

Lectionary for 2023

(Year A plus Advent Year B)

The Revised Common Lectionary (RCL) is a three-year cycle of readings that tell many stories of the Bible. An ecumenical resource for use in Christian worship, the RCL is used by churches around the world. It can guide planners of Sunday worship and may be used occasionally or regularly, in part or in whole.

Numbers in parentheses indicate verses for optional use. The psalm is intended as a congregational response.

The numbers beside each date are suggested bulletin covers.

Epiphany Sunday/First Sunday after Christmas

January 1 B2101

Isaiah 63:7–9
Psalm 148
Hebrews 2:10–18
Matthew 2:13–23

Celebrate Epiphany

January 6

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

Baptism of Jesus, First after Epiphany

January 8 B2102

Isaiah 42:1–9
Psalm 29
Acts 10:34–43
Matthew 3:13–17

Second after Epiphany

January 15 B2103

Isaiah 49:1–7
Psalm 40:1–11
1 Corinthians 1:1–9
John 1:29–42

Third after Epiphany

January 22 B2104

Isaiah 9:1–4
Psalm 27:1, 4–9
1 Corinthians 1:10–18
Matthew 4:12–23

Fourth after Epiphany

January 29 B2106

Micah 6:1–8
Psalm 15
1 Corinthians 1:18–31
Matthew 5:1–12

Fifth after Epiphany

February 5 B2105

Isaiah 58:1–9a, (9b–12)
Psalm 112:1–9 (10)
1 Corinthians 2:1–12 (13–16)
Matthew 5:13–20

Sixth after Epiphany

February 12 B2146

Deuteronomy 30:15–20
or Sirach 15:15–20
Psalm 119:1–8
1 Corinthians 3:1–9
Matthew 5:21–37

Transfiguration Sunday

February 19 B2107

Exodus 24:12–18
Psalm 2
or Psalm 99
2 Peter 1:16–21
Matthew 17:1–9

First Sunday in Lent

February 26 B2108

Genesis 2:15–17; 3:1–7
Psalm 32
Romans 5:12–19
Matthew 4:1–11

Second Sunday in Lent

March 5 B2109

Genesis 12:1–4a
Psalm 121
Romans 4:1–5, 13–17
John 3:1–17
or Matthew 17:1–9

Third Sunday in Lent

March 12 B2110

Exodus 17:1–7
Psalm 95
Romans 5:1–11
John 4:5–42

Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 19 B2111

1 Samuel 16:1–13
Psalm 23
Ephesians 5:8–14
John 9:1–41

Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 26 B2112

Ezekiel 37:1–14
Psalm 130
Romans 8:6–11
John 11:1–45

Palm/Passion Sunday

April 2 B2113

Liturgy of the Palms
Psalm 118:1–2, 19–29
Matthew 21:1–11

Liturgy of the Passion

Isaiah 50:4–9a
Psalm 31:9–16
Philippians 2:5–11
Matthew 26:14–27:66
or Matthew 27:11–54

Good Friday

April 7

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

Resurrection Sunday/Easter

April 9 B2114

Acts 10:34–43
or Jeremiah 31:1–6
Psalm 118:1–2, 14–24
Colossians 3:1–4
or Acts 10:34–43
John 20:1–18
or Matthew 28:1–10

Second Sunday of Easter

April 16 B2148

Acts 2:14a, 22–32
Psalm 16
1 Peter 1:3–9
John 20:19–31

Third Sunday of Easter

April 23 B2116

Acts 2:14a, 36–41
Psalm 116:1–4, 12–19
1 Peter 1:17–23
Luke 24:13–35

Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 30 B2117

Acts 2:42–47
Psalm 23
1 Peter 2:19–25
John 10:1–10

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 7 B2118

Acts 7:55–60
Psalm 31:1–5, 15–16
1 Peter 2:2–10
John 14:1–14

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 14 B2120

Acts 17:22–31
Psalm 66:8–20
1 Peter 3:13–22
John 14:15–21

Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 21 B2115

Acts 16:6–14
Psalm 68:1–10, 32–35
1 Peter 4:12–14; 5:6–11
John 17:1–11

Pentecost Sunday

May 28 B2121

Acts 2:1–21
or Numbers 11:24–30
Psalm 104:24–34, 35b
1 Corinthians 12:3b–13
or Acts 2:1–21
John 20:19–23
or John 7:37–39

Trinity Sunday

June 4 B2123

Genesis 1:1–2:4a
Psalm 8
2 Corinthians 13:11–13
Matthew 28:16–20

Proper 5/Second after Pentecost

June 11 B2122

Genesis 12:1–9
Psalm 33:1–12
Hosea 5:15–6:6
Psalm 50:7–15
Romans 4:13–25
Matthew 9:9–13, 18–26

Proper 6/Third after Pentecost

June 18 B2125

Genesis 18:1–15 (21:1–7)
Psalm 116:1–2, 12–19
Exodus 19:2–8a
Psalm 100
Romans 5:1–8
Matthew 9:35–10:8 (9–23)

Proper 7/Fourth after Pentecost

June 25 B2126

Genesis 21:8–21
Psalm 86:1–10, 16–17
Jeremiah 20:7–13
Psalm 69:7–10, (11–15), 16–18
Romans 6:1b–11
Matthew 10:24–39

Proper 8/Fifth after Pentecost
July 2 B2124

Genesis 22:1–14
Psalm 13
Jeremiah 28:5–9
Psalm 89:1–4, 15–18
Romans 6:12–23
Matthew 10:40–42

Proper 9/Sixth after Pentecost
July 9

Genesis 24:34–38, 42–49,
58–67
Psalm 45:10–17
or Song of Solomon 2:8–13
Zechariah 9:9–12
Psalm 145:8–14
Romans 7:15–25a
Matthew 11:16–19, 25–30

Proper 10/Seventh after Pentecost
July 16

Genesis 25:19–34
Psalm 119:105–112
Isaiah 55:10–13
Psalm 65:(1–8), 9–13
Romans 8:1–11
Matthew 13:1–9, 18–23

Proper 11/Eighth after Pentecost
July 23

Genesis 28:10–19a
Psalm 139:1–12, 23–24
Wisdom of Solomon 12:13,
16–19
or Isaiah 44:6–8
Psalm 86:11–17
Romans 8:12–25
Matthew 13:24–30, 36–43

Proper 12/Ninth after Pentecost
July 30

Genesis 29:15–28
Psalm 105:1–11, 45b
or Psalm 128
1 Kings 3:5–12
Psalm 119:129–136
Romans 8:26–39
Matthew 13:31–33, 44–52

Proper 13/Tenth after Pentecost
August 6 B2128

Genesis 32:22–31
Psalm 17:1–7, 15
Isaiah 55:1–5
Psalm 145:8–9, 14–21
Romans 9:1–5
Matthew 14:13–21

Proper 14/Eleventh after Pentecost
August 13

Genesis 37:1–4, 12–28
Psalm 105:1–6, 16–22, 45b
1 Kings 19:9–18
Psalm 85:8–13
Romans 10:5–15
Matthew 14:22–33

Proper 15/Twelfth after Pentecost
August 20

Genesis 45:1–15
Psalm 133
Isaiah 56:1, 6–8
Psalm 67
Romans 11:1–2a, 29–32
Matthew 15:(10–20), 21–28

Proper 16/Thirteenth after Pentecost
August 27

Exodus 1:8—2:10
Psalm 124
Isaiah 51:1–6
Psalm 138
Romans 12:1–8
Matthew 16:13–20

Proper 17/Fourteenth after Pentecost
September 3 B2129

Exodus 3:1–15
Psalm 105:1–6, 23–26, 45b
Jeremiah 15:15–21
Psalm 26:1–8
Romans 12:9–21
Matthew 16:21–28

Proper 18/Creation Time 1
September 10 B2130

Exodus 12:1–14
Psalm 149
Ezekiel 33:7–11
Psalm 119:33–40
Romans 13:8–14
Matthew 18:15–20

