



THE UNITING CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA

Year 'C' REVISED COMMON LECTIONARY 2015-2016

(Below in the right hand column : C = Colour; P = Purple; W = White; G = Green; R = Red; B = Black)

EASTER

The great fifty days of Easter includes eight Sundays beginning with the Easter Vigil and concluding on the Day of Pentecost. The season celebrates the Resurrection and Ascension of Christ and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

Date	Day	First Reading	Psalm	Second Reading	Gospel	C
Mar 26 2016	Easter Vigil	Gn 1:1-2:4a Gn 7:1-5,11-18; 8:6-18;9:8-13 Gn 22:1-18 Ex 14:10-31; 15:20-21 Is 55:1-11 Pv 8:1-8,19-21; 9:4b-6 Ez 36:24-28 Ez 37:1-14 Zep 3:14-20	Ps 136:1-9,23-26 Ps 46 Ps 16 Ex 15:1b-13,17-18 (resp) Is 12:2-6 (resp) Ps 19 Pss 42 and 43 Ps 143 Ps 98 Ps 114	Rom 6:3-11	Lk 24:1-12	W
Mar 27 2016	Easter Day	Acts 10:34-43 or Is 65:17-25	Ps 118:1-2, 14-24	1 Cor 15:19-26 or Acts 10:34-43	Jn 20:1-18 or Lk 24:1-12	W
Mar 27 2016	Easter Evening	Is 25:6-9	Ps 114	1 Cor 5:6b-8	Lk 24:13-49	W
Apr 3 2016	Easter 2	Acts 5:27-32	Ps 118:14-29 or Ps 150	Rev 1:4-8	Jn 20:19-31	W
Apr 4 2016	Annunciation of the Lord	Is 7:10-14	Ps 45 or Ps 40:5-10	Heb 10:4-10	Lk 1:26-38	W
Apr 10 2016	Easter 3	Acts 9:1-6, (7-20)	Ps 30	Rev 5:11-14	Jn 21:1-19	W
Apr 17 2016	Easter 4	Acts 9:36-43	Ps 23	Rev 7:9-17	Jn 10:22-30	W
Apr 24 2016	Easter 5	Acts 11:1-18	Ps 148	Rev 21:1-6	Jn 13:31-35	W
May 1 2016	Easter 6	Acts 16:9-15	Ps 67	Rev 21:10, 22 - 22:5	Jn 14:23-29 or Jn 5:1-9	W
May 5 2016	Ascension Day	Acts 1:1-11	Ps 47 or Ps 93	Eph 1:15-23	Lk 24:44-53	W
May 8 2016	Easter 7	Acts 16:16-34	Ps 97	Rev 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21	Jn 17:20-26	W
May 15 2016	Day of Pentecost	Acts 2:1-21 or Gen 11:1-9	Ps 104:24- 34, 35b	Rom 8:14-17 or Acts 2:1-21	Jn 14:8-17, (25-27)	R

AFTER PENTECOST

A period of time that varies in length depending on whether Easter is early or late. In this period, the church recalls its faith in the Holy Trinity. It seeks to relate its faith as a people of God to Christ's mission in the world. It commences with Trinity Sunday and concludes with the feast of Christ the King.

Date	Day	First Reading	Psalm	Second Reading	Gospel	C
May 22 2016	Trinity Sunday	Pv 8:1-4, 22-31	Ps 8	Rom 5:1-5	Jn 16:12-15	W
May 29 2016	Pent 2 [9]	1 Kgs 18:20-21 (22-29) 30-39	Ps 96	Gal 1:1-12	Lk 7:1-10	G
Jun 5 2016	Pent 3 [10]	1 Kgs 17:8-16 (17-24)	Ps 146	Gal 1:11-24	Lk 7:11-17	G
Jun 12 2016	Pent 4 [11]	1 Kgs 2:11-10, (11-14) 15-21a	Ps 5:1-8	Gal 2:15-21	Lk 7:36 - 8:3	G
Jun 19 2016	Pent 5 [12]	1 Kgs 19:1-4, (5-7) 8-15a	Ps 42 and 43	Gal 3:23-29	Lk 8:26-39	G
Jun 22 2016	UCA Anniversary	Deu 30:1-10	Ps 100	1 Cor 3:10-17	Jn 15:1-8	R
Jun 26 2016	Pent 6 [13]	2 Kgs 2:1-2, 6-14	Ps 77:1-2,11-20	Gal 5:1, 13-25	Lk 9:51-62	G
Jul 3 2016	Pent 7 [14]	2 Kgs 5:1-14	Ps 30	Gal 6:(1-6), 7-16	Lk 10:1-11, 16-20	G
Jul 10 2016	Pent 8 [15]	Am 7:7-17	Ps 82	Col 1:1-14	Lk 10: 25-37	G
Jul 17 2016	Pent 9 [16]	Am 8:1-12	Ps 52	Col 1:15-28	Lk 10: 38-42	G
Jul 24 2016	Pent 10 [17]	Hos 1:2-10	Ps 85	Col 2:6-15 (16-19)	Lk 11:1-13	G
Jul 31 2016	Pent 11 [18]	Hos 11:1-11	Ps 107:1-9, 43	Col 3:1-11	Lk 12:13-21	G
Aug 7 2016	Pent 12 [19]	Is 1:1, 10-20	Ps 50:1-8, 22-23	Heb 11:1-3, 8-16	Lk 12:32-40	G
Aug 14 2016	Pent 13 [20]	Is 5:1-7	Ps 80:1-2, 8-19	Heb 11:29-12:2	Lk 12:49-56	G
Aug 21 2016	Pent 14 [21]	Jer 1:4-10	Ps 71:1-6	Heb 12:18-29	Lk 13:10-17	G
Aug 28 2016	Pent 15 [22]	Jer 2:4-13	Ps 81:1, 10-16	Heb 13:1-8, 15-16	Lk 14:1, 7-14	G
Sep 4 2016	Pent 16 [23]	Jer 18:1-11	Ps 139:1-6, 13-18	Phlm 1-21	Lk 14:25-33	G
Sep 11 2016	Pent 17 [24]	Jer 4:11-12, 22-28	Ps 14	1 Tim 1:12-17	Lk 15:1-10	G
Sep 18 2016	Pent 18 [25]	Jer 8:18 - 9:1	Ps 79:1-9	1 Tim 2:1-7	Lk 16:1-13	G
Sep 25 2016	Pent 19 [26]	Jer 32:1-3a, 6-15	Ps 91:1-6, 14-16	1 Tim 6:6-19	Lk 16:19-31	G
Oct 2 2016	Pent 20 [27]	Lam 1:1-6	Lam 3:19-26 or Ps 137	2 Tim 1:1-14	Lk 17:5-10	G
Oct 9 2016	Pent 21 [28]	Jer 29:1, 4-7	Ps 66:1-12	2 Tim 2:8-15	Lk 17:11-19	G
Oct 16 2016	Pent 22 [29]	Jer 31:27-34	Ps 119:97-104	2 Tim 3:14 - 4:5	Lk 18:1-8	G
Oct 23 2016	Pent 23 [30]	Jl 2:23-32	Ps 65	2 Tim 4:6-8, 16-18	Lk 18:9-14	G
Oct 30 2016	Pent 24 [31]	Hab 1:1-4, 2:1-4	Ps 119:137-144	2 Thes 1:1-4, 11-12	Lk 19:1-10	G
Nov 1 2016	All Saints Day	Dan 7:1-3, 15-18	Ps 149	Eph 1:11-23	Lk 6:20-31	W
Nov 6 2016	Pent 25 [32]	Hag 1:15b - 2:9	Ps 145:1-5, 17-21 or Ps 98	2 Thes 2:1-5, 13-17	Lk 20:27-38	G
Nov 13 2016	Pent 26 [33]	Is 65:17-25	Is 12	2 Thes 3:6-13	Lk 21:5-19	G
Nov 20 2016	Christ the King	Jer 23:1-6	Lk 1:68-79	Col 1:11-20	Lk 23:33-43	W

- UCA Anniversary Readings may be substituted for June 26.
- All Saints Readings may be substituted for November 6.
- A Calendar of Other Commemorations is to be found in *Uniting in Worship 2* pages 566 to 571.

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- Discover publications produced by the Working Group (and the former Commission);
- Liturgical resources to help with preaching and worship;
- Some recently produced Orders of Service;
- Background Papers on a wide range of subjects;
- Other Websites worth investigating for worship and preaching;
- The Lectionary and Liturgical dates;
- Music and the Arts.

ADVENT

A season of preparation, beginning on the fourth Sunday before Christmas, in which the church recalls its hope and expectation in the coming of Christ, past, present and future.

Date	Day	First Reading	Psalm	Second Reading	Gospel	C
Nov 29 2015	Advent 1	Jer 33:14-16	Ps 25:1-10	1Thes 3:9-13	Lk 21:25-36	P
Dec 6 2015	Advent 2	Mal 3:1-4	Lk 1:68-79	Phil 1:3-11	Lk 3:1-6	P
Dec 13 2015	Advent 3	Zep 3:14-20	Is 12:2-6	Phil 4:4-7	Lk 3:7-18	P
Dec 20 2015	Advent 4	Mic 5:2-5a	Lk 1:47-55 or Ps 80:1-7	Heb 10:5-10	Lk 1:39-45, (46-55)	P

CHRISTMAS

The Christmas - Epiphany season includes Christmas Eve/Day and the twelve days of Christmas. It recalls the stories of the birth and infancy of Christ. The church in this time celebrates the wonder of the incarnation; the season concludes with Epiphany. (Any of the selections for Christmas Day 1, 2 or 3 can be used for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day).

Date	Day	First Reading	Psalm	Second Reading	Gospel	C
Dec 24/25 2015	Christmas Day 1	Is 9:2-7	Ps 96	Tit 2:11-14	Lk 2:1-14, (15-20)	W
	Christmas Day 2	Is 62:6-12	Ps 97	Tit 3:4-7	Lk 2:(1-7), 8-20	W
	Christmas Day 3	Is 52:7-10	Ps 98	Heb 1:1-4, (5-12)	Jn 1:1-14	W
Dec 27 2015	Christmas 1	1 Sm 2:18-20, 26	Ps 148	Col 3:12-17	Lk 2:41-52	W
Jan 1 2016	New Year's Day	Ecc 3:1-13	Ps 8	Rev 21:1-6a	Mt 25:31-46	W
Jan 1 2016	Holy Name of Jesus	Num 6:22-27	Ps 8	Gal 4:4-7 or Phil 2:5-11	Lk 2:15-21	W
Jan 3 2016	Christmas 2	Jer 31:7-14	Ps 147:12-20	Eph 1:3-14	John 1:(1-9) 10-18	W
Jan 6 2016	Epiphany of the Lord	Is 60:1-6	Ps 72:1-7, 10-14	Eph 3:1-12	Mt 2:1-12	W

AFTER EPIPHANY

A period in which the church reflects on the manifestation of Christ to all people. The Baptism of the Lord is the first Sunday of this period. The Transfiguration of the Lord is the last Sunday. The length of this period varies depending on the date of Easter.

Date	Day	First Reading	Psalm	Second Reading	Gospel	C
Jan 10 2016	Baptism of Jesus	Is 43:1-7	Ps 29	Acts 8:14-17	Lk 3:15-17, 21-22	W
Jan 17 2016	Epiphany 2	Is 62:1-5	Ps 36:5-10	1 Cor 12:1-11	Jn 2:1-11	G
Jan 24 2016	Epiphany 3	Neh 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10	Ps 19	1 Cor 12:12-31a	Lk 4:14-21	G
Jan 31 2016	Epiphany 4	Jer 1:4-10	Ps 71:1-6	1 Cor 13:1-13	Lk 4:21-30	G
Feb 7 2016	Transfiguration of Jesus	Ex 34:29-35	Ps 99	2 Cor 3:12 - 4:2	Lk 9:28-36, (37-43a)	W

LENT

A season of preparation and discipline that begins on Ash Wednesday and concludes at sundown on Holy Saturday. During the forty weekdays and six Sundays in Lent, the church remembers the life and ministry of Jesus and renews its commitment to him in Christian discipleship. This season is the traditional time to prepare for baptisms and confirmations to be celebrated at Easter or a week or two later.

