



# *Bible Readings*

**For the Christian Year**

Revised Common Lectionary, Year B

2008-2009

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# Advent

Advent has a double meaning. On one hand it is a looking forward to the Advent (the coming of God in Jesus Christ) as celebrated in Christmas. As such, Advent is the beginning of the Church year. At the same time, it is also the end of the last Church year. The final several Sundays of the previous Church year contain lections about "end times" and the first Sundays of Advent pick up this same theme, the return of Jesus, or the Second Coming. Advent is a time of expectation, of the first Advent and the Second. Shades of purple are colors usually associated with this season, but blue is also appropriate.



| DATE            | SUNDAY           | OLD TESTAMENT  | PSALM                     | EPISTLE   | GOSPEL   |
|-----------------|------------------|--|---------------------------|---|--|
| Nov. 30<br>2008 | 1st in<br>Advent | Isaiah 64:1-9<br>Prayer for mercy and help. God like a potter.       | 80:1-7,<br>17-19<br>(801) | 1 Corinthians 1:3-9<br>Christ will keep us faultless on that day.       | Mark 13:24-37<br>Coming of Son of Man. No one knows when.    |
| Dec. 7          | 2nd in<br>Advent | Isaiah 40:1-11<br>Comfort my people. A voice cries in desert.        | 85:1-2,<br>8-13<br>(806)  | 2 Peter 3:8-15a<br>The Day will come like a thief. Be holy.             | Mark 1:1-8<br>The preaching of John the Baptist.             |
| Dec. 14         | 3rd in<br>Advent | Isaiah 61:1-4,8-11<br>Good news to the poor, captives. Love justice. | 126<br>(847)              | 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24<br>May God keep you until the coming of Christ. | John 1:6-8,19-28<br>God sent John messenger; John's message. |
| Dec. 21         | 4th in<br>Advent | 2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16<br>God's words of hope to David and descendants. | Luke 1:<br>47-55<br>(199) | Romans 16:25-27<br>God will help you stand firm.                        | Luke 1:26-38<br>Birth of Jesus announced to Mary.            |



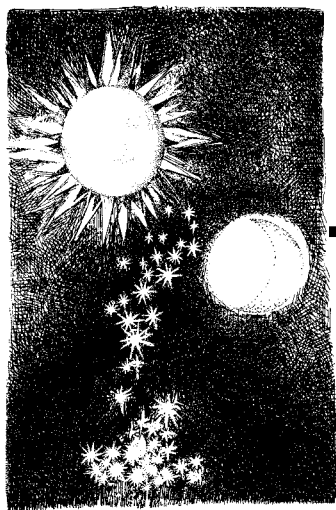
# Christmas

Christmas or Christmastide is the period from Christmas through Epiphany, January 6 (though the Epiphany readings are now often moved to the first Sunday of January). It is the fulfillment of the Advent expectation, at least concerning the first Advent. A combination of impatience and commercial interest have made us begin celebrating Christmas earlier in our culture than does the rhythm of the Christian Year. The color most associated with this season is white.

| DATE    | SUNDAY           | OLD TESTAMENT   | PSALM       | EPISTLE  | GOSPEL   |
|---------|------------------|---|-------------|--|--|
| Dec. 24 | Christmas<br>Eve | Isaiah 9:2-7<br>For unto us a Child is born; Prince of Peace. | 96<br>(815) | Titus 2:11-14<br>God shows grace. Control self as we wait for the day. | Luke 2:1-20<br>Birth of Jesus; shepherds, angels.    |
| Dec. 25 | Christmas<br>Day | Isaiah 52:7-10<br>The beauty of the messenger of peace.       | 98<br>(818) | Hebrews 1:1-4 (5-12)<br>God who spoke now speaks through Son.          | John 1:1-14<br>Word from beginning has become flesh. |

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|----------------|----------------------|---|---------------------------|---|---|
| Dec. 28        | 1st after Christmas  | Isaiah 61:10--62:3<br>Rejoice Jerusalem.<br>You will be victorious.         | 148<br>(861)              | Galatians 4:4-7<br>God sent Christ at right time. We are God's.     | Luke 2:22-40<br>Jesus presented in the Temple.                  |
| Jan. 4<br>2009 | 2nd after Christmas  | Jeremiah 31:7-14<br>Scattered Israel gathered.<br>Mourning turned into joy. | 8<br>(743)                | Ephesians 1:3-14<br>We are destined for adoption, have inheritance. | John 1(1-9), 10-18<br>The Word became flesh and lived among us. |
| Jan. 6         | Epiphany of the Lord | Isaiah 60:1-6<br>Glory of God's people.<br>All will come to them.           | 72:1-7,<br>10-14<br>(795) | Ephesians 3:1-12<br>God's plan shown to Paul: for Gentiles.         | Matthew 2:1-12<br>The visitors from the east.                   |

*(Note: January 4 may be observed as Epiphany Sunday, using the above lessons.)*



## After Epiphany

The time between January 6 and Ash Wednesday (from 4 to 9 Sundays) is designated variously as Sundays after Epiphany or Sundays in "ordinary time." As is true also in the Post-Pentecost time, readings are chosen to be independent and semi-continuous rather than in "thematic harmony."

| <b>DATE</b> | <b>SUNDAY</b>       | <b>OLD TESTAMENT</b>   | <b>PSALM</b>              | <b>EPISTLE</b>  | <b>GOSPEL</b>  |
|-------------|---------------------|--|---------------------------|---|--|
| Jan. 11     | Baptism of the Lord | Genesis 1:1-5<br>The days of creation.                             | 29<br>(761)               | Acts 19:1-7<br>Paul baptizes John's followers                       | Mark 1:4-11<br>John and Jesus' baptism                         |
| Jan. 18     | 2nd after Epiphany  | 1 Sam. 3:1-10 (11-20)<br>The Lord calls Samuel.                    | 139:1-6<br>13-18<br>(854) | 1 Corinth. 6:12-20<br>Your body is Christ's.                        | John 1:43-51<br>Disciples called:<br>Philip and Nathanael.     |
| Jan. 25     | 3rd after Epiphany  | Jonah 3:1-5, 10<br>Jonah to Ninevah.<br>The people repent.         | 62:5-12<br>(787)          | 1 Corinth. 7:29-31<br>World passing away.<br>Not much time.         | Mark 1:14-20<br>Jesus preaches Good News, calls disciples.     |
| Feb. 1      | 4th after Epiphany  | Deuter. 18:15-20<br>Lord will raise up a prophet among you.        | 111<br>(832)              | 1 Corinth. 8:1-13<br>Concerning food offered to idols.              | Mark 1:21-28<br>Jesus in Capernaum.<br>Man with evil spirit.   |
| Feb. 8      | 5th after Epiphany  | Isaiah 40:21-31<br>"Have you not known?<br>They shall mount up..." | 147:1-11,<br>20c<br>(859) | 1 Corinth. 9:16-23<br>I have become all things to all people.       | Mark 1:29-39<br>Jesus heals, retreats,<br>preaches in Galilee. |
| Feb. 15     | 6th after Epiphany  | 2 Kings 5:1-14<br>Naaman is cured of his leprosy.                  | 30<br>(762)               | 1 Corinth. 9:24-27<br>Believers in the Gospel compared to athletes. | Mark 1:40-45<br>Jesus heals a leper who couldn't keep quiet.   |
| Feb. 22     | Transfiguration     | 2 Kings 2:1-12<br>Elijah taken up to heaven.                       | 50:1-6<br>(783)           | 2 Corinth. 4:3-6<br>Gospel: hid to the lost, shines in our hearts.  | Mark 9:2-9<br>The Transfiguration.                             |

# Lent

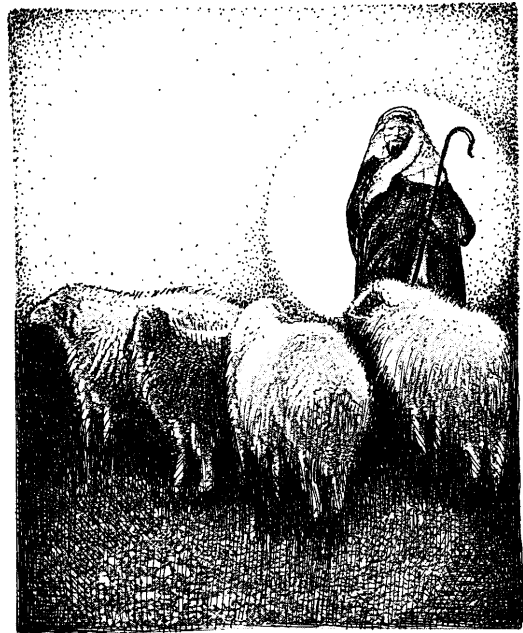
Lent, the 40 days before Easter (not counting Sundays), begins with Ash Wednesday and runs for six Sundays including Passion/Palm Sunday. Earliest emphasis was upon preparation for baptism and membership. Later emphasis turned toward penitence. Recent practice is to return to discipline and learning in preparation for the Easter celebration. The color purple is traditionally associated with this season.