Proper 19/Creation Time 2
September 17 B2131

Exodus 14:19–31
Psalm 114
or Exodus 15:1b–11, 20–21
Genesis 50:15–21
Psalm 103:(1–7), 8–13
Romans 14:1–12
Matthew 18:21–35

Proper 20/Creation Time 3
September 24 B2132

Exodus 16:2–15
Psalm 105:1–6, 37–45
Jonah 3:10—4:11
Psalm 145:1–8
Philippians 1:21–30
Matthew 20:1–16

**Proper 21/World Communion Sunday/
Creation Time 4**

October 1 B2133

Exodus 17:1–7
Psalm 78:1–4, 12–16
Ezekiel 18:1–4, 25–32
Psalm 25:1–9
Philippians 2:1–13
Matthew 21:23–32

**Proper 22/Thanksgiving Sunday/
Creation Time 5**

October 8 B2134

Exodus 20:1–4, 7–9, 12–20
Psalm 19
Isaiah 5:1–7
Psalm 80:7–15
Philippians 3:4b–14
Matthew 21:33–46

Proper 23/World Food Sunday

October 15 B2135

Exodus 32:1–14
Psalm 106:1–6, 19–23
Isaiah 25:1–9
Psalm 23
Philippians 4:1–9
Matthew 22:1–14

Proper 24/Peace Sunday

October 22 B2136

Exodus 33:12–23
Psalm 99
Isaiah 45:1–7
Psalm 96:1–9, (10–13)
1 Thessalonians 1:1–10
Matthew 22:15–22

**Proper 25/Reformation Sunday/
All Saints Sunday**

October 29 B2137

Deuteronomy 34:1–12
Psalm 90:1–6, 13–17
Leviticus 19:1–2, 15–18
Psalm 1
1 Thessalonians 2:1–8
Matthew 22:34–46

All Saints Day

Revelation 7:9–17
Psalm 34:1–10, 22
1 John 3:1–3
Matthew 5:1–12

Proper 26/Remembrance Sunday

November 5 B2138

Joshua 3:7–17
Psalm 107:1–7, 33–37
Micah 3:5–12
Psalm 43
1 Thessalonians 2:9–13
Matthew 23:1–12

**Proper 27/Twenty-Fourth after
Pentecost**

November 12 B2127

Joshua 24:1–3a, 14–25
Psalm 78:1–7
Wisdom of Solomon 6:12–16
or Amos 5:18–24
Wisdom of Solomon 6:17–20
or Psalm 70
1 Thessalonians 4:13–18
Matthew 25:1–13

**Proper 28/Twenty-Fifth after
Pentecost**

November 19 B2139

Judges 4:1–7
Psalm 123
Zephaniah 1:7, 12–18
Psalm 90:1–8, (9–11), 12
1 Thessalonians 5:1–11
Matthew 25:14–30

Proper 29/Reign of Christ

November 26 B2140

Ezekiel 34:11–16, 20–24
Psalm 100
Psalm 95:1–7a
Ephesians 1:15–23
Matthew 25:31–46

First Sunday of Advent

December 3 B2141

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

Second Sunday of Advent

December 10 B2142

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

Third Sunday of Advent

December 17 B2143

Isaiah 61:1–4, 8–11
Psalm 126
or Luke 1:46b–55
1 Thessalonians 5:16–24
John 1:6–8, 19–28

**Fourth Sunday of Advent/
Christmas Eve/Day**

December 24/25 B2144

2 Samuel 7:1–11, 16
Luke 1:46b–55
or Psalm 89:1–4, 19–26
Romans 16:25–27
Luke 1:26–38

Christmas Eve/Day

Isaiah 9:2–7
Psalm 96
Titus 2:11–14
Luke 2:1–14, (15–20)

First Sunday after Christmas

December 31 B2049

Isaiah 61:10—62:3
Psalm 148
Galatians 4:4–7
Luke 2:22–40