

Scripture for Worship 2022/2023

Overview

Sunday readings and sermon text follow the Revised Common Lectionary, Year A. Text used for the sermon is highