Lectionary 2024: Sundays and Major Feasts

Year B - Mark



Anglican Parish of Innisfail/Tully

A Prayer Book for Australia, 1995; An Australian Prayer Book, 1978

Some important notes about the Lectionary

Approved Lectionaries

The Anglican Church of Australia currently has three approved lectionaries: *The Book of Common Prayer (1662)*; *An Australian Prayer Book (1978)*; and *A Prayer Book for Australia (1995)*. The latest of these, *APBA (1995)*, was approved "for use with *BCP (1662)* and *AAPB (1978)*", meaning that parishes may draw from all three lectionaries. *AAPB (1978)* and *APBA (1995)* are almost identical except that AAPB's readings are sometimes shorter, and on a very few occasions its R1 and/or R2 might be different. Furthermore, the *AAPB (1978)* gives the Psalm in a congregational format with a response which is an easier way of involving the congregation in reciting the Psalm. In this parish lectionary, the *APBA (1995)* Lectionary is used, except where a reading reference is marked *. This indicates that the reading in *AAPB (1978)* has been chosen and is different from *APBA (1995)*.

Sunday

By apostolic and long-standing tradition, the Church has especially designated the first day of the week (Sunday) for celebrating the Paschal Mystery (ie: the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Christ). Hence, Sunday is considered as the quintessential feast-day.

Sunday readings vs. Feast-day readings

Because of their importance, Sundays are only sparingly displaced for other feast-days. These occasions include: (a) when the feast day is permanently appointed to a Sunday (eg: Pentecost or Trinity), (b) when a weekday feast of the Lord (eg: Epiphany, Ascension) is transferred to Sunday to allow the whole congregation to celebrate it, or (c) a patronal feast-day or Coming of the Light is transferred to a nearby Sunday. Except where the Lectionary appoints a feast-day to a Sunday, the Sundays may only be displaced with the approval of the rector (who would also have discussed it with the bishop or archdeacon).

The Sundays of Advent, Lent and Easter may not be displaced by any other Feast. Principal Feasts occurring on these Sundays are transferred to the following Monday.

The rules governing concurrences of feast days can be found in APBA pp 450-462.

Psalms appointed for Sundays

For Sunday worship, the Psalm verses used and the congregational responses are always from the AAPB (1978) Lectionary. This is because they are presented in a responsorial format which is easier for congregational participation; but furthermore, local ecumenical reasons make the AAPB options preferable.

Sunday December 31, 2023

First Sunday after Christmas

[W]

Isaiah 61:10-62:3

Psalm 148:1-4,9-13 Praise the name of the Lord.

Galatians 4:4-7

Luke 2:22-40 My eyes have seen your salvation.

Saturday January 6, 2024 Epiphany of the Lord [G]

Isaiah 60:1-6

Psalm 72:1-2,7-8,10-11,12-13 Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6 (1-12) It has now been revealed that pagans share the same inheritance.

Matthew 2:1-12 The visit of the Magi.

Sunday January 7, 2024 Baptism of the Lord [W] The Sunday after Epiphany

Isaiah 55:1-11*

For the psalm: Isaiah 12:2-6* With joy you will draw from the wells of salvation.

1 John 5:1-9*

Mark 1:7-11 'You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you'

Sunday January 14, 2024 Second Sunday after the Epiphany [G]

1 Samuel 3:1-10, 19

Psalm 40:1,3,6-9 Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will.

1 Corinthians 6:12-20

John 1:35-42* 'We have found the Messiah'

Sunday January 21, 2024 Third Sunday after the Epiphany [G]

Jonah 3:1-5, 10

Psalm 25:4-9 Teach me your ways, O Lord.

1 Corinthians 7:29-31

Mark 1:14-20 I will make you into fishers of men.

Sunday January 28, 2024

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

[G]

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Psalm 95:1-2,6-9 If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

1 Corinthians 7:32-35* *Give your undivided attention to the Lord.*

Mark 1:21-28 Unlike the Scribes, he taught them with authority.

Friday February 2, 2024

Presentation of the Lord

[W]

This feast's Gospel was also read on the Sunday after Christmas.

Malachi 3:1-4

Psalm 24:7-10 Who is this king of glory? It is the Lord!

Hebrews 2:14-18

Luke 2:22-40 My eyes have seen your salvation.

Sunday February 4, 2024

Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

[G]

Job 7:1-7*

Psalm 147:1-6 Praise the Lord, who heals the broken-hearted.

1 Corinthians 9:16-23

Mark 1:29-39 He cast out devils and cured many who were suffering from disease.

Sunday February 11, 2024 *Last Sunday before Lent*

Transfiguration Sunday

[W]

2 Kings 2:1-12

Psalm 50:1-6 *Our God will come and will not keep silence*.

2 Corinthians 4:3-6

Mark 9:2-9 This is my Son, the Beloved.

TRANSITION FROM EPIPHANY INTO LENT

In the Gospels, the Transfiguration is when Jesus begins speaking about his coming Passion and so the Transfiguration forms a bridge between Epiphany and Lent. The Season of Epiphany began with God declaring at Jesus' baptism: "This is my beloved Son..." It ends with God once again declaring: "This is my beloved Son, listen to Him" on Mount Tabor, flanked by Moses and Elijah.

Wednesday February 14, 2024

Ash Wednesday

[V]

Joel 2:(1-2) 12-18

Psalm 51:1-4,10-12,15 Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21 Your Father who sees all that is done in secret will reward you.

Sunday February 18, 2024

First Sunday in Lent

[V]

Genesis 9:8-15

Psalm 25:4-9 Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.

1 Peter 3:18-22

Mark 1:12-15 Jesus was tempted by Satan, and the angels looked after him.

Sunday February 25, 2024

Second Sunday in Lent

[V]

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

Psalm 22:23-31 All the ends of the earth shall turn to you, O Lord.

Romans 4:13-25

Mark 8:31-38 If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him take up his cross and follow me.

Sunday March 3, 2024

Third Sunday in Lent

[V]

Exodus 20:1-17

Psalm 19:7-10 Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

1 Corinthians 1:22-25

John 2:13-25 Destroy this sanctuary and in three days I will raise it up.

Sunday March 10, 2024

Fourth Sunday in Lent

[V]

2 Chronicles 36:14-16,19-23*

Psalm 137:1-6* Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!

Ephesians 2:4-10

John 3:14-21 God sent his Son so that through him the world might be saved.

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Psalm 51:1-2,10-13 Create a clean heart in me, O God.

Hebrews 5:7-9

John 12:20-33 If a grain of wheat falls on the ground it dies, it yields a rich harvest.

Sunday March 24, 2024

Palm/Passion Sunday

[R]

Liturgy of the Palms:

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

John 12:12-16 Blessings on him, who comes in the name of the Lord.

Liturgy of the Passion:

Isaiah 50:4-9a

Psalm 22:7-8,16-19,22-23 My God, My God, why have you abandoned me?

Philippians 2:6-11

Mark 15:1-39 [or 14:1-15:47, for longer] The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ.

THE SACRED TRIDUUM

The Sacred Triduum (Sacred Three Days) is the most holy time of the Church's year, beginning with the Last Supper through the Agony in the Garden, the Scourging and the Crucifixion, and concluding with the Resurrection:

- Maundy Thursday: Mass of the Lord's Supper (with the washing of feet).
- Good Friday: Liturgy of the Passion (with the Veneration of the Cross).
- Easter Vigil: Eucharist of the Resurrection (with blessing of the Paschal Candle, Vigil Readings, and Baptisms).

The Easter Vigil is the main Easter Service and is the source and summit of the entire Christian life. Subsequent services during the day on Easter Sunday likewise commemorate the Resurrection but in a more simplified form as they are now *after the event*, so to speak.

Thursday March 28, 2024

Maundy Thursday

[W]

Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper:

Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14

Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19 Our blessing-cup is a communion with the Blood of Christ.

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

John 13:1-15 Now he showed how perfect his love was.

Friday March 29, 2024

Good Friday

[R/Bk]

Due to the nature of the commemoration, no Eucharist celebrated on Good Friday. Holy Communion from the Reserved Sacrament may be offered during the Liturgy of the Passion.

All readings are from the service on the General Synod website.

Isaiah 52:13-53:12

Psalm 31:1+5,11-12,14-15,16+24 *Father, I put my life in your hands.*

Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9

John 18:1-19:42 The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Saturday March 30, 2024

Easter Vigil

[W]

All readings are from the service on the General Synod website

Old Testament Readings and Psalms (Vigil Readings):

Genesis 1:26-31 & Psalm 33 The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord.

