



# Matthew

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LECTIONARY  
& CALENDAR  
2004 – 2005

# Calendar and Lectionary

## Introduction

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**Calendar** This Calendar shows the dates of the church's festivals in the current year. It also shows dates of other important national, international and ecumenical celebrations and days of remembrance.

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**Lectionary** The Lectionary is a method by which, over a period of three years, much of the *Bible* is read aloud in Church.

Full coverage requires Bible readings every day of the year. This Lectionary, being oriented towards worship, includes readings for every Sunday and major festivals when they fall during the week. The one exception to this is Holy Week, which is given in full.

No reading is mandatory and inclusion of any particular passage does not necessarily imply its suitability as a theme for worship. Some readings need to be used with particular sensitivity especially in light of, for example, new understandings of gender roles and the church's relationship with other faiths.

This Lectionary and Calendar follows the *Common Lectionary Revised (1992)* produced by the Consultation on Common Texts, an ecumenical liturgical body in North America that consults across many denominations in different countries.

The *Common Lectionary Revised (1992)* represents a significant revision of the *Common Lectionary*, taking into account concerns about too few narrative stories from the First Testament and too few stories about the role of women in sacred history. Other changes give improved continuity of readings and do better justice to the literary and historical integrity of the Psalms.

Broadly speaking, each year is ordered according to the liturgical year, observing the church seasons such as Christmas, Easter and Pentecost.

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<b>Advent</b>	The season of preparation which begins on the fourth Sunday before Christmas and in which the church recalls its hope and expectancy in the comings of Christ, past, present and future.
<b>Christmas</b>	The Christmas-Epiphany season includes Christmas Day and the twelve following days of Christmas. Recalling the stories of the birth and infancy of Christ, the church celebrates the wonder of the incarnation.
<b>Epiphany</b>	The period of several weeks in which the church reflects on the manifestation of Christ to all peoples.
<b>Lent</b>	The season of preparation and discipline, which begins on Ash Wednesday and concludes at sun-down 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 Christian discipleship.
<b>Easter</b>	The Great Fifty Days of the Easter-Pentecost season include eight Sundays. Beginning on Easter Day and concluding on the Day of Pentecost, this season celebrates the resurrection and ascension of Christ and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.
<b>Pentecost</b>	The period during which the church recalls its faith in God the Holy Trinity and seeks to relate its faith as the people of God to Christ's mission to the world.
<b>Ordinary Readings</b>	Year 1 in the three year cycle of readings is usually referred to as "The Year of Matthew", Year 2 "Mark", Year 3 "Luke". Readings from John's Gospel are included mainly in Lent and Easter. Generally, the Gospel reading sets the theme for the day. The other three readings are chosen to complement the Gospel reading in a variety of ways. Sometimes a 'harmony of theme' is followed; sometimes one reading is a 'comment' or meditation upon another. At other times readings appear because of the eucharistic nature of Sunday worship or to maintain a semi-continuous reading of a long passage.

<b>Alternative and Additional Readings</b>	Dates shown with an asterisk (*) alongside denote special occasions, which are listed at the back of the Lectionary. Preachers are encouraged to read and make use of parallel passages alongside the given Gospel reading, where they occur. This year's edition of the <i>Lectionary</i> includes minor revisions of the alternative and additional readings.
<b>Terminology</b>	In keeping with modern understandings of Scripture and sensitivity to other traditions, readers in church are encouraged to refer to the first main section of the Bible as the First Testament, or the first reading rather than the Old Testament.
<b>Liturgical Colours</b>	These apply to church decorations and the vestments of worship leaders during the church year. The Lectionary shows the basic pattern, although practices vary slightly from place to place.
	<b>Abbreviations are:</b> V = violet or purple (preparation; Advent and Lent) W = white (light, joy; Christmas, Easter, infant baptism, weddings) R = red (fire, Spirit; Pentecost, ordination, induction, sometimes adult baptism, and for the funeral of a 'saint' of the Church) G = green (growth; 'ordinary' days from Pentecost to Advent)

# Lectionary and Calendar 2004-2005

Abbreviations and versification are according to the New RSV.

Verse references in brackets indicate optional, extended readings.

Date	Clr	First Reading	Psalm	Second Reading	Gospel
<b>2004</b>					
<b>ADVENT</b>					
November 28 Advent 1	V	Is 2: 1-5	Ps 122	Rom 13: 11-14	Mt 24: 36-44
December 5 Advent 2	V	Is 11: 1-10	Ps 72: 1-7, 18-19	Rom 15: 4-13	Mt 3: 1-12
December 12 Advent 3	V	Is 35: 1-10	Ps 146: 5-10 <i>or</i> Lk 1: 47-55	James 5: 7-10	Mt 11: 2-11
December 19 Advent 4	V	Is 7: 10-16	Ps 80: 1-7, 17-19	Rom 1: 1-7	Mt 1: 18-25
<b>CHRISTMAS</b>					
December 24 Christmas Eve	W	Is 9: 2-7	Ps 96	Titus 2: 11-14	Lk 2:1-14, (15-20)
December 25 Christmas Dawn	W	Is 62: 6-12	Ps 97	Titus 3: 4-7	Lk 2: (1-7), 8-20
December 25 Christmas Day	W	Is 52: 7-10	Ps 98	Heb 1: 1-4 (5-12)	Jn 1: 1-14
December 26 Christmas 1	W	Is 63: 7-9	Ps 148	Heb 2: 10-18	Mt 2: 13-23
<b>2005</b>					
January 2 Christmas 2	W	Jer 31: 7-14 <i>or</i> Sirach 24: 1-12	Ps 147: 12-20 <i>or</i> Wis 10: 15-21	Eph 1: 3-14	Jn 1: (1-9), 10-18
<b>EPHIPANY</b>					
January 6 Epiphany <sup>1</sup> [see footnote]	W	Is 60: 1-6	Ps 72: 1-7, 10-14	Eph 3: 1-12	Mt 2: 1-12
January 9 Epiphany 1 (Baptism of Jesus)	W	Is 42: 1-9	Ps 29	Acts 10: 34-43	Mt 3: 13-17

<sup>1</sup> According to the *Common Lectionary Revised* Epiphany may be celebrated on the date shown or on the first Sunday in January

Date	Clr	First Reading	Psalm	Second Reading	Gospel
January 16 Epiphany 2	G	Is 49: 1-7	Ps 40: 1-11	1 Cor 1: 1-9	Jn 1: 29-42
January 23 Epiphany 3	G	Is 9: 1-4,	Ps 27: 1, 4-9	1 Cor 1: 10-18	Mt 4: 12-23
January 30 Epiphany 4	G	Micah 6: 1-8	Ps 15	1 Cor 1: 18-31	Mt 5: 1-12
February 6* Epiphany 5 <i>or</i> Transfiguration	G <i>or</i> W	Is 58: 1-9a, (9b-12) <i>or</i> Ex 24: 12-18	Ps 112: 1-9, (10) <i>or</i> Ps 2 <i>or</i> Ps 99	1 Cor 2: 1-12, (13-16) <i>or</i> 2 Peter 1: 16-21	Mt 5: 13-20 <i>or</i> Mt 17: 1-9
<b>LENT</b>					
February 9 Ash Wednesday	V	Joel 2: 1-2, 12-17 <i>or</i> Is 58: 1-12	Ps 51: 1-17	2 Cor 5: 20b – 6: 10	Mt 6: 1-6, 16-21
February 13 Lent 1	V	Gen 2: 15-17 3: 1-7	Ps 32	Rom 5: 12-19	Mt 4: 1-11
February 20 Lent 2	V	Gen 12: 1-4a	Ps 121	Rom 4: 1-5, 13-17	Jn 3: 1-17 <i>or</i> Mt 17: 1-9
February 27 Lent 3	V	Ex 17: 1-7	Ps 95	Rom 5: 1-11	Jn 4: 5-42
March 6 Lent 4	V	1 Sam 16: 1-13	Ps 23	Eph 5: 8-14	Jn 9: 1-41
March 13 Lent 5	V	Ez 37: 1-14	Ps 130	Rom 8: 6-11	Jn 11: 1-45
March 20 Lent 6 Palm Sunday <i>or</i> Passion Sunday	V	None <i>or</i> Is 50: 4-9a	Ps 118: 1-2, 19-29 <i>or</i> Ps 31: 9-16	None <i>or</i> Phil 2: 5-11	<i>Palm</i> Mt 21: 1-11 <i>Passion</i> Mt 26:14– 27: 66 <i>or</i> Mt 27:11-54

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<b>HOLY WEEK</b>					
March 21 Monday	V	Is 42: 1-9	Ps 36: 5-11	Heb 9: 11-15	Jn 12: 1-11
March 22 Tuesday	V	Is 49: 1-7	Ps 71: 1-14	1 Cor 1: 18-31	Jn 12: 20-36
March 23 Wednesday	V	Is 50: 4-9a	Ps 70	Heb 12: 1-3	Jn 13: 21-32
March 24 Maundy Thursday	V	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
March 25 Good Friday	V	Is 52: 13– 53: 12	Ps 22	Heb 10: 16-25 <i>or</i> Heb 4:14-16; 5: 7-9	Jn 18: 1– 19: 42
March 26 Holy Saturday	V	Job 14:1-14 <i>or</i> Lam 3: 1-9, 19-24	Ps 31: 1-4, 15-16	1 Peter 4: 1-8	Mt 27: 57-66 <i>or</i> Jn 19: 38-42
<b>EASTER</b>					
March 27 Easter Dawn	W	Ex 14: 10-31; 15: 20-21	Ps 114	Rom 6: 3-11	Mt 28: 1-10
March 27 Easter Day	W	Acts 10: 34-43 <i>or</i> Jer 31: 1-6	Ps 118: 1-2, 14-24	Col 3: 1-4 <i>or</i> Acts 10: 34-43	Jn 20: 1-18 <i>or</i> Mt 28: 1-10
April 3 Easter 2	W	Acts 2: 14a, 22-32	Ps 16	1 Peter 1: 3-9	Jn 20: 19-31
April 10 Easter 3	W	Acts 2: 14a, 36-41	Ps 116: 1-4, 12-19	1 Peter 1: 17-23	Lk 24: 13-35
April 17 Easter 4	W	Acts 2: 42-47	Ps 23	1 Peter 2: 19-25	Jn 10: 1-10
April 24* Easter 5	W	Acts 7: 55-60	Ps 31: 1-5, 15-16	1 Peter 2: 2-10	Jn 14: 1-14

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May 1* Easter 6	W	Acts 17: 22-31	Ps 66: 8-20	1 Peter 3: 13-22	Jn 14: 15-21
May 5 Ascension <sup>2</sup> [see footnote]	W	Acts 1: 1-11	Ps 47 <i>or</i> Ps 93	Eph 1: 15-23	Lk 24: 44-53
May 8** Easter 7	W	Acts 1: 6-14	Ps 68: 1-10, 32-35	1 Peter 4: 12-14; 5:6-11	Jn 17: 1-11
<b>PENTECOST</b>					
May 15 Pentecost	R	Acts 2: 1-21 <i>or</i> Num 11: 24-30	Ps 104: 24-34, 35b	1 Cor 12: 3b-13 <i>or</i> Acts 2: 1-21	Jn 20: 19-23 <i>or</i> Jn 7: 37-39
May 22* Trinity	W	Gen 1: 1– 2:4a	Ps 8	2 Cor 13: 11-13	Mt 28: 16-20
May 29 Pentecost 2	G	Gen 6: 9-22; 7:24; 8:14-19	Ps 46	Rm 1: 16-17; 3: 22b-28, (29-31)	Mt 7: 21-29
June 5 Pentecost 3	G	Gen 12: 1-9	Ps 33: 1-12	Rm 4: 13-25	Mt 9: 9-13, 18-26
June 12 Pentecost 4	G	Gen 18: 1-15, (21: 1-7)	Ps 116: 1-2, 12-19	Rm 5: 1-8	Mt 9: 35– 10: 8, (9-23)
June 19 Pentecost 5	G	Gen 21: 8-21	Ps 86: 1-10, 16-17	Rm 6:1b-11	Mt 10: 24-39
June 26 Pentecost 6	G	Gen 22: 1-14	Ps 13	Rm 6: 12-23	Mt 10: 40-42
July 3* Pentecost 7	G	Gen 24: 34-38, 42-49, 58-67	Ps 45: 10-17 <i>or</i> Song Sol 2: 8-13	Rm 7: 15-25a	Mt 11: 16-19, 25-30
July 10 Pentecost 8	G	Gen 25: 19-34	Ps 119: 105-112	Rm 8: 1-11	Mt 13: 1-9, 18-23

<sup>2</sup> According to the *Common Lectionary Revised* Ascension may be celebrated on the date shown or on Easter 7.