| DATE     | SUNDAY                | OLD TESTAMENT   | PSALM                      | EPISTLE  | GOSPEL   |
|----------|-----------------------|---|----------------------------|--|--|
| Feb. 25  | Ash<br>Wednesday      | Joel 2:1-2,12-17<br>Day of Lord is coming.<br>Return, fast, repent.   | 51:1-17<br>(785)           | 2 Corinth. 5:20b—6:10<br>Be reconciled to God.<br>Now is the time.       | Matt. 6:1-6, 16-21<br>Teaching on religious<br>observances, fasting.   |
| March 1  | 1st in<br>Lent        | Genesis 9:8-17<br>Covenant with Noah.<br>Deliverance thru water.  | 25:1-10<br>(756)           | 1 Peter 3:18-22<br>Flood prefigures our<br>baptism.                      | Mark 1:9-15<br>Jesus tempted and<br>preaches repentance.   |
| March 8  | 2nd in<br>Lent        | Genesis 17:1-7,15-16<br>Promise given Abraham.<br>Sign is circumcision.   | 22:23-31<br>(752)          | Romans 4:13-25<br>Abraham: God's promise<br>received through faith.      | Mark 8:31-38<br>Deny self and take up<br>the cross.  |
| March 15 | 3rd in<br>Lent        | Exodus 20:1-17<br>Ten Commandments.   | 19<br>(750)                | 1 Corinth. 1:18-25<br>Christ's death as<br>nonsense and offense.         | John 2:13-22<br>Cleansing of Temple.<br>Foretells passion.   |
| March 22 | 4th in<br>Lent        | Numbers 21:4-9<br>The serpent of bronze<br>that could heal.   | 107:1-3,<br>17-22<br>(830) | Eph. 2:1-10<br>In past were dead.<br>Made alive in Christ.               | John 3:14-21<br>God sent Son not to<br>condemn but save.   |
| March 29 | 5th in<br>Lent        | Jeremiah 31:31-34<br>New Covenant. Written<br>on human hearts.  | 51:1-12<br>(785)           | Hebrews 5:5-10<br>Jesus prayed to be<br>spared. But faithful.            | John 12:20-33<br>'Final hour.' Son of<br>Man to be glorified.  |
| April 5  | Passion/<br>Palm Sun. | <i>Liturgy of the Palms:</i> 118:1-2, 19-29 (839)<br><i>Liturgy of the Passion:</i><br>Isaiah 50:4-9a<br>Servant of God insulted.<br>God defends. | 31:9-16<br>(764)           | Philippians 2:5-11<br>Christ empties self.<br>His greatness.             | Mark 11:1-11<br>Jesus enters Jerusalem.<br><br>Mark 14:1—15:47<br>or Mk. 15:1-39 (40-47)<br>Passion narrative. |
| April 9  | Holy<br>Thursday      | Ex. 12:1-4, (5-10),11-14<br>Instructions for<br>observing the Passover.   | 116:1-4,<br>12-19<br>(837) | 1 Corinthians 11:23-26<br>"Jesus on night betrayed<br>took bread...cup." | John 13:1-17, 31b-35<br>Jesus eats the Passover<br>with disciples.   |
| April 10 | Good<br>Friday        | Isaiah 52:13-53:12<br>The last of the Suffering<br>Servant passages.  | 22<br>(752)                | Hebrews 10:16-25<br>Let us come near God;<br>encourage one another.      | John 18:1—19:42<br>The Passion narrative.  |

# Easter

Easter is the “queen of feasts” and lasts not a day or week but a week of weeks. So all of the Sundays are labeled Sundays OF Easter, not Sundays after Easter. Maundy Thursday and Good Friday are inextricably linked with Easter Day in what is called the Triduum (“trid-jum,” three days). Together, the three days straddle the seasons of Lent and Easter. Easter is a season of great rejoicing which culminates in the Day of Pentecost. Hence, in this season we re-present those central events of our faith: the Crucifixion, the Resurrection, and the gift of the Holy Spirit. The seasonal color is white.