Genesis 22:1-2,9-13,15-18 & Psalm 16 Keep me safe, O God; you are my hope.

Exodus 14:15-15:11 & Exodus 15:1-7,17-18 Let us sing to the Lord; he has covered himself in glory.

Isaiah 54:5-14 & Psalm 30:1,3-5,10-12 *I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.*

Isaiah 55:1-11 & Is 12:2-6 You will draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation.

Baruch 3:9-15,32 – 4:4 & Psalm 19:7-10 Lord, you have the words of everlasting life. Ezekiel 36:16-28 & Psalm 42:2,4 & 43:3-4 Like a deer that yearns for running streams, my soul longs for you, my God.

Eucharist Readings:

Romans 6:3-11

Psalm 118:1-2,16-17,22-23 Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Mark 16:1-8 Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified, has risen.

Sunday March 31, 2024

Easter Day

[W]

Acts 10:34-43

Psalm 118:1-2,16-17,22-23 *This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.*

1 Corinthians 5:6-8*

Mark 16:1-8 He must rise from the dead.

Sunday April 7, 2024

Second Sunday of Easter

[W]

Acts 4:32-35

Psalm 118:2-4,16-18,22-24 *Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love is everlasting.*

1 John 5:1-6*

John 20:19-31 Eight days later, Jesus came again and stood among them.

Sunday April 14, 2024

Third Sunday of Easter

[W]

Acts 3:13-19

Psalm 4:1,3,6,8 Lord, let your face shine on us.

1 John 2:1-5*

Luke 24:36b-48 It is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead.

Sunday April 21, 2024

Fourth Sunday of Easter

[W]

Acts 4:5-12

Psalm 23 The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

1 John 3:1-2

John 10:11-18 The good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep.

Sunday April 28, 2024

Fifth Sunday of Easter

[W]

Acts 9:26-31*

Psalm 22:25-31 I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

1 John 3:18-14*

John 15:1-8 I am the vine, you are the branches.

Sunday May 5, 2024

Sixth Sunday of Easter

[W]

Acts 10:25-26,34,35,44-48

Psalm 98:1-4 The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

1 John 4:7-10*

John 15:9-17 You are my friends if you do what I command you.

Sunday May 12, 2024

Ascension of the Lord [W]

Transferred from its proper day of the preceding Thursday. In other years: Seventh Sunday of Easter [W]

Acts 1:1-11

Psalm 47:1-2,5-8 *God mounts his throne to shouts of joy; a blare of trumpets for the Lord.*

Ephesians 1:17-23 God made him sit at his right hand in heaven.

Mark 16:15-20 Go out to the whole world; proclaim the Good News.

Sunday May 19, 2024

Pentecost

[R]

Acts 2:1-11

Psalm 104: 1,24,29-31,34 Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

Galatians 5:16-25 If you are led by the Spirit, no law can touch you.

John 15:26-27; 16:12-15 The Spirit of truth will lead you to the complete truth.

THE SEASON AFTER PENTECOST

Pentecost marks the final day of the Easter Season. The time *after* Pentecost consists of up to 33 Sundays during which a mostly continuous reading of the Gospel for the year (in Year B this is Mark). The liturgical colour for the season is green, symbolising spiritual growth. Individual feast days, however, will use the liturgical colour assigned to them by the Lectionary.

The Lectionary gives us two options for the First Reading and Psalm during this season:

- 1) a continuous reading of the OT unrelated to the Gospel of the day;
- 2) [APBA gives this option in square brackets] is OT readings selected to match the Gospel each Sunday.

The Psalm in both cases is matched to the respective OT reading. A shorter set of readings for option (2) is given in AAPB (1978) which is what is used here.

Sunday May 26, 2024

Trinity Sunday

[W]

(First Sunday after Pentecost; displaces an Ordinary Sunday)

Deuteronomy 4:32-34,39-40*

Psalm 33:4-6,9,18-20,22* Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

Romans 8:14-17* The Spirit himself and our spirit bear united witness that we are children of God.

Matthew 28:16-20* Go and make disciples of all nations.

Friday May 31, 2024 Visitation of Mary to Elizabeth

[W]

Romans 12:9-16b*

Isaiah 12:2,4-6* Among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.

Luke 1:39-57* The Almighty has done great things for me.

Sunday June 2, 2024

Second Sunday after Pentecost [9]

[G] In the Season after Pentecost, use [R1 & Ps]

Deuteronomy 5:12-15

Psalm 81:2-7,9,10 *Ring out your joy to God our strength.*

2 Corinthians 4:6-11 *In our mortal flesh the life of Jesus is openly shown.*

Mark 2:23-3:6 The Son of Man is master even of the Sabbath.

Sunday June 9, 2024

Third Sunday after Pentecost [10]

[G]

[G]

In the Season after Pentecost, use [R1 & Ps]

Genesis 3:8-15

Psalm 130:1-8 With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1 We are being trained to carry the weight of eternal glory.

Mark 3:20-35 A kingdom divided against itself cannot stand.

Sunday June 16, 2024

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost [11]

In the Season after Pentecost, use [R1 & Ps]

Ezekiel 17:22-24

Psalm 92:1-2,12-15 It is good to give you thanks, O Lord.

2 Corinthians 5:6-10 [shorter]

Mark 4:26-34The kingdom of God is a mustard seed growing into the biggest shrub of all.

Saturday June 22, 2024

St. Alban

[R]

Transferred to the following Sunday.

Sunday June 23, 2024 St Alban, First Martyr of England

In other years: Fifth Sunday after Pentecost [12]

[**R**]

*Proper readings for the holy-day.

2 Chronicles 24:17-25*

Psalm 89:2-5,27,29* For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

Matthew 6:24-34*

Sunday June 30, 2024 Coming of the Light

[W]

In other years: Sixth Sunday after Pentecost [13]

[G]
*Proper readings for the holy-day.

Isaiah 58:8-11*

Psalm 27:1,4,7-8* I am sure I shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.

2 Corinthians 4:5-6*

John 12:35-47*

Monday 1 July, 2024 Coming of the Light

[W]

Transferred to the preceding Sunday.

Sunday July 7, 2024 Seventh Sunday after Pentecost [14] [G]

In the Season after Pentecost, use [R1 & Ps]

Ezekiel 2:1-5

Psalm 123:1-4 Our eyes are on the Lord till he shows us his mercy.

2 Corinthians 12:(2-6)7-10 The Lord's power is at its best in weakness.

Mark 6:1-13 'A prophet is only despised in his own country'

Sunday July 14, 2024 Eighth Sunday after Pentecost [15] [G]

In the Season after Pentecost, use [R1 & Ps]. *Gospel is from AAPB Lectionary. Amos 7:(7-11)12-15

Psalm 85:8-13 Let us see, O Lord, your mercy, and give us your saving help.

Ephesians 1:(1-2)3-14 God chose us in Christ before the world was made.

Mark 6:13-14* 'Take nothing with you'

Sunday July 21, 2024 Ninth Sunday after Pentecost [16] [G]

In the Season after Pentecost, use [R1 & Ps]

Jeremiah 23:1-6(7-16)

Psalm 23:1-6 The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Ephesians 2:13-18 (11-22, longer) Christ Jesus is the peace between us.

Mark 6:30-34, (53-56) They were like sheep without a shepherd.

Sunday July 28, 2024 Tenth Sunday after Pentecost [17] [G]

In the Season after Pentecost, use [R1 & Ps].

2 Kings 4:42-44

Psalm 145:10-18 You open wide your hand, O Lord, and grant us our desires.

Ephesians 4:1-6* One Body, one Spirit, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God. John 6:1-15,(16-21) The feeding of the five thousand.

Sunday August 4, 2024 Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost [18] [G]

In the Season after Pentecost, use [R1 & Ps].

Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15

Psalm 78:3,4,23-29 The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

Ephesians 4:17,20-24* Put aside your old self and put on the new.

John 6:24-35 It is my Father who gives you the bread form heaven; I am the bread of life.

Sunday August 11, 2024 Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost [19] [G

In the Season after Pentecost, use [R1 & Ps]

1 Kings 19:4-8

Psalm 34:1-8 Taste and see that the Lord is good.

Ephesians 4:30-5:2 Forgive each other as readily as God forgave you.

John 6:35, 41-51 Anyone who eats this bread will live forever.