Date	Clr	First Reading	Psalms	Second Reading	Gospel
July 17* Pentecost 9	G	Gen 28: 10-19a	Ps 139: 1-12, 23-24	Rm 8: 12-25	Mt 13: 24-30, 36-43
July 24 Pentecost 10	G	Gen 29: 15-28	Ps 105: 1-11, 45b or Ps 128	Rm 8: 26-39	Mt 13: 31-33, 44-52
July 31 Pentecost 11	G	Gen 32: 22-31	Ps 17: 1-7, 15	Rm 9: 1-5	Mt 14: 13-21
August 7* Pentecost 12	G	Gen 37: 1-4, 12-28	Ps 105: 1-6, 16-22, 45b	Rm 10: 5-15	Mt 14: 22-33
August 14* Pentecost 13	G	Gen 45: 1-15	Ps 133	Rm 11: 1-2a, 29-32	Mt 15: (10-20), 21-28
August 21* Pentecost 14	G	Ex 1: 8– 2: 10	Ps 124	Rm 12: 1-8	Mt 16: 13-20
August 28* Pentecost 15	G	Ex 3: 1-15	Ps 105: 1-6, 23-26, 45c	Rm 12: 9-21	Mt 16: 21-28
September 4* Pentecost 16	G	Ex 12: 1-14	Ps 149	Rm 13: 8-14	Mt 18: 15-20
September 11 Pentecost 17	G	Ex 14: 19-31	Ps 114 <i>or</i> Ex 15: 1b-11, 20-21	Rm 14: 1-12	Mt 18: 21-35
September 18 Pentecost 18	G	Ex 16: 2-15	Ps 105: 1-6, 37-45	Phil 1: 21-30	Mt 20: 1-16
September 25* Pentecost 19	G	Ex 17: 1-7	Ps 78: 1-4, 12-16	Phil 2: 1-13	Mt 21: 23-32
October 2* Pentecost 20	G	Ex 20: 1-4, 7-9, 12-20	Ps 19	Phil 3: 4b-14	Mt 21: 33-46

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October 9* Pentecost 21	G	Ex 32: 1-14	Ps 106: 1-6, 19-23	Phil 4: 1-9	Mt 22: 1-14
October 16 Pentecost 22	G	Ex 33: 12-23	Ps 99	1 Thes 1: 1-10	Mt 22: 15-22
October 23* Pentecost 23	G	Deut 34: 1-12	Ps 90: 1-6, 13-17	1 Thes 2: 1-8	Mt 22: 34-46
October 30* Pentecost 24	G	Josh 3: 7-17	Ps 107: 1-7, 33-37	1 Thes 2: 9-13	Mt 23: 1-12
November 1 All Saints <sup>3</sup> [see footnote]	W	Rev 7: 9-17	Ps 34: 1-10, 22	1 Jn 3: 1-3	Mt 5: 1-12
November 6 Pentecost 25	G	Josh 24: 1-3a, 14-25	Ps 78: 1-7	1 Thes 4: 13-18	Mt 25: 1-13
November 13 Pentecost 26	G	Judg 4: 1-7	Ps 123	1 Thes 5: 1-11	Mt 25: 14-30
November 20 Reign of Christ	W	Ez 34: 11-16, 20-24	Ps 100	Eph 1: 15-23	Mt 25: 31-46

<sup>3</sup> According to the *Common Lectionary Revised* All Saints may be celebrated on the date shown or on the first Sunday in November

