



Lectionary & Calendar

2024 – 2025

Year C – Luke

Calendar and Lectionary

Introduction

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

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.

This Lectionary and Calendar follows the *Common Lectionary Revised (1992)* produced by the ecumenical liturgical body the Consultation on Common Texts (CCT), and is produced by permission of the CCT as a service to parishes and preachers. Neither the MCNZ nor the PCANZ is responsible for the inclusion or exclusion of any particular reading. 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.

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

Advent 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.

Christmas	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 mystery of the incarnation.
Epiphany	The period of several weeks in which the church reflects on the manifestation of Christ to all peoples.
Lent	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 sacrificial life and ministry of Jesus leading to the cross and renews its commitment to Christian discipleship.
Easter	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.
Pentecost	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.
Ordinary Readings	Year A in the three-year cycle is referred to as "The Year of Matthew", Year B "Mark", and Year C "Luke". Readings from John's Gospel are included mainly in Lent and Easter. NB During Ordinary Time, apart from the Psalm which is chosen as a response to the First Testament (or first) reading, the readings from First Testament, Epistle, and Gospel are not chosen to relate to one another. Instead, these readings follow three different "streams" of texts semi-continuously over a period of weeks. (Unless you are following the alternate complementary RCL readings, the only exceptions are Trinity Sunday, All Saints Day and Reign of Christ when a single theme is followed.) Those planning worship through this season should pick just one of these passages to set the service theme. The others can be included as readings.

Additional Readings 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.

Terminology In keeping with modern understandings of Scripture and sensitivity to other traditions, readers of the Bible in worship are encouraged to indicate that they are about to give “a reading...” (from, eg, Ps 119, the book of Genesis, John’s Gospel) rather than unnecessarily referring to the Old Testament or New Testament.

Liturgical Colours 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.

Abbreviations are:

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)

Index Numbers Next to each date there is a number (eg 42C). This is the COCU (Consultation on Church Union) indexing system. Due to the moveable feasts in the calendar, the cycle of readings does not exactly repeat every three years. For example, Pentecost 2 in Year B may have different readings from one cycle to the next. The COCU number allows cross referencing to the same readings in a previous cycle. This means that you will be able to access archived copies of previous years’ lectionary resources for a given week.

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Abbreviations and versification are according to the NRSV.

Verse references in brackets indicate optional, extended readings.

Date	Clr	First Reading	Psalm	Second Reading	Gospel
2024					
ADVENT					
December 1 Advent 1 01C	V	Jer 33:14-16	Ps 25:1-10	1 Thes 3:9-13	Lk 21:25-36
December 8 Advent 2 02C	V	Bar 5:1-9 or Mal 3:1-4	Lk 1:68-79	Phil 1:3-11	Lk 3:1-6
December 15 Advent 3 03C	V	Zeph 3:14-20	Is 12:2-6	Phil 4:4-7	Lk 3:7-18
December 22 Advent 4 04C	V	Mic 5:2-5a	Ps 80:1-7	Heb 10:5-10	Lk 1:39-45, (46-55)
CHRISTMAS Christmas Eve and Christmas Day 05C					
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 29 Christmas 1 06C	W	1 Sam 2:18-20, 26	Ps 148	Col 3:12-17	Lk 2:41-52
2025					
January 5 Christmas 2 07C	W	Jer 3:1-7	Ps 147:12-20	Eph 1:3-14	Jn 1:(1-9), 10-18
EPIPHANY					
January 6 Epiphany 08C	W	Is 60:1-6	Ps 72:1-7, 10-14	Eph 3:1-12	Mt 2:1-12
January 12 Epiphany 1 09C (<i>Baptism of Jesus</i>)	W	Is 43:1-7	Ps 29	Acts 8:14-17	Lk 3:15-17, 21-22
January 19 * Epiphany 2 10C	G	Is 62:1-5	Ps 36:5-10	1 Cor 12:1-11	Jn 2:1-11

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January 26 Epiphany 3 11C	G	Neh 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10	Ps 19	1 Cor 12: 12-31a	Lk 4:14-21
February 2 Epiphany 4 12C	G	Jer 1:4-10	Ps 71:1-6	1 Cor 13: 1- 13	Lk 4:21-30
February 9 * Epiphany 5 13C	G	Is 6:1-8 (9-13)	Ps 138	1 Cor 15: 1-11	Lk 5:1-11
February 16 Epiphany 6 14C	G	Jer 17:5-10	Ps 1	1 Cor 15: 12-20	Lk 6:17-26
February 23 Epiphany 7 15C	G	Gen 45: 3-11,15	Ps 37:1-11, 39-40	1 Cor 15: 35-38, 42-50	Lk 6:27-38
March 2 Transfiguration 17C	W	Ex 34: 29-35	Ps 99	2 Cor 3: 12-4: 2	Lk 9:28-36, (37-43a)
LENT					
March 5 Ash Wednesday 18C	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
March 9 Lent 1 19C	V	Deut 26: 1-11	Ps 91:1-2, 9- 16	Rom 10: 8b-13	Lk 4:1-13
March 16 Lent 2 20C	V	Gen 15:1-12, 17- 18	Ps 27	Phil 3:17-4:1	Lk 13: 31-35 <i>or</i> Lk 9:28-36
March 23 Lent 3 21C	V	Is 55:1-9	Ps 63:1-8	1 Cor 10: 1-13	Lk 13:1-9
March 30 Lent 4 22C	V	Josh 5:9-12	Ps 32	2 Cor 5: 16-21	Lk 15:1-3, 11b-32
April 6 Lent 5 23C	V	Is 43:16-21	Ps 126	Phil 3:4b-14	Jn 12:1-8
April 13 Lent 6 24C Palm Sunday <i>or</i> Passion Sunday	V	None <i>or</i> Is 50:4-9	Ps118:1-2, 19-29 <i>or</i> Ps 31:9-16	None <i>or</i> Phil 2:5-11	Palm Lk 19:28-40 Passion Lk 22:14- 23:56 <i>or</i> Lk 23:1-49
HOLY WEEK					
April 14 Monday 25C	V	Is 42:1-9	Ps 36:5-11	Heb 9: 11-15	Jn 12:1-11
April 15 Tuesday 26C	V	Is 49:1-7	Ps 71:1-14	1 Cor 1: 18-31	Jn 12:20-36

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April 16 Wednesday 27C	V	Is 50:4-9a	Ps 70	Heb 12:1-3	Jn 13:21-32
April 17 Maundy Thursday 28C	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
April 18 Good Friday 29C	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
April 19 Holy Saturday 30C	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
EASTER					
April 20 Easter Dawn 31C	W	Ex 14:10-31, 15:20-21	Ps 114	Rom 6:3-11	Lk 24:1-12
April 20 Easter Day 31C	W	Acts 10: 34-43 <i>or</i> Is 65:17-25	Ps 118:1-2, 14-24	1 Cor 15: 19-26 <i>or</i> Acts 10: 34-43	Jn 20:1-18 <i>or</i> Lk 24:1-12
April 27 * Easter 2 32C	W	Acts 5:27-32	Ps 118: 14-29 <i>or</i> Ps 150	Rev 1:4-8	Jn 20:19-31
May 4 * Easter 3 33C	W	Acts 9:1-6, (7-20)	Ps 30	Rev 5:11-14	Jn 21:1-19
May 11 * Easter 4 34C	W	Acts 9:36-43	Ps 23	Rev 7:9-17	Jn 10:22-30
May 18 * Easter 5 35C	W	Acts 11:1-18	Ps 148	Rev 21:1-6	Jn 13:31-35
May 25 Easter 6 36C	W	Acts 16:9-15	Ps 67	Rev 21:10, 22-22:5	Jn 14: 23-29 <i>or</i> Jn 5:1-9
May 29 Ascension 37C ¹ [see footnote]	W	Acts 1:1-11	Ps 47 <i>or</i> Ps 93	Eph 1:15-23	Lk 24:44-53

¹ According to the *Common Lectionary Revised* Ascension may be celebrated on the date shown or on Easter 7.

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June 1 * Easter 7 38C	W	Acts 16: 16-34	Ps 97	Rev 22:12- 14, 16- 17, 20-21	Jn 17:20-26
PENTECOST					
June 8 * Pentecost 39C	R	Gen 11:1-9	Ps 104: 24-34, 35b	Acts 2:1-21	Jn 14:8-17 (25-27)
June 15 * Trinity 40C	W	Prov 8:1-4, 22-31	Ps 8	Rom 5:1-5	Jn 16:12-15
41C to 43C not used this year					
June 22 * Pentecost 2 44C	G	1 Kgs 19:1-4, (5-7), 8-15a	Ps 42 & 43	Gal 3:23-29	Lk 8:26-39
June 29 Pentecost 3 45C	G	2 Kgs 2:1-2, 6-14	Ps 77:1-2, 11-20	Gal 5:1, 13-25	Lk 9:51-62
July 6 Pentecost 4 46C	G	2 Kgs 5:1-14	Ps 30	Gal 6:(1-6), 7-16	Lk 10:1-11, 16-20
July 13 Pentecost 5 47C	G	Amos 7:7-17	Ps 82	Col 1:1-14	Lk 10:25-37
July 20 Pentecost 6 48C	G	Amos 8:1-12	Ps 52	Col 1:15-28	Lk 10:38-42
July 27 Pentecost 7 49C	G	Hos 1:2-10	Ps 85	Col 2:6-15, (16-19)	Lk 11:1-13
August 3 * Pentecost 8 50C	G	Hos 11:1-11	Ps 107:1-9, 43	Col 3:1-11	Lk 12:13-21
August 10 * Pentecost 9 51C	G	Is 1:1, 10-20	Ps 50:1-8, 22-23	Heb 11:1-3, 8-16	Lk 12:32-40
August 17 * Pentecost 10 52C	G	Is 5:1-11	Ps 80:1-2, 8-19	Heb 11:29- 12:2	Lk 12:49-56
August 24 * Pentecost 11 53C	G	Jer 1:4-10	Ps 71:1-6	Heb 12: 18-29	Lk 13:10-17
August 31 Pentecost 12 54C	G	Jer 2:4-13	Ps 81:1, 10-16	Heb 13:1-8, 15-16	Lk 14:1, 7-14

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CREATION		September 7-28			
September 7 * Pentecost 13 55C	G	Jer 18:1-11	Ps 139:1-6, 13-18	Philemon 1:1-21	Lk 14:25-33
September 14 Pentecost 14 56C	G	Jer 4:11-12, 22-28	Ps 14	1 Tim 1:12- 17	Lk 15:1-10
September 21 * Pentecost 15 57C	G	Jer 8:18-9: 1	Ps 79:1-9	1 Tim 2:1-7	Lk 16:1-13
September 28 * Pentecost 16 58C	G	Jer 32:1-3a, 6-15	Ps 91:1-6, 14-16	1 Tim 6:6-19	Lk 16:19-31
October 5 * Pentecost 17 59C	G	Lam 1:1-6	Ps 37:1-9 or Ps 137	2 Tim 1:1-14	Lk 17:5-10
October 12 * Pentecost 18 60C	G	Jer 29:1, 4-7	Ps 66:1-12	2 Tim 2:8-15	Lk 17:11-19
October 19 * Pentecost 19 61C	G	Jer 31:27-34	Ps 119: 97-104	2 Tim 3:14- 4: 5	Lk 18:1-8
October 26 Pentecost 20 62C	G	Joel 2:23-32	Ps 65	2 Tim 4:6-8, 16-18	Lk 18:9-14
November 1 All Saints 63C ² [see footnote]	W	Dan 7:1-3, 15-18	Ps 149	Eph 1:11-23	Lk 6:20-31
November 2 * Pentecost 21 64C	G	Hab 1:1-4 2: 1-4	Ps119: 137-144	2 Thess 1: 1-4, 11-12	Lk 19:1-10
November 9 Pentecost 22 65C	G	Haggai 1:15b-2: 9	Ps 145: 1-5,17-21 or Ps 98	2 Thess 2: 1-5, 13-17	Lk 20:27-38
November 16 Pentecost 23 66C	G	Is 65:17-25	Is 12	2 Thess 3: 6-13	Lk 21:5-19
November 23 Reign of Christ 67C	W	Jer 23:1-6	Lk 1:68-79	Col 1:11-20	Lk 23:33-43

² According to the *Common Lectionary Revised* All Saints may be celebrated on the date shown or on the first Sunday in November

Additional Readings

Date	First Reading	Psalm	Second Reading	Gospel
Watchnight or End of Year Service	Ecc 3:1-15	Ps 90	1 Thes 5:1-11	Mt 24:32-51
New Year's Service	Ecc 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.				
Covenant Sunday	Jer 31: 31-33 <i>or</i> Deut 7:7-11	Ps 25:4-15	Rom 12:1-2	Jn 15:1-8
Methodist Martyrs 22 Jan or Sunday nearest	Gen 45:4-8 50:19-21	Ps 7:1-11	Rev 2:8-11	Jn 15:7-17
Waitangi Day – or Sunday nearest 6 Feb	Deut 10: 12-21	Ps 144:9-15	1 Cor 1:26-31	Mt 6:19-24
World Day of Prayer – 1st Friday in March				
Anzac Day – or Sunday nearest 25 April:	Is 52:7-12	Ps 76	Eph 6:10-20	Lk 6:27-36
Faka-Me – 1st Sunday in May: Special Sunday for Tongan children and youth.				
Home and Family Sunday – 2nd Sunday in May (Mother's Day)	Is 66:10-13	Ps 84:1-4	1 Jn 4:7-12, 20-21	Lk 2:40-52
Week of Prayer for Christian Unity – Ascension Day to Pentecost Sunday				
Wesley Day – Sunday preceding/on 24 May	Is 12:1-6	Ps 130	2 Peter 1: 1-11	Mt 9:35-10: 16
Asia Sunday – Sunday before Pentecost				
Matariki – Public Holiday 20 June 2025				
World Refugee Day – 20 June (or the Sunday immediately after)				
Disability Sunday – 3rd Sunday in June				
Bible Month – July. Use a Sunday in this month to promote the Scriptures (Worship and Christian Education resources available annually from the Bible Society)				
Hiroshima Day (6 August) <i>or</i> Peace Sunday (Sunday nearest 6 August)	Micah 4:1-4	Ps 85	2 Cor 5:16-20	Jn 20: 19-21 <i>or</i> Mt 5:1-12
Lay Preachers' Sunday – 2nd Sunday in August				

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Youth Sunday – 3rd or 4th Sunday in August				
Season of Creation 2025 theme: Wisdom in Creation				
1 September	Creation Day			
7 September	1st Sunday in Creation Job 38:1-18	Ps 104:24-26	Ocean Sunday Eph 1:3-10	Lu 5:1-11
14 September	2nd Sunday in Creation Job 39:1-12, 26-30	Ps 104: 14-23,31	Flora & Fauna Sunday 1 Cor 1:10-23	Lu 12:22-31
21 September	3rd Sunday in Creation Job 28:20-27	Ps 29	Storm Sunday 1 Cor 1:21-31	Lu 8:22-25
28 September	4th Sunday in Creation Prov 8:22-31	Ps 104:24-26	Cosmos Sunday Col 1:15-20	Jn 6:41-51
2 October	St Francis of Assisi		Blessing of the Animals	
<i>Online resources from www.seasonofcreation.com</i>				
Father's Day – 1st Sunday in September	Gen 37:19-24, 29-35	Ps 103:6-13	Eph 6:1-4	Mt 1:18-25
Maori Language Week – September 15-22 2025 (3 rd week in September)				
Citizenship Sunday – 4th Sunday in September.				
World Communion Sunday – 1st Sunday in October	Jer 1:4-10	Ps 96	1 Peter 2: 4-10	Mt 28:16-20
White Sunday – 2nd Sunday in October: Special Sunday for Samoan children and youth.				
Week of Prayer for World Peace – 2nd to 3rd Sunday in October.				
Industrial Sunday – Sunday preceding Labour Day (4th Monday in October). In Methodist Churches the "Social Principles" may be read.				
Reformers of the Church – 31 October (or Sunday nearest)	Amos 5:14- 24	Ps 106:1-12	1 Peter 2:1- 10	Lk 6:46-49

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Spring or Flower Services	Gen 1:1-5, 11-13	Ps 104	1 Cor 3:1-9	Mt 13:24-30
Harvest Thanksgiving	Deut 26:1-11	Ps 126	Gal 6:6-10	Mt 13:1-13, 18-23
Dedication of Buildings	Is 56:1-7	Ps 150	Heb 10:19-25	Mt 21:12-16
Church Anniversary	Ex 13:3-10	Ps 84	1 Peter 2: 1-5	Mt 21:12-16
Members' Sunday	Joshua 24: 1-24	Ps 105:1-11	1 Cor 12:12-27	Mt 22:1-14
Induction Service	Is 40:1-9	Ps 96	2 Tim 1:8-14	Mt 9:35-38
Vocations Sunday	Jer 1:1-10	Ps 139:1-18, 23-24	1 Cor 12:4-13	Mk 10:35-45

Suggested readings for other occasional services of the church, such as Infant and Adult Baptism, Thanksgiving for the Birth of a Child and Confirmation, are included in the published liturgies of the MCNZ, available from the Connexional Office and on the website.

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