| DATE   | SUNDAY           | ACTS OF APOSTLES   | PSALM                      | EPISTLE   | GOSPEL  |
|--|------------------|--|----------------------------|---|---|
| April 12   | EASTER DAY       | Acts 10:34-43<br>Peter's speech: "God raised Christ."      | 118:1-2,<br>14-24<br>(839) | 1 Cor. 15:1-11<br>The Resurrection of Christ. Appearances.          | John 20:1-18<br>Resurrection account in John.               |
| April 19   | 2nd of Easter    | Acts 4:32-35<br>Believers share their possessions.         | 133<br>(850)               | 1 John 1:1—2:2<br>The Word. God is light. If we sin, have advocate. | John 20:19-31<br>Easter Eve appearances to disciples.       |
| April 26   | 3rd of Easter    | Acts 3:12-19<br>Peter in Temple: "You rejected Christ."    | 4<br>(741)                 | 1 John 3:1-7<br>We are God's Children. Be like Jesus.               | Luke 24:36b-48<br>Resurrection appearance. Wait for spirit. |
| May 3  | 4th of Easter    | Acts 4:5-12<br>Peter and John before the Council.          | 23<br>(754 or 137)         | 1 John 3:16-24<br>God's commands: believe in Son, love others.      | John 10:11-18<br>"I am the Good Shepherd."                  |
| May 10   | 5th of Easter    | Acts 8:26-40<br>Philip and the Ethiopian eunuch.           | 22:25-31<br>(752)          | 1 John 4:7-21<br>God is love. We love because he first loved us.    | John 15:1-8<br>"I am the True Vine."                        |
| May 17   | 6th of Easter    | Acts 10:44-48<br>Gentiles receive the Holy Spirit.         | 98<br>(818)                | 1 John 5:1-6<br>Victory over world by those who believe.            | John 15:9-17<br>Love one another as I have loved you.       |
| May 21   | Ascension Day    | Acts 1:1-11<br>Ascension account in Acts.                  | 47<br>(781)                | Ephesians 1:15-23<br>Power working in us: same as raised Jesus.     | Luke 24:44-53<br>End of Luke. Jesus is taken up.            |
| <i>(Note: May 24 may observed as Ascension Sunday, using the above lessons.)</i> |                  |  |                            |   |   |
| May 24   | 7th of Easter    | Acts 1:15-17,21-26<br>Apostle chosen to replace Judas.     | 1<br>(738)                 | 1 John 5:9-13<br>The witness about Jesus. Life thru Son.            | John 17:6-19<br>Jesus' prayer: may they be one.             |
| May 31   | Day of Pentecost | Acts 2:1-21<br>Account of Pentecost and descent of Spirit. | 104:24-34,<br>35b<br>(826) | Romans 8:22-27<br>All creation groans. Spirit pleads for us.        | John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15<br>The work of the Holy Spirit.     |



# — After Pentecost

We enter now a period when all three readings in the Common Lectionary go their separate directions. Because this period covers half of the year, one might want to experiment to provide some variety in color beyond the recommended green. Perhaps the season might begin with green and move toward warmer colors of brown, yellow, orange as the year progresses. In the last several Sundays the readings begin to speak of “end times,” beginning to prepare us for the coming Advent season. And we prepare once more to start the cycle.

