

**LECTIONARY FOR YEAR B  
2023—2024**

Note. For the period of Ordinary Time following Trinity Sunday (2 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**

**3 Dec**

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

**Second Sunday of Advent**

**10 Dec**

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

**Third Sunday of Advent**

**17 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**

**24 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** **31 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

**The Epiphany** **6 Jan (Saturday)**

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 7 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)** **7 Jan**

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

**Second Sunday in Ordinary Time** **14 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** **21 Jan**

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

**Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time** **28 Jan**

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

**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**4 Feb**

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

**Sunday before Lent**

**11 Feb**

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

**Ash Wednesday**

**14 Feb**

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

**First Sunday in Lent**

**18 Feb**

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

**Second Sunday in Lent**

**25 Feb**

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

**Third Sunday in Lent**

**3 March**

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

**Fourth Sunday in Lent**

**10 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**

**17 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**

**24 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**

**25 March**

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

**Tuesday in Holy Week**

**26 March**

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

**Wednesday in Holy Week**

**27 March**

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

**Maundy Thursday**

**28 March**

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**

**29 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**

**30 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**

**31 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**

**7 April**

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

**Third Sunday of Easter**

**14 April**

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

**Fourth Sunday of Easter**

**21 April**

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

**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

**28 April**

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

**Sixth Sunday of Easter**

**5 May**

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

**Ascension Day**

**9 May (Thursday)**

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

**Seventh Sunday of Easter**

**12 May**

*Sunday in Ascensiontide*

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

Psalm 1

1 John 5:9-13

John 17:6-19

**Pentecost**

**19 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 (Friday)**

*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 (also Aldersgate Sunday)**

**26 May**

Isaiah 6:1-8

Psalm 29

Romans 8:12-17

John 3:1-17

**Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**2 June**

***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**

**9 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**

**16 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**

**23 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**

**30 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****7 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****14 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****21 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****28 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**

**4 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**

**11 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**

**18 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**

**25 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**

**1 Sept**

***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**

**8 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**

**15 Sept**

***Continuous***

Proverbs 1:20-33  
 Psalm 19  
*or Cantic:* 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**

**22 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**
**29 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**
**6 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**
**13 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**
**20 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**

**27 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

**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-first Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**3 Nov**

***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

**Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**10 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**

**17 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**

**24 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

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**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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