



## Marking your life by the life of Jesus

A Reading Plan  
for 2023

This year Trinity will be following the Revised Common Lectionary Readings for 2023. We believe that a change from the self-developed sermon series approach will be fresh and exciting in its own way.

The 'Lectionary' is a list of Scripture Passages for Christian Worship throughout the world. In this way we are part of a move that seeks to keep the whole Christian world 'on the same page'. The Lectionary is a three-year cycle in which most of the Bible is covered. We are in Year A of that cycle in 2023. The cycle begins on the First Sunday of Advent 2022 and ends on 'Reign of Christ' Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup> November 2023.

The Revised Common Lectionary has been running since 1992 and was developed by the ecumenical liturgical body the 'Consultation on Common Texts'. This lectionary is an adaptation of the Common Lectionary that preceded it. The reading of appointed Scriptures throughout the year is a practice that goes all the way back to our Jewish roots.

The Gospel readings each Sunday will follow the important moments in the life of Jesus, mainly from the Gospel according to Matthew. Following this thread throughout the year will enable you to mark your life by the life of Jesus.

We suggest that in your devotional times you prepare for the coming Sunday by reading the passages that will be read that day. It is best for you to design your own rhythm for doing this, but here is a suggestion:

- Monday = Psalm
- Tuesday = Old Testament
- Wednesday = Gospel
- Thursday = Epistle
- Friday = Gospel again
- Saturday = Psalm again

You will notice that we have underlined one reading per week. This will be the 'controlling lesson'. In other words, the other readings will be read through the lens that it provides. Alternatively, the other readings will help us to understand the controlling lesson.

### Epiphany

The period of several weeks in which the church reflects on the manifestation of Christ to all peoples.

**Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> January**  
**Epiphany**  
Isaiah 60:1-6  
Psalm 72:1-7  
Ephesians 3:1-12  
Matthew 2:1-12

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> January**  
**The Baptism of our Lord**  
Isaiah 42:1-9  
Psalm 29  
Acts 10:34-43  
Matthew 3:13-17

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> January**  
**Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
Isaiah 49:1-7  
Psalm 40:1-11  
1 Corinthians 1:1-9  
John 1:29-42

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> January**  
**Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
Micah 6:1-8  
Psalm 15  
Corinthians 1: 18-31  
Matthew 5: 1-12

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> February**  
**Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
Deuteronomy 30:15-20  
Psalm 119:1-8  
1 Corinthians 3:1-9  
Matthew 5:21-37

### 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.

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> February**  
**First Sunday in Lent**  
Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7  
Psalm 32  
Romans 5:12-19  
Matthew 4:1-11

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> March**  
**Third Sunday in Lent**  
Exodus 17:1-7  
Psalm 95  
Romans 5:1-11  
John 4:5-42

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> March**  
**Fifth Sunday in Lent**  
Ezekiel 37:1-14  
Psalm 130  
Romans 8:6-11  
John 11:1-45

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> January**  
**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
Isaiah 9:1-4  
Psalm 27:1, 4-9  
1 Corinthians 1:10-18  
Matthew 4:12-23

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> February**  
**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
Isaiah 58:1-12  
Psalm 112:1-10  
1 Corinthians 2:1-16  
Matthew 5:13-20

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> February**  
**Sunday before Lent**  
Exodus 24:12-18  
Psalm 2  
2 Peter 1:16-21  
Matthew 17: 1-9

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February**  
**Ash Wednesday**  
Joel 2:1-2, 12-17  
Isaiah 58:1-12  
Psalm 51:1-17  
2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10  
Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> March**  
**Second Sunday in Lent**  
Genesis 12:1-4a  
Psalm 121  
Romans 4:1-5, 13-17  
John 3:1-17

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March**  
**Fourth Sunday in Lent**  
1 Samuel 16:1-13  
Psalm 23  
Ephesians 5:8-14  
John 9:1-41

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April**  
**Palm Sunday**  
Isaiah 50:4-9a  
Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29  
Philippians 2:5-11  
Matthew 21:1-11