| DATE    | SUNDAY              | OLD TESTAMENT   | PSALM             | EPISTLE  | GOSPEL  |
|---------|---------------------|---|-------------------|--|---|
| June 7  | Trinity             | Isaiah 6:1-8<br>Isaiah's vision in the Temple and his call.               | 29<br>(761)       | Romans 8:12-17<br>You received spirit of being an heir of God.         | John 3:1-17<br>Jesus and Nicodemus.<br>“God so loved...”        |
| June 14 | 2nd after Pentecost | 1 Sam. 15:34-16:13<br>Samuel deserts Saul. David is anointed.             | 20 or 72<br>(795) | 2 Cor. 5:6-10 (11-13), 14-17<br>Living by Faith.<br>Pleasing the Lord. | Mark 4:26-34<br>Parables of Growing seed and mustard seed.      |
| June 21 | 3rd after Pentecost | 1 Samuel 17:(1a, 4-11, 19-23) 32-49<br>David and Goliath.                 | 9:9-20<br>(744)   | 2 Cor. 6:1-13<br>Now is the time.<br>We are God's servants.            | Mark 4:35-41<br>Jesus calms a storm, heals disturbed man.       |
| June 28 | 4th after Pentecost | 2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27<br>David's lament for Saul and Jonathan.              | 130<br>(848)      | 2 Cor. 8:7-15<br>Christian giving:<br>helping poor comrades.           | Mark 5:21-43<br>Raising young girl from the dead.               |
| July 5  | 5th after Pentecost | 2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10<br>David becomes King, establishes Jerusalem.        | 48<br>(782)       | 2 Cor. 12:2-10<br>Paul's afflictions.<br>God's vision and grace.       | Mark 6:1-13<br>Jesus rejected at Nazareth. Sends out 12.        |
| July 12 | 6th after Pentecost | 2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19<br>Ark of Covenant brought to Jerusalem.           | 24<br>(755)       | Ephesians 1:3-14<br>Spiritual blessing in Christ. Chosen.              | Mark 6:14-29<br>Death of John the Baptist.                      |
| July 19 | 7th after Pentecost | 2 Samuel 7:1-14a<br>“You won't make a house for me. I'll make you.”       | 89:20-37<br>(807) | Ephesians 2:11-22<br>We are all one in Christ who is our peace.        | Mark 6:30-34, 53-56<br>Teaches from boat.<br>Heals sick.        |
| July 26 | 8th after Pentecost | 2 Samuel 11:1-15<br>David and Bathsheba. Uriah sent to death.             | 14<br>(746)       | Ephesians 3:14-21<br>Paul's prayer that we know Christ's love.         | John 6:1-21<br>Feeding of multitude.<br>Walking on water.       |
| Aug. 2  | 9th after Pentecost | 2 Sam. 11:26--12:13a<br>Nathan's parable of sheep.<br>“You are that man!” | 51:1-12<br>(785)  | Ephesians 4:1-16<br>Show your love by, keeping unity of body.          | John 6:24-35<br>Feeding explanation:<br>I am the bread of life. |

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|-------------|----------------------|---|-------------------------------|---|--|
| Aug. 9      | 10th after Pentecost | 2 Sam 18:5-9,15,31-33<br>David and son Absalom.<br>Absalom killed.    | 130<br>(848)                  | Ephesians 4:25—5:2<br>Live in love, as did Christ.                        | Aug. 13<br>John 6:35, 41-51<br>I am the living bread.                    |
| Aug. 16     | 11th after Pentecost | 1 Kings 2:10-12;3:3-14<br>David dies. Solomon becomes king, dreams.   | 111<br>(832)                  | Ephesians 5:15-20<br>Instruction about how to live.                       | John 6:51-58<br>Whoever eats my flesh has eternal life.                  |
| Aug. 23     | 12th after Pentecost | 1 K 8:(1,6,10-11)22-30, 41-43<br>Solomon's prayer in the temple.      | 84<br>(804)                   | Ephesians 6:10-20<br>Put on the whole armor of God.                       | John 6:56-69<br>You have the words that give eternal life.               |
| Aug. 30     | 13th after Pentecost | Song of Songs 2:8-13<br>"My lover is like..."<br>a time for love.     | 45:1-2, 6-9<br>or 72<br>(795) | James 1:17-27<br>True religion: act on God's Word.                        | Mk. 7:1-8,14-15,21-23<br>They teach human laws as though they are God's. |
| Sept. 6     | 14th after Pentecost | Prov 22:1-2,8-9,22-23<br>Wisdom about the poor.                       | 125<br>or 124<br>(846)        | James 2:1-10, (11-13),14-17<br>Warning over prejudice against the poor.   | Mark 7:24-37<br>Jesus heals deaf-mute person.                            |
| Sept. 13    | 15th after Pentecost | Proverbs 1:20-33<br>Wisdom calls to the foolish ones.                 | 19<br>(750)                   | James 3:1-12<br>Using and controlling the tongue.                         | Mark 8:27-38<br>"Who do you say I am?"<br>Messiah must suffer.           |
| Sept. 20    | 16th after Pentecost | Proverbs 31:10-31<br>The capable wife.<br>She is honored.             | 1<br>(738)                    | James 3:13-4:3,7-8a<br>Wisdom from above.<br>Problems from desires.       | Mark 9:30-37<br>Jesus speaks of his death again.                         |
| Sept. 27    | 17th after Pentecost | Esther 7:1-6, 9-10;<br>9:20-22<br>The Jews are spared.                | 124<br>(846)                  | James 5:13-20<br>Warning to the rich.<br>Made fat for slaughter.          | Mark 9:38-50<br>Those not against us are for us. Salt.                   |
| Oct. 4      | 18th after Pentecost | Job 1:1; 2:1-10<br>Job tested by Satan.                               | 26<br>or 25<br>(756)          | Hebrews 1:1-4,2:5-12<br>God's word through Son.<br>Leads us to salvation. | Mark 10:2-16<br>Marriage and divorce.<br>He blesses children.            |
| Oct. 11     | 19th after Pentecost | Job 23:1-9; 16-17<br>Job looks for God to present his case.           | 22:1-15<br>(752)              | Hebrews 4:12-16<br>Word is sharper than sword; be of good courage.        | Mark 10:17-31<br>Rich young ruler.<br>Hard for the rich.                 |
| Oct. 18     | 20th after Pentecost | Job 38:1-7 (34-41)<br>God responds to Job.<br>"I am the Creator."     | 104:1-9<br>24,35c<br>(826)    | Hebrews 5:1-10<br>Jesus became perfect.<br>God chose High Priest.         | Mark 10:35-45<br>James and John request special treatment.               |
| Oct. 25     | 21st after Pentecost | Job 42:1-6, 10-17<br>Job responds: "You are all powerful. I repent.." | 34:1-8,<br>(19-22)<br>(769)   | Hebrews 7:23-28<br>God's love great: we are now God's children.           | Mark 10:46-52<br>Jesus heals the blind Bartimeus.                        |
| Nov. 1      | All Saints Day       | Isaiah 25:6-9<br>God prepares a banquet for all the nations.          | 24<br>(755)                   | Revelation 21:1-6a<br>"I saw a new heaven and a new earth."               | John 11:32-44<br>Jesus bring Lazarus back to life.                       |
| Nov. 8      | 23rd after Pentecost | Ruth 3:1-5<br>Naomi gives Ruth instructions about Boaz.               | 127<br>or 41<br>(777)         | Hebrews 9:24-28<br>Jesus is High Priest,<br>is priest forever.            | Mark 12:38-44<br>Warning about phariseism. Widow's mite.                 |

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|---------|----------------------|--|--|--|---|
| Nov. 15 | 23rd after Pentecost | 1 Samuel 1:4-20<br>Hannah and Eli give birth to Samuel.            | 1 Sam. 2:1-10<br>or Psalm 113<br>(834) | Hebrews 10:11-14,<br>(15-18), 19-25<br>Sins taken away once for all. | Mark 13:1-8<br>Warning about 'end times.'                       |
| Nov. 22 | Christ the King      | 2 Samuel 23:1-7<br>David's final words. God made eternal covenant. | 132:1-12<br>(849)                      | Revelation 1:4b-8<br>Jesus the king made us a kingdom of priests.    | John 18:33-37<br>Pilate asks Jesus: "Are you a king?"           |
| Nov. 26 | Thanks-giving        | Joel 2:21-27<br>God restores fertility to the land.                | 126<br>(847)                           | 1 Timothy 2:1-7<br>Offer thanks to God for all people.               | Matthew 6:25-33<br>God and possessions.<br>Don't worry or fret. |

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There are now many resources on the market for using the lectionary. Why add this one?

This booklet is designed to fill a gap. There are available listings of the lectionary which are brief, giving the readings by book, chapter, and verses only. Also, one can get materials which give the whole reading.

The advantage of the latter is making available the readings so that you can know exactly what they are. The readings for the coming Sunday are right in one's hands.

The disadvantages are:

1. One is not directed to the Bible itself. Thus the readings are not seen in context.
2. One cannot get easily an overall view of the readings for seasonal and long range worship planning.
3. The result is a body of material which is too expensive to put in the hands of each church member.

The advantage of the former is its simplicity and inexpensiveness. A copy of the year's readings can be easily made available to every member. Also, one is directed back to looking up the passage in its own Biblical setting.

The disadvantage is that no one can tell what the lection is about by just having the chapter / verse reference. Can you immediately plan the music for a service knowing only that the Gospel reading is Luke 10:25-37?

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This guide, while most helpful to clergy, is primarily designed to help get the lectionary into the hands of the average church member. If you are not ready to go that far yet, begin with copies for musicians, liturgy planners and Bible class members.

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