Date	Day	First Reading	Psalm	Second Reading	Gospel	C
Feb 10 2016	Ash Wednesday	Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 or Is 58:1-12	Ps 51:1-17	2 Cor 5:20b - 6:10	Mt 6:1-6, 16-21	P
Feb 14 2016	Lent 1	Dt 26:1-11	Ps 91:1-2, 9-16	Rom 10:8b-13	Lk 4:1-13	P
Feb 21 2016	Lent 2	Gen 15:1-12, 17-18	Ps 27	Phil 3:17 - 4:1	Lk 13:31-35	P
Feb 28 2016	Lent 3	Is 55:1-9	Ps 63:1-8	1 Cor 10:1-13	Lk 13:1-9	P
Mar 6 2016	Lent 4	Jos 5:9-12	Ps 32	2 Cor 5:16-21	Lk 15:1-3, 11b-32	P
Mar 13 2016	Lent 5	Is 43:16-21	Ps 126	Phil 3:4b-14	Jn 12:1-8	P
Mar 20 2016	Passion Sunday	Is 50:4-9a	Ps 31:9-16	Phil 2:5-11	Lk 22:14 - 23:56 or Lk 23:1-49	P
Mar 20 2016	Palm Sunday	Is 50:4-9a	Ps 118:1-2, 19-29	Phil 2:5-11	Lk 19:28-40 or Jn 12:12-16	P
Mar 21 2016	Monday in Holy Week	Is 42:1-9	Ps 36:5-11	Heb 9:11-15	Jn 12:1-11	P
Mar 22 2016	Tuesday in Holy Week	Is 49:1-7	Ps 71: 1-14	1 Cor 1:18-31	Jn 12:20-36	P
Mar 23 2016	Wednesday in Holy Week	Is 50:4-9a	Ps 70	Heb 12:1-3	Jn 13:21-32	P
Mar 24 2016	Holy Thursday	Ex 12:1-4, (5-10), 11-14	Ps 116:1-2, 12-19	1 Cor 11:23-26	Jn 13:1-17, 31b-35	P
Mar 25 2016	Good Friday	Is 52:13 - 53:12	Ps 22	Heb 10:16-25 or Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9	Jn 18:1 - 19:42	B or R
Mar 26 2016	Holy Saturday	Job 14:1-14 or Lam 3:1-9, 19-24	Ps 31:1-4, 15-16	1 Pet 4:1-8	Mt 27:57-66 or Jn 19:38-42	B

ORTHODOX DATES

14 March	Clean Monday (first day of Lent)
1 May	Easter Day
19 June	Pentecost

And in this context read again the parable of the two sons (15:11-32) which reveals that the qualities evident in the ministry of Jesus are entirely consistent with the compassion and forgiveness of God declared through this timeless story. There is so much in this gospel to savour, so many stories in which the great themes of the Jesus event are embedded, so many opportunities to challenge and inspire the people of God in regard to their worship, witness and service.

Luke offers us a number of "pen-portraits" that help to give his gospel a very personal feel.....Elizabeth and Zechariah (1:5-25, 57-80). Mary and Joseph (1:26-56, 2:1-24, 41-52), Simeon and Anna (2:25-38), and John the Baptist (3:1-19:1-10). And the extended account of Jesus' encounter with two disciples on the road to Emmaus (24:13-35). This characterisation of Luke's gospel is consistent with his assertion that his gospel record derives from the testimony of "eyewitnesses and servants of the word" (1:1-2). The Jesus Luke describes is often wonderfully gentle and compassionate. We have already made mention of his encounter with the woman who anointed his feet. Look also at the account of his response to the widow of Nain before he healed her (4:1-17). The concern of Jesus for the poor and those on the fringes of society, and the care he demonstrated for them personally, are revealed in Luke's record again and again.

Preaching the Gospel of Luke

Calendar and Lectionary

of the UNITING CHURCH Year C 2015 - 2016

The Uniting Church acknowledges that the Church has received the Books of the Old and New Testaments as unique prophetic and apostolic testimony, in which it hears the word of God and by which its faith and obedience are nourished and regulated...

The Uniting Church lays upon its members the serious duty of reading the Scriptures, and commits its ministers to preach from these...
Basis of Union, paragraph 5