Sunday August 18, 2024 Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost [20] [G]

In the Season after Pentecost, use [R1 & Ps]

Proverbs 9:1-6

Psalm 34:1,2,9-14 *Taste and see that the Lord is good.*

Ephesians 5:15-20 Be filled not with wine but with the Spirit.

John 6:51-58 My flesh is real food and my blood is real drink.

Sunday August 25, 2024

14th Sunday after Pentecost [21]

[G]

In the Season after Pentecost, use [R1 & Ps].

Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18

Psalm 34:1,2,15-22 Taste and see that the Lord is good.

Ephesians 5:21-32* Christ loves the Church, because it is his body.

John 6:56-69 To whom shall we go? You are the Holy One of God.

Sunday September 1, 2024

15th Sunday after Pentecost [22]

[G]

In the Season after Pentecost, use [R1 & Ps]

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

Psalm 15:1-5 The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

James 1:17-18,21-22,27 Accept and submit to the Word.

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23 You put aside the commandment of God, to cling to human traditions.

Sunday September 8, 2024

16th Sunday after Pentecost [23]

[G]

In the Season after Pentecost, use [R1 & Ps]

Isaiah 35:4-7a

Psalm 146:6-10 My soul, give praise to the Lord.

James 2:1-5, (6-10) God chose the poor according to the world, to be rich in faith.

Mark 7:24-37 'He makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak'

Sunday September 15, 2024

17th Sunday after Pentecost [24]

[G] In the Season after Pentecost, use [R1 & Ps].

Isaiah 50:4-9a

Psalm 116:1-9 I will walk in the presences of the Lord, in the land of the living.

James 3:14-18* If good works do not go with it, faith is guite dead.

Mark 8:27-38 The Son of Man is destined to suffer grievously.

Sunday September 22, 2024

18th Sunday after Pentecost [25]

[G] In the Season after Pentecost, use [R1 & Ps].

Jeremiah 11:18-20 (APBA) 'to you I have committed my cause'

Psalm 54:1-4,6 The Lord upholds my life.

James 3:16-4:3* The wisdom that comes from above makes for peace.

Mark 9:30-37 Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me.

Sunday September 29, 2024

19th Sunday after Pentecost [26]

[G] In the Season after Pentecost, use [R1 & Ps].

Numbers 11:16,17,24-29

Psalm 19:7,9,11-13 *The precepts of the Lord gladden the heart.*

James 5:1-6* The Lord hears the cries of those you have cheated.

Mark 9:38-50 [long] Do not stop anyone from working a miracle in my name.

Sunday October 6, 2024

20th Sunday after Pentecost [27]

[G]

In the Season after Pentecost, use [R1 & Ps].

Genesis 2:18-24

Psalm 128:1-5 May the Lord bless us all the days of our life.

Hebrews (longer: 1:1-4,2:5-12) shorter: 2:9-11 The one who sanctifies is the brother of those who are sanctified.

Mark 10:2-16 What God has united, man must not divide.

Sunday October 13, 2024

21st Sunday after Pentecost [28]

[G]

In the Season after Pentecost, use [R1 & Ps].

Amos 5:6-7, 10-15

Psalm 90:12-17 Fill us with your love so that we may rejoice.

Hebrews 4:12-13 The Word of God cuts more finely than a double-edged sword.

Mark 10:17-31 Give everything you own to the poor, and follow me.

Sunday October 20, 2024

22nd Sunday after Pentecost [29]

[G]

In the Season after Pentecost, use [R1 & Ps].

Isaiah 53:10-11 (longer: 53:4-12)

Psalm 33:4,5,18-20,22 May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.

Hebrews 4:14-16* Our high priest is one who has been tempted in every way. Mark 10:35-45 The Son of Man came to give his life as a ransom for many.

Sunday October 27, 2024

23rd Sunday after Pentecost [30]

[G]

In the Season after Pentecost, use [R1 & Ps].

Jeremiah 31:7-9

Psalm 126:1-6 What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad.

Hebrews 5:1-6* 'You are a priest of the order of Melchizedek, and for ever' Mark 10:46-52 Go, your faith has saved you.

Friday November 1, 2024

All Saints' Day

[W]

Readings from APBA Year B.

Wisdom of Solomon 3:1-9

Psalm 24

Revelation 21:1-6a

John 11:32-44

Saturday November 2, 2024 All Souls' Day

[W/V]

NB: no readings in APBA-readings from Canadian Lectionary.