## Special Occasions & Additional Passages

Date	First Reading	Psalm	Second Reading	Gospel
<b>Watchnight or End of Year Service</b>	Eccl 3: 1-15	Ps 90	1 Thes 5: 1-11	Mt 24: 32-51
<b>New Year's Service</b>	Eccl 3: 1-13	Ps 8	Rev 21: 1-6a	Mt 25: 31-46
First full week of the year (Monday to Saturday) – Tongan and Samoan Methodists hold meetings for prayer morning and evening in preparation for the coming year.				
<b>Covenant Sunday</b>	Jer 31: 31-33 or Deut 7: 7-11	Ps 25: 4-15	Rom 12: 1-2	Jn 15:1-8
<b>Waitangi Day – or Sunday nearest 6th Feb</b>	Deut 10: 12-21	Ps 144: 9-15	1 Cor 1: 26-31	Mt 6: 19-24
<b>World Day of Prayer – 1st Friday in March</b>				
<b>Anzac Day – or Sunday nearest 25th April:</b>	Is 52: 7-12	Ps 76	Eph 6: 10-20	Lk 6: 27-36
<b>Faka-Me – 1st Sunday in May: Special Sunday for Tongan children and youth.</b>				
<b>Home and Family Sunday – 2nd Sunday in May (Mother's Day)</b>	Is 66: 10-13	Ps 84: 1-4	1 Jn 4: 7-12, 20-21	Lk 2: 40-52
<b>Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (Ascension to Pentecost).</b> Readings and other resources available from CCANZ, Private Bag 11903, Ellerslie, Auckland.				
<b>Wesley Day – Sunday preceding/on 24 May</b>	Is 12: 1-6	Ps 130	2 Peter 1: 1-11	Mt 9: 35 – 10:16
<b>Asia Sunday – Sunday before Pentecost:</b>				
<b>World Refugee Day – June 20 (or the Sunday immediately after)</b>				
<b>Bible Sunday – 3rd Sunday in July (Worship and Christian Education resources available annually from the Bible Society)</b>				
<b>Maori Language Week – begins 3rd Sunday in July</b>				

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<b>Hiroshima Day (August 6) or Peace Sunday (Sunday nearest Aug 6)</b>	Micah 4: 1-4	Ps 85	2 Cor 5: 16-20	Jn 20: 19-21 or Mt 5: 1-12
<b>Lay Preachers' Sunday – 2nd Sunday in August</b>				
<b>Youth Sunday – 3rd or 4th Sunday in August</b>				
<b>Samoan Fathers' Day – 1st Sunday in September</b>				
<b>Citizenship Sunday – 4th Sunday in September.</b>				
<b>World Communion Sunday – 1st Sunday in October:</b>	Jer 1: 4-10	Ps 96	1 Peter 2: 4-10	Mt 28: 16-20
<b>White Sunday – 2nd Sunday in October: Special Sunday for Samoan children and youth.</b>				
<b>Week of Prayer for World Peace – 3rd to 4th Sunday in October.</b>				
<b>Industrial Sunday – Sunday preceding Labour Day (4th Monday in October). In Methodist Churches the "Social Principles" may be read.</b>				
<b>Reformers of the Church – October 31 (or Sunday nearest)</b>	Amos 5: 14-24	Ps 106: 1-12	1 Peter 2: 1-10	Lk 6: 46-49
<b>Spring or Flower Services</b>	Gen 1: 1-5, 11-13	Ps 104	1 Cor 3: 1-9	Mt 13: 24-30
<b>Harvest Thanksgiving</b>	Deut 26: 1-11	Ps 126	Gal 6: 6-10	Mt 13: 1-13, 18-23
<b>Dedication of Buildings</b>	Is 56: 1-7	Ps 150	Heb 10: 19-25	Mt 21: 12-16
<b>Church Anniversary</b>	Ex 13: 3-10	Ps 84	1 Peter 2: 1-5	Mt 21: 12-16
<b>Members' Sunday</b>	Joshua 24: 1-24	Ps 105: 1-11	1 Cor 12: 12-27	Mt 22: 1-14
<b>Induction Service</b>	Is 40: 1-9	Ps 96	2 Tim 1: 8-14	Mt 9: 35-38
<b>Vocations Sunday</b>	Jer 1: 1-10	Ps 139: 1-18, 23-24	1 Cor 12: 4-13	Mk 10: 35-45