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*Luke for Everyone – by N T Wright, Westminster John Knox.
*Feasting on The Word Gospels Year C Luke – by Cynthia A. Jarvis Westminster John Knox.
*Feasting on The Word Lenten Companion – by David L. Bartlett, Westminster John Knox.
*Feasting on The Word Advent Companion – by David L. Bartlett, Westminster John Knox.
*Luke for Everyone – by N T Wright, Westminster John Knox.
*Bringing the Word to Life – Year C by Andrew Collins and Dorothy McKrae McMahon.
*Provoking the Gospel of Luke by Richard J Swanson, Pilgrim Press.
*Feasting on the Word Year C - a lectionary commentary series from Westminster John Knox.
*SEASONS/FUSION – lectionary resources for weekly worship – see www.seasonsinfusion.org.au
helps and commentaries; topical sermons; Worship planning aids.
*The Abingdon Creative Preaching Annual 2016 by David N Moses, ed, published by Abingdon Press. Includes: Sermon
Church Year through worship, music, colour, and the proclamation of the Word. Abingdon Press.
*Feasting the RCL – Year C (Four volumes Advent/Christmas/Epiphany, Lent/Easter, Pentecost 1, Pentecost 2). Each volume offers liturgical advice for worship planning. For each Sunday there are ideas to integrate the focus on the Church Year through worship, music, colour, and the proclamation of the Word. Abingdon Press.
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*Lectionary Story Bible (Year C) by Ralph Milton, published by Wood Lake Books. A lectionary based story for each Sunday of the church year making it a complete lectionary resource for Christian educators, camp leaders, worship leaders, and families who want to share their faith at home.
*Fujita Resource by William H Williamson, has become the serious preacher's best nonliturgical aid for crafting sermons that on the RCL especially written for Australian congregations.
*Words for Worship published by MediaCom Education Inc, contains contemporary, scriptural and relevant prayers based on the RCL.
*Prayers to Share – Year C by David Sparks, Responsive Prayers for each Sunday of the Church Year. An entire year's worth of responsive prayers, written in inclusive, contemporary language.
*Wright, N.T. 2002. 12 Months of Sundays: Reflections on Bible Readings—Year C. London: SPCK

Resources to use with the Lectionary

*Korea Su-Ahm, (2005) Commentary on Luke, Seoul: South Korea, Daehan Kidokkyo Suhwae.
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*Marsh, L. Howard, 2006. Luke: A Commentary on the Greek Text. (2 Volumes). Translated by Yo-Seop Gang. Seoul: Nollard, John, 2003, 2004, 2005. Luke. (3 Volumes). Translated by Kyoungh-jin Kim. Seoul: Solomon.
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*Brueggemann, Walter et al, 2007. Texts for Preaching: A Lectionary Commentary Based on the NRSV. Years A, B & C.

Commentaries and Resources for the Gospel of Luke

Lectionary Related Websites (Free Resources)—Australian

- Anna Grant-Henderson's Home Page <http://www.oldtestamentlectionary.unitingchurch.org.au>
- Bill Loader's Home Page <http://www.staff.murdoch.edu.au/~loader>
- Bruce Prewer's Home Page <http://www.bruceprewer.com/>
- Howard Wallace's Home Page <http://hwallace.unitingchurch.org.au>
- Laughing Bird Liturgical Resources (Nathan Nettleton) <http://www.laughingbird.net>
- Liturgies Online (Moiria Laidlaw) <http://www.liturgiesonline.com.au>
- Mustard Seeds (Ann Scull) <http://www.seedstuff.blogspot.com/>
- The Billabong (Rev Jeff Shrowder) <http://thebillabong.info>
- Together to Celebrate: Contemporary Christian Music Resources for Worship (Rev David MacGregor) <http://www.togethertocelebrate.com.au>

Lectionary Related Websites (Free Resources)—Other

- The Revised Common Lectionary: A Vanderbilt Divinity Library Online Resource <http://divinity.library.vanderbilt.edu/lectionary/> (includes links to relevant Christian art)
- The Text This Week: Lectionary, Scripture Study and Worship Links and Resources <http://divinity.library.vanderbilt.edu/lectionary/> (extensive links to a range of resources)

Lectionary Related Websites (Subscription Based)

- Midnight Oil Productions <http://www.midnightoilproductions.com>
- Roots on the Web (Churches Together in Britain & Ireland) <http://www.rootsontheweb.com>
- The Work of the People: Visual Media for Ministry <http://www.theworkofthepeople.com>
- With Love to the World <http://www.wlw.uca.org.au>

Additional notes regarding the way in which Sundays are identified and numbered in the Lectionary

Firstly, the Lectionary numbers the Sundays after Pentecost. The Sunday after Trinity will always be Pentecost 2.

The numbers in brackets for the Sundays after Epiphany and after Pentecost refer to what is known as "Ordinary Time". This is not because these Sundays are "ordinary" in the way we usually understand the term. In the Lectionary, "ordinary" comes from the word "ordinal" and refers to the order in which the numbers come...first, second, third etc. The Sundays in "Ordinary Time" include all the Sundays outside of Advent/Christmas and Lent/Easter.

It is important to understand that during Epiphany these numbers count forward from the Sunday marking the baptism of Jesus. However, after Pentecost they are counted backwards from the last Sunday of the Church Year (Christ the King/Reign of Christ Sunday). The actual numbering will vary from year to year depending on how early or late Easter falls.



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