Isaiah 25:6-9

Psalm 23 The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

(various options incl.:) Romans 5:5-11

Mark 15:33-39, 16:1-6

The Innisfail Council of Clergy will determine the date and readings for our ecumenical All Saints' & All Souls' Day service.

Sunday November 3, 2024

24th Sunday after Pentecost [31]

[G]

In the Season after Pentecost, use [R1 & Ps].

Deuteronomy 6:2-6 (1-9 longer reading)

Psalm 119:1-3,6,46,50 *Guide me, Lord, in the way of your commands.*

Hebrews 7:23-28* Christ, because he remains for ever, can never lose his priesthood.

Mark 12:28-34 'You are not far from the kingdom of God'

Sunday November 10, 2024

25th Sunday after Pentecost [32]

[G]

In the Season after Pentecost, use [R1 & Ps]

1 Kings 17:10-16

Psalm 146:6-10 My soul, give praise to the Lord.

Hebrews 9:24-28 Christ, our high priest, has done away with sin by sacrificing himself.

Mark 12:38-44 This poor widow has put in more than all.

Sunday November 17, 2024

26th Sunday after Pentecost [33]

[G]

In the Season after Pentecost, use [R1 & Ps].

Daniel 12:1-3

Psalm 16:5,8-11 Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you.

Hebrews 10:11-14,18 (shorter, AAPB) all sins are forgiven; no more sin-offerings.

Mark 13:1-11 Not one stone will be left here upon another.

[W]

The last Sunday after Pentecost

Daniel 7:(9-10), 13-14

Psalm 93:1-2,5 The Lord is king, with majesty enrobed.

Revelation 1:4b-8 Jesus Christ has made us a line of kings and priests.

John 18:33-37 Yes, I am a king.

THE SEASON OF ADVENT Beginning of a new Church Year: Year C (Luke)

As Advent begins again, a new year also begins in the Church's annual liturgical cycle. For our readings (Lectionary) we now begin the year in which most of the Sunday Gospel readings are from Luke. Special seasons in the year may draw from different Gospel readings.

The liturgical colour for Advent is violet. Although violet is used also in Lent to symbolise the penitential nature of that season, for Advent it symbolises anticipation – the waiting and preparing that is the particular nature of Advent. In some churches, a lighter shade of violet is used to distinguish Advent from Lent.

Sunday December 1, 2024

First Sunday of Advent

[V]

[Hope; Stay Awake] Jeremiah 33:14-16

Psalm 25:4-5,8-9,10,12 To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

1 Thessalonians 3:12 - 4:2

Luke 21:25-36 Your redemption is at hand.

Sunday December 8, 2024

Second Sunday of Advent

[V]

[Peace; Prepare the Way]

Malachi 3:1-14 (AAPB = Aprocr.)

 ${\it Luke~1:68-79~\textbf{\textit{Behold, I am sending a herald before you to prepare the way for}}$

you. (the Song of Zechariah connects with the gospel reading)

Philippians 1:4-6,8-11

Luke 3:1-6 The call of John the Baptist.

Sunday December 15, 2024

Third Sunday of Advent

[V]

[Joy; Rejoice]

Zephaniah 3:14-20

Isaiah 12:2-6 Sing and shout for joy for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

Philippians 4:4-7 The Lord is near.

Luke 3:7-18 What should we do?

Sunday December 22, 2024 Fourth Sunday of Advent

[V]

[Love]

Micah 5:2-5a

Psalm 80:2-3,15-16,18-19 Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.

Hebrews 10:5-10 Behold, I come to do your will.

Luke 1:39-45, (46-55) And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me?

Wednesday December 25, 2024

Christmas

[W]

Midnight Mass

Isaiah 9:1-6

Psalm 96:1-3,11-13 Today a saviour has been born to us: he is Christ the Lord.

Titus 2:11-14 The grace of God has appeared to all.

Luke 2:1-14 Today a Saviour has been born for you.

Wednesday December 25, 2024

Christmas

[W]

At Dawn

Isaiah 62:11-12

Psalm 97:1,6,11,12 *This day new light will shine upon the earth: the Lord is born for us.*

Titus 3:4-7 Because of his mercy, he saved us.

Luke 2:15-20 The shepherds found Mary and Joseph and the infant.