### Holy Week

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April**  
Isaiah 42:1-9  
Psalm 36:5-11  
Hebrews 9:11-15  
John 12:1-11

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April**  
Isaiah 50:4-9a  
Psalm 70  
Hebrews 12:1-3  
John 13:21-32

**Good Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April**  
Isaiah 52:13-53:12  
Psalm 22  
Hebrews 10:16-25  
John 18:1-19:42

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April**  
Isaiah 49:1-7  
Psalm 71:1-14  
1 Corinthians 1:18-31  
John 12:20-36

**Maundy Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April**  
Exodus 12:1-14  
Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19  
1 Corinthians 11:23-26  
John 13:1-17, 31b-35

**Holy Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> April**  
Job 14:1-14  
Psalm 31:1-4, 15-16  
1 Peter 4:1-8  
Matthew 27:57-66

### 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.

**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> April**  
**Resurrection of the Lord**  
Jeremiah 31:1-6  
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24  
Colossians 3:1-4  
Matthew 28:1-10

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> April**  
**Third Sunday in Easter**  
Acts 2:14a, 36-41  
Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19  
1 Peter 1:17-23  
Luke 24:13-35

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May**  
**Fifth Sunday in Easter**  
Acts 7:55-60  
Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16  
1 Peter 2:2-10  
John 14:1-14

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May**  
**Ascension of the Lord**  
Acts 1:1-11  
Psalm 47  
Ephesians 1:15-23  
Luke 24:44-53

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> April**  
**Second Sunday in Easter**  
Acts 2: 14a, 22-32  
Psalm 16  
1 Peter 1: 3-9  
John 20: 19-31

**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> April**  
**Fourth Sunday in Easter**  
Acts 2:42-47  
Psalm 23  
1 Peter 2:19-25  
John 10:1-10

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May**  
**Sixth Sunday in Easter**  
Acts 17:22-31  
Psalm 66:8-20  
1 Peter 3:13-22  
John 14:15-21

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May**  
**Sunday in Ascensiontide**  
Acts 1:6-14  
Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35  
1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11  
John 17:1-11

### 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.

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> May**  
**Pentecost**  
Acts 2:1-21  
Psalm 104:24-34, 35b  
1 Corinthians 12:3b-13  
John 20:19-23

**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> June**  
**Trinity Sunday**  
Genesis 1:1-2:4a  
Psalm 8  
2 Corinthians 13:11-13  
Matthew 28:16-20

### Ordinary Readings

Year A in the three-year cycle of readings is referred to as 'The Year of Matthew'.

Note that during Ordinary Time, apart from the Psalm which is chosen as a response to the Old Testament (or first) reading, the readings from Old Testament, Epistle, and Gospel are not chosen to relate to one another at all. Instead, these readings follow three different "streams" of texts semi-continuously over a period of weeks. 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.

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> June**  
**Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
Genesis 12:1-9  
Psalm 33:1-12  
Romans 4:13-25  
Matthew 9:9-13,18-26

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> June**  
**Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
Genesis 18:1-15  
Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19  
Romans 5:1-8  
Matthew 9:35-10:8

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June**  
**Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
Genesis 21:8-21  
Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17  
Romans 6:1b-11  
Matthew 10:24-39

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> July**  
**Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
Genesis 22:1-14  
Psalm 13  
Romans 6:12-23  
Matthew 10:40-42

**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> July**  
**Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
Genesis 24:34-38,42-49,58-67  
Psalm 45:10-17  
Romans 7:15-25a  
Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> July**  
**Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
Genesis 25:19-34  
Psalm 119:105-112  
Romans 8:1-11  
Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> July**  
**Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
Genesis 28:10-19a  
Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24  
Romans 8:12-25  
Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> July**  
**Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
Genesis 29:15-28  
Psalm 128  
Romans 8:26-39  
Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> August**  
**Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
Genesis 32:22-31  
Psalm 17:1-7, 15  
Romans 9:1-5  
Matthew 14:13-21

**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> August**  
**Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28  
Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b  
Romans 10:5-15  
Matthew 14:22-33

