



THE UNITING CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA

# Year 'B' REVISED COMMON LECTIONARY 2017 – 2018

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

## 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
Dec 3 2017	Advent 1	Is 64:1-9	Ps 80:1-7,17-19	1 Cor 1:3-9	Mk 13:24-37	P
Dec 10 2017	Advent 2	Is 40:1-11	Ps 85:1-2,8-13	2 Pt 3:8-15a	Mk 1:1-8	P
Dec 17 2017	Advent 3	Is 61:1-4, 8-11	Ps 126 or Luke 1:46b-55	1 Thes 5:16-24	Jn 1:6-8,19-28	P
Dec 24 2017	Advent 4	2 Sm 7:1-11,16	Lk 1:46b-55 or Ps 89:1-4,19-26	Rom 16:25-27	Lk 1:26-38	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.

Date	Day	First Reading	Psalm	Second Reading	Gospel	C
Dec 25 2017	Christmas Day 1	Is 9:2-7	Ps 96	Ti 2:11-14	Lk 2:1-14, (15-20)	W
	Christmas Day 2	Is 62:6-12	Ps 97	Ti 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 31 2017	Christmas 1	Is 61:10-62:3	Ps 148	Gal 4:4-7	Lk 2:22-40	W
Jan 1 2018	Naming of Jesus	Num 6:22-27	Ps 8	Gal 4:4-7 or Phil 2:5-11	Lk 2:15-21	W
Jan 1 2018	New Year's Day	Ecc 3:1-13	Ps 8	Rev 21:1-6a	Mt 25:31-46	W
Jan 6 2018	Epiphany	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. On the last Sunday, we hear the readings for the Transfiguration of the Lord. The length of this period varies depending on the date of Easter.

Date	Day	First Reading	Psalm	Second Reading	Gospel	C
Jan 7 2018	Baptism of Jesus [1] + First Sunday after Epiphany	Gn 1:1-5	Ps 29	Acts 19:1-7	Mk 1:4-11	W
Jan 14 2018	Epiphany 2 [2]	1 Sm 3:1-10, (11-20)	Ps 139:1-6,13-18	1 Cor 6:12-20	Jn 1:43-51	G
Jan 21 2018	Epiphany 3 [3]	Jon 3:1-5,10	Ps 62:5-12	1 Cor 7:29-31	Mk 1:14-20	G
Jan 28 2018	Epiphany 4 [4]	Dt 18:15-20	Ps 111	1 Cor 8:1-13	Mk 1:21-28	G
Feb 2 2018	Presentation of our Lord	Mal 3:1-4	Ps 84 or Ps 24:7-10	Heb 2:14-18	Lk 2:22-40	G
Feb 4 2018	Epiphany 5 [5]	Is 40:21-31	Ps 147:1-11,20c	1 Cor 9:16-23	Mk 1:29-39	G
Feb 11 2018	Transfiguration	2 Kgs 2:1-12	Ps 50:1-6	2 Cor 4:3-6	Mk 9:2-9	W

## LENT

A season of preparation and discipline that begins with 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. The season is the traditional time to prepare for baptisms and confirmations to be celebrated at the Easter Vigil or on Easter Sunday, or during the season of Easter.

Date	Day	First Reading	Psalm	Second Reading	Gospel	C
Feb 14 2018	Ash Wednesday	Jl 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 18 2018	Lent 1	Gn 9:8-17	Ps 25:1-10	1 Pt 3:18-22	Mk 1:9-15	P
Feb 25 2018	Lent 2	Gn 17:1-7, 15-16	Ps 22:23-31	Rom 4:13-25	Mk 8:31-38	P
Mar 4 2018	Lent 3	Ex 20:1-17	Ps 19	1 Cor 1:18-25	Jn 2:13-22	P
Mar 11 2018	Lent 4	Nm 21:4-9	Ps 107:1-3,17-22	Eph 2:1-10	Jn 3:14-21	P
Mar 18 2018	Lent 5	Jer 31:31-34	Ps 51:1-12 or Ps 119:9-16	Heb 5:5-10	Jn 12:20-33	P
Mar 25 2018	Annunciation of the Lord	Is 7:10-14	Ps 45 or 40:5-10	Heb 10:4-10	Lk 1:26-38	W
Mar 25 2018	Passion Sunday	Is 50:4-9a	Ps 31:9-16	Phil 2:5-11	Mk 14:1-15:47 or Mk 15:1-39,(40-47) P	P
Mar 25 2018	Palm Sunday	Is 50:4-9a	Ps 118:1-2, 19-29	Phil 2:5-11	Mk 11:1-11 or -Jn 12:12-16	P
Mar 26 2018	Monday in Holy Week	Is 42:1-9	Ps 36:5-11	Heb 9:11-15	Jn 12:1-11	P
Mar 27 2018	Tuesday in Holy Week	Is 49:1-7	Ps 71:1-14	1 Cor 1:18-31	Jn 12:20-36	P
Mar 28 2018	Wednesday in Holy Week	Is 50:4-9a	Ps 70	Heb 12:1-3	Jn 13:21-32	P
Mar 29 2018	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 30 2018	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 31 2018	Holy Saturday (during the day)	Job 14:1-4 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

Epiphany readings may be substituted for Jan 1  
UCA Anniversary readings may be substituted for Jun 21

## 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
Apr 1 2018	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			W
	(A minimum of 3 OT readings to be read; Ex 14 & 15 always included)					
Apr 1 2018	Easter Day	Acts 10:34-43 or Is 25:6-9	Ps 118:1-2,14-24	1 Cor 15:1-11 or Acts 10:34-43	Jn 20:1-18 or Mk 16:1-8	W
Apr 1 2018	Easter Evening	Is 25:6-9	Ps 114	1 Cor 5:6b-8	Lk 24:13-49	W
Apr 8 2018	Easter 2	Acts 4:32-35	Ps 133	1 Jn 1:1-2:2	Jn 20:19-31	W
Apr 15 2018	Easter 3	Acts 3:12-19	Ps 4	1 Jn 3:1-7	Lk 24:36b-48	W
Apr 22 2018	Easter 4	Acts 4:5-12	Ps 23	1 Jn 3:16-24	Jn 10:11-18	W
Apr 29 2018	Easter 5	Acts 8:26-40	Ps 22:25-31	1 Jn 4:7-21	Jn 15:1-8	W
May 6 2018	Easter 6	Acts 10:44-48	Ps 98	1 Jn 5:1-6	Jn 15:9-17	W
May 10 2018	Ascension Day	Acts 1:1-11	Ps 47 or Ps 93	Eph 1:15-23	Lk 24:44-53	W
May 13 2018	Easter 7	Acts 1:15-17, 21-26	Ps 1	1 Jn 5:9-13	Jn 17:6-19	W
May 20 2018	Pentecost	Acts 2:1-21 or Ezek 37:1-14	Ps 104:24-34, 35b	Rom 8:22-27 or Acts 2:1-21	Jn 15:26-27; 16:4b-15	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 27 2018	Trinity Sunday	Is 6:1-8	Ps 29	Rom 8:12-17	Jn 3:1-17	W
Jun 3 2018	Pent 2 [9]	1 Sm 3:1-10 (11-20)	Ps 139:1-6, 13-18	2 Cor 4:5-12	Mk 2:23-3:6	G
Jun 10 2018	Pent 3 [10]	1 Sm 8:4-11 (12-15) 16-20 (11:14-15)	Ps 138	2 Cor 4:13-5:1	Mk 3:20-35	G
Jun 17 2018	Pent 4 [11]	1 Sm 15:34-16:13	Ps 20	2 Cor 5:6-10 (11-13) 14-17	Mk 4:26-34	G
Jun 24 2018	Pent 5 [12]	1 Sm 17:(1a,4-11, 19-23),32-49 or 1 Sm 17:57-18:5,10-16	Ps 9:9-20 or Ps 133	2 Cor 6:1-13	Mk 4:35-41	G
Jun 22 2018	UCA Anniversary	2 Chr 30:1-9	Ps 127	Eph 2:19-22	Jn 17:1-11	R
Jul 1 2018	Pent 6 [13]	2 Sm 1:1,17-27	Ps 130	2 Cor 8:7-15	Mk 5:21-43	G
Jul 8 2018	Pent 7 [14]	2 Sm 5:1-5, 9-10	Ps 48	2 Cor 12:2-10	Mk 6:1-13	G
Jul 15 2018	Pent 8 [15]	2 Sm 6:1-5, 12b-19	Ps 24	Eph 1:3-14	Mk 6:14-29	G
Jul 22 2018	Pent 9 [16]	2 Sm 7:1-14a	Ps 89:20-37	Eph 2:11-22	Mk 6:30-34,53-56	G
Jul 29 2018	Pent 10 [17]	2 Sm 11:1-15	Ps 14	Eph 3:14-21	Jn 6:1-21	G
Aug 5 2018	Pent 11 [18]	2 Sm 11:26-12:13a	Ps 51:1-12	Eph 4:1-16	Jn 6:24-35	G
Aug 6 2018	Feast of the Transfiguration	2 Kgs 2:1-12	Ps 50:1-6	2 Cor 4:3-6	Mk 9:2-9	W
Aug 12 2018	Pent 12 [19]	2 Sm 18:5-9, 15,31-33	Ps 130	Eph 4:25-5:2	Jn 6:35,41-51	G
Aug 19 2018	Pent 13 [20]	1 Kgs 2:10-12; 3:3-14	Ps 111	Eph 5:15-20	Jn 6:51-58	G
Aug 26 2018	Pent 14 [21]	1 Kgs 8:(1,6,10-11), 22-30, 41-43	Ps 84	Eph 6:10-20	Jn 6:56-69	G
Sept 2 2018	Pent 15 [22]	Song 2:8-13	Ps 45:1-2,6-9	Jas 1:17-27	Mk 7:1-8,14-15, 21-23	G
Sept 9 2018	Pent 16 [23]	Pv 22:1-2,8-9, 22-25	Ps 125	Jas 2:1-10, (11-13),14-17	Mk 7:24-37	G
Sept 16 2018	Pent 17 [24]	Pv 1:20-33	Ps 19	Jas 3:1-12	Mk 8:27-38	G
Sept 23 2018	Pent 18 [25]	Pv 31:10-31	Ps 1	Jas 3:13-4:3,7-8a	Mk 9:30-37	G
Sept 30 2018	Pent 19 [26]	Est 7:1-6, 9-10;9:20-22	Ps 124	Jas 5:13-20	Mk 9:38-50	G
Oct 7 2018	Pent 20 [27]	Jb 1:1,2:1-10	Ps 26	Heb 1:1-4;2:5-12	Mk 10:2-16	G
Oct 14 2018	Pent 21 [28]	Jb 23:1-9,16-17	Ps 22:1-15	Heb 4:12-16	Mk 10:17-31	G
Oct 21 2018	Pent 22 [29]	Jb 38:1-7,(34-41)	Ps 104:1-9,24,35c	Heb 5:1-10	Mk 10:35-45	G
Oct 28 2018	Pent 23 [30]	Jb 42:1-6,10-17	Ps 34:1-8,(19-22)	Heb 7:23-28	Mk 10:46-52	G
Nov 1 2018	All Saints Day	Is 25:6-9	Ps 24	Rev 21:1-6a	Jn 11:32-44	W
Nov 4 2018	Pent 24 [31]	Ru 1:1-18	Ps 146	Heb 9:11-14	Mk 12:28-34	G
Nov 11 2018	Pent 25 [32]	Ru 3:1-5,4:13-17	Ps 127	Heb 9:24-28	Mk 12:38-44	G
Nov 18 2018	Pent 26 [33]	1 Sm 1:4-20	1 Sm 2:1-10	Heb 10:11-14, (15-18), 19-25	Mk 13:1-8	G
Nov 25 2018	Christ the King/ Reign of Christ	2 Sm 23:1-7	Ps 132:1-12, (13-18)	Rv 1:4b-8	Jn 18:33-37	W

Keep up to date with our Website at - <http://assembly.uca.org.au/TD/worship>

- 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.

## ORTHODOX DATES

GREAT FRIDAY	6 April 2018
EASTER	8 April 2018
PENTECOST	27 May 2018

(These days may be mentioned in prayers of intercession as appropriate in the local context. Information can be found about these dates from various sources, including the internet.)

World AIDS Day	1 December
International Day of Persons with Disabilities	3 December
Human Rights Day	10 December
World Day of Social Justice	20 February
International Women's Day	8 March
World Health Day	7 April
Earth Day	22 April
Yom Ha Shoah Day (The Holocaust)	11 April
Ramadan begins	15 May; ends 14 June
World Environment Day	5 June
World Refugee Day	20 June
World Day against Trafficking in Persons	30 July
Hiroshima Day	6 August
International Youth Day	12 August
Universal Children's Day	20 November
International Day for Tolerance	16 November
United Nations Day	24 October
International Day for the Eradication of Poverty	17 October
World Mental Health Day	10 October
International Day of Older Persons	1 October
Muslim New Year	21 September
World Suicide Prevention Day	10 September
Jewish New Year	10 September
World Day of Prayer for Christian Unity	12 May – 20 May
World Day of Prayer 2 March	
Reconciliation Week	27 May – 2 June
Frontier Services Month	September
Season of Creation	September

**Calendar of Additional Community and Multi-faith Dates**

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The Assembly Working Group on Worship offers the Lectionary to the Church as a resource for personal and community reflection, with the prayer that as we gather for worship and for study we will continue to grow closer to Christ who calls us to the ministry of discipleship, through the Spirit who takes our frail offerings and multiplies them into divine gifts, for the glory of God who created, sustains and renews us for eternity.

Each time we, as Worship Leaders and Preachers, reflect on this Gospel it must be with the expectation found in the life and ministry of Jesus (Mark 14:62 - Passion Sunday). But this Gospel focuses on a secret (see Mark 8:30 – Pentecost 17); the secret is that the Kingdom of God is near (Mark 1:15 – Lent 1) and that the fullest expression of the Kingdom is chronologically the first, and (incidentally) the only gospel which calls itself so (see Mark 1:1 – Advent 2). Of the gospels that have come down to us through the generations, the Gospel of Mark is transformed, and calls us into fuller participation in his ministry to the world. People become more aware that Jesus participates in our lives, provides ways in which we can be people, how he healed and taught them, and how he enabled them to follow on his way. These same stories are to be shared in our day, with the same expectation – that they will help shared in the Early Church and provided ways for people to understand how Jesus connected with the Holy Spirit is present in our lives and calls us to ongoing discipleship. Stories about Jesus were who gather to celebrate the Christian faith into the ways in which God through Jesus Christ and Worship Leaders and Preachers are charged with the responsibility of providing insight for the people

**Lectionary Notes – Year of Mark**

# Calendar and Lectionary

## of the UNITED CHURCH Year B 2017 - 2018

**'The United 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 United 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*



THE UNITED CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA  
**NATIONAL WORKING GROUP ON WORSHIP**

**Special Days/Weeks 2018**

The *Basis of Union* reminds us that the United Church "believes that Christians in Australia are called to bear witness to a unity of faith and life in Christ which transcends cultural and economic, national and racial boundaries ..." (Para 2). One implication of this has led the Church to enter into conversation not only with other Christian denominations, but also with representatives of other religions and social and community groups.

The Working Group on Worship, at the request of the Christian Unity Working Group and the Relations with Other Faiths Working Group, has prepared a "Calendar of Additional Community and Multi-faith Dates" for use in the United Church. The Working Group on Worship expects that the Calendar will be used both in times of community worship and reflection and in personal devotional time.

World Day of Prayer 2 March  
Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 12 May – 20 May  
Somay Day 26 May

Resources are available for these dates from such organisations as National Council of Churches in Australia, National Reconciliation Week, Seasons of the Spirit and United Church Working Groups

**Commentaries and Resources for the Gospel of Mark**

\*Bright, N.T. *Mark for Everyone* Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press, 2001.  
\*Allithorn, D.O. *Preaching the Gospel of Mark* Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press, 2008.  
\*Packer, W.C. *Mark* Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press, 2010.  
\*Bohng, M.E. *Mark: A Commentary* Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press, 2012.  
Gundry, R.H.  
Hare, D.R.A. *Mark* Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press, 1996.  
- Not technical, focus on use for preaching and teaching.

**Mark Texts**

Giulka, Joachim. 2006. *Mark. 2 Volumes*. Translated by Yong Ok Kim et al. Seoul: Korea Theological Study Institute.  
Williams, Lemar Jr. 2001. *Mark*. Translated by Ki Cheon So. Seoul: FCK Publishing House.  
Dr Soom Park. *Commentary on the gospel of Mark* (Daehan Kidokyo Seon, Seoul, South Korea, 1996)  
Mokhoi and Sinhak *Commentary Series, Commentary on Mark's gospel* (edited by Mokhoi and Sinhak) (Tyrannus Academy, Seoul, South Korea, 2009)

**Korean Text**

Barrett, C.K. 2006. *John. 2 volumes*. Translated by Yong Ok Kim et al. Seoul: Korea Theological Study Institute.

**Resources to use with the Lectionary**

\*"12 Months of Sundays: reflections on Bible Readings"–Year B. London: SPCK.  
\*The *Abingdon Preaching Annual 2018* edited by David N Mossler, plus interactive CD-Rom. Sermon helps include lectionary based sermons for each Sunday and special liturgical events of the year.  
\**Prayers to Share – Year B* 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.  
\**Words for Worship* published by MediaCom Education Inc, contains contemporary, scriptural and relevant prayers based on the RCL text and themes.  
\**Worship Resource* by William H Williamson, has become the serious preacher's best homiletical aid for crafting sermons that communicate, all selected and honed to the RCL text and themes.  
Blown Taylor. 4 Volumes. Westminster John Knox Press.  
\**Feasting on the Word – Year B – Preaching the Revised Common Lectionary* – Editors: David L Bartlett and Barbara Abingdon Press.

\*SeasonsFUSION – see www.seasonsonline.org.au

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### 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 (Moira Laidlaw) <http://www.liturgiesonline.com.au>
- Mustard Seeds (Ann Scull) <http://www.seedstuff.blogspot.com/>
- The Billabong. <http://thebillabong.info> (Rev Jeff Shrowder)
- 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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