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

Complementary

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

Sunday, June 20 (Proper 7)

Semicontinuous

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

Complementary

Job 38:1–11

Psalm 107:1–3, 23–32

2 Corinthians 6:1–13

Mark 4:35–41

Sunday, June 27 (Proper 8)

Semicontinuous

2 Samuel 1:1, 17–27

Psalm 130

2 Corinthians 8:7–15

Mark 5:21–43

Complementary

Lamentations 3:22–33

Psalm 30

2 Corinthians 8:7–15

Mark 5:21–43

JULY

Sunday, July 4 (Proper 9)

Semicontinuous

2 Samuel 5:1–5, 9–10

Psalm 48

2 Corinthians 12:2–10

Mark 6:1–13

Complementary

Ezekiel 2:1–5

Psalm 123

2 Corinthians 12:2–10

Mark 6:1–13

Sunday, July 11 (Proper 10)

Semicontinuous

2 Samuel 6:1–5, 12b–19

Psalm 24

Ephesians 1:3–14

Mark 6:14–29

Complementary

Amos 7:7–15

Psalm 85:8–13

Ephesians 1:3–14

Mark 6:14–29

Sunday, July 18 (Proper 11)

Semicontinuous

2 Samuel 7:1–14a

Psalm 89:20–37

Ephesians 2:11–22

Mark 6:30–34, 53–56

Complementary

Jeremiah 23:1–6

Psalm 23

Ephesians 2:11–22

Mark 6:30–34, 53–56

Sunday, July 25 (Proper 12)

Semicontinuous

2 Samuel 11:1–15

Psalm 14

Ephesians 3:14–21

John 6:1–21

Complementary

2 Kings 4:42–44

Psalm 145:10–18

Ephesians 3:14–21

John 6:1–21

AUGUST

Sunday, August 1 (Proper 13)

Semicontinuous

2 Samuel 11:26–12:13a

Psalm 51:1–12

Ephesians 4:1–16

John 6:24–35

Complementary

Exodus 16:2–4, 9–15

Psalm 78:23–29

Ephesians 4:1–16

John 6:24–35

Sunday, August 8 (Proper 14)

Semicontinuous

2 Samuel 18:5–9, 15, 31–33

Psalm 130

Ephesians 4:25–5:2

John 6:35, 41–51

Complementary

1 Kings 19:4–8

Psalm 34:1–8

Ephesians 4:25–5:2

John 6:35, 41–51

Sunday, August 15 (Proper 15)

Semicontinuous

1 Kings 2:10–12; 3:3–14

Psalm 111

Ephesians 5:15–20

John 6:51–58

Complementary

Proverbs 9:1–6

Psalm 34:9–14

Ephesians 5:15–20

John 6:51–58

Sunday, August 22 (Proper 16)

Semicontinuous

1 Kings 8:(1, 6, 10–11) 22–30, 41–43

Psalm 84

Ephesians 6:10–20

John 6:56–69

Complementary

Joshua 24:1–2a, 14–18

Psalm 34:15–22

Ephesians 6:10–20

John 6:56–69

Sunday, August 29 (Proper 17)

Semicontinuous

Song of Solomon 2:8–13

Psalm 45:1–2, 6–9

James 1:17–27

Mark 7:1–8, 14–15, 21–23

Complementary

Deuteronomy 4:1–2, 6–9

Psalm 15

James 1:17–27

Mark 7:1–8, 14–15, 21–23

SEPTEMBER

Sunday, September 5 (Proper 18)

Semicontinuous

Proverbs 22:1–2, 8–9, 22–23

Psalm 125

James 2:1–10 (11–13) 14–17

Mark 7:24–37

Complementary

Isaiah 35:4–7a

Psalm 146

James 2:1–10 (11–13) 14–17

Mark 7:24–37

Sunday, September 12 (Proper 19)

Semicontinuous

Proverbs 1:20–33

Psalm 19

James 3:1–12

Mark 8:27–38

Complementary

Isaiah 50:4–9a

Psalm 116:1–9

James 3:1–12

Mark 8:27–38

Sunday, September 19 (Proper 20)

Semicontinuous

Proverbs 31:10–31

Psalm 1

James 3:13–4:3, 7–8a

Mark 9:30–37

Complementary

Jeremiah 11:18–20

Psalm 54

James 3:13–4:3, 7–8a

Mark 9:30–37

Sunday, September 26 (Proper 21)

Semicontinuous

Esther 7:1–6, 9–10; 9:20–22

Psalm 124

James 5:13–20

Mark 9:38–50

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

OCTOBER

Sunday, October 3 (Proper 22)

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

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

Sunday, October 10 (Proper 23)

Semicontinuous
Job 23:1–9; 16–17
Psalm 22:1–15
Hebrews 4:12–16
Mark 10:17–31

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

Sunday, October 17 (Proper 24)

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

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

Sunday, October 24 (Proper 25)

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

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

Sunday, October 31 (Proper 26)

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

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

NOVEMBER

All Saints' Day—November 1

Isaiah 25:6–9
Psalm 24:1–10
Revelation 21:1–6a
John 11:32–44

Sunday, November 7 (Proper 27)

Semicontinuous
Ruth 3:1–5, 4:13–17
Psalm 127
Hebrews 9:24–28
Mark 12:38–44

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

Sunday, November 14 (Proper 28)

Semicontinuous

1 Samuel 1:4–20

1 Samuel 2:1–10

Hebrews 10:11–14 (15–18) 19–25

Mark 13:1–8

Complementary

Daniel 12:1–3

Psalm 16

Hebrews 10:11–14 (15–18) 19–25

Mark 13:1–8

**Christ the King (or Reign of Christ)—
November 21**

Semicontinuous

2 Samuel 23:1–7

Psalm 132:1–12 (13–18)

Revelation 1:4b–8

John 18:33–37

Complementary

Daniel 7:9–10, 13–14

Psalm 93

Revelation 1:4b–8

John 18:33–37

[Begin Year C]

First Sunday of Advent—November 28

Jeremiah 33:14–16

Psalm 25:1–10

1 Thessalonians 3:9–13

Luke 21:25–36

DECEMBER

Second Sunday of Advent—December 5

Malachi 3:1–4

Luke 1:68–79

Philippians 1:3–11

Luke 3:1–6

Third Sunday of Advent—December 12

Zephaniah 3:14–20

Isaiah 12:2–6

Philippians 4:4–7

Luke 3:7–18

Fourth Sunday of Advent—December 19

Micah 5:2–5a

Luke 1:46–55 or Psalm 80:1–7

Hebrews 10:5–10

Luke 1:39–45 (46–55)

**Nativity of the Lord / Christmas—
December 24**

Christmas Eve

Isaiah 9:2–7

Psalm 96:1–13

Titus 2:11–14

Luke 2:1–14 (15–20)

**Nativity of the Lord / Christmas—
December 25**

Christmas Dawn

Isaiah 62:6–12

Psalm 97:1–12

Titus 3:4–7

Luke 2:(1–7) 8–20

Christmas Day

Isaiah 52:7–10

Psalm 98:1–9

Hebrews 1:1–4 (5–12)

John 1:1–14

**First Sunday of Christmas—
December 26**

1 Samuel 2:18–20, 26

Psalm 148

Colossians 3:12–17

Luke 2:41–52