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> August**  
**Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
Genesis 45:1-15  
Psalm 133  
Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32  
Matthew 15:10-28

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> September**  
**Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
Exodus 3:1-15  
Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b  
Romans 12:9-21  
Matthew 16:21-28

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September**  
**Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
Exodus 14:19-31  
Exodus 15:1b-11, 20-21  
Romans 14:1-12  
Matthew 18:21-35

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> October**  
**Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
Exodus 17:1-7  
Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16  
Philippians 2:1-13  
Matthew 21:23-32

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> October**  
**Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
Exodus 32:1-14  
Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23  
Philippians 4:1-9  
Matthew 22:1-14

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> October**  
**Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
Deuteronomy 34:1-12  
Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17  
1 Thessalonians 2:1-8  
Matthew 22:34-46

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November**  
**Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25  
Psalm 78:1-7  
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18  
Matthew 25:1-13

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November – Reign of Christ**  
Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24  
Psalm 100

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> August**  
**Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
Exodus 1:8-2:10  
Psalm 124  
Romans 12:1-8  
Matthew 16:13-20

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September**  
**Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
Exodus 12:1-14  
Psalm 149  
Romans 13:8-14  
Matthew 18:15-20

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September**  
**Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
Exodus 16:2-15  
Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45  
Philippians 1:21-30  
Matthew 20:1-16

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> October**  
**Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20  
Psalm 19  
Philippians 3:4b-14  
Matthew 21:33-46

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> October**  
**Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
Exodus 33:12-23  
Psalm 99  
1 Thessalonians 1:1-10  
Matthew 22:15-22

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November**  
**Thirty First Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
Joshua 3:7-17  
Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37  
1 Thessalonians 2:9-13  
Matthew 23:1-12

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> November**  
**Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
Judges 4:1-7  
Psalm 123  
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11  
Matthew 25:14-30

### 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.

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December**  
**First Sunday in Advent**  
Isaiah 64:1-9  
Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19  
1 Corinthians 1:3-9  
Mark 13:24-37

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December**  
**Second Sunday in Advent**  
Isaiah 40:1-11  
Psalm 85:1-2,8-13  
2 Peter 3:8-15a  
Mark 1:1-8

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December**  
**Third Sunday in Advent**  
Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11  
Luke 1:46b-55  
1 Thessalonians 5:16-24  
John 1:6-8, 19-28

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December**  
**Fourth Sunday in Advent**  
2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16  
Psalm 89:1-4,19-26  
Romans 16:25-27  
Luke 1:26-38

### 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.

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> December**  
**Christmas Day**  
Isaiah 52:7-10  
Psalm 98  
Hebrews 1:1-4, (5-12)  
John 1:1-14

**Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> December**  
**First Sunday after Christmas Day**  
Isaiah 61:10-62:3  
Psalm 148  
Galatians 4:4-7  
Luke 2:22-40

If you would like to 'read up' to help you in your study, or to help you prepare for the Home Group discussion, then here are some resources you could look at:

- <http://www.textweek.com/yeara/yeara.htm> (this is a central resource that takes you to many resources for preachers, worship leaders, Bible Study leaders, individual study)
- <https://sacredise.com/year-a/> (This is a South African Methodist Minister, Rev. John VD Laar, who has a brief commentary and hymn and worship song suggestions)
- The following are links that use the very helpful Open and Relational, or Process Theology Perspective:
  - [Year A, 2022-2023 – Process & Faith \(processandfaith.org\)](#)
  - [Transfigurations \(wordpress.com\)](#)
  - [Living A Holy Adventure - Bruce Epperly \(patheos.com\)](#)
- [Lectionary Resources \(billloader.com\)](#) (This is Prof. William Loader's excellent and up to date Biblical Studies Perspective)
- [Revised Common Lectionary \(vanderbilt.edu\)](#) (This is a beautiful space for those who want to view art that is linked to the lectionary.)
- Purchase the 'Disciplines' book of Daily Devotions for 2023 (available in our Church Office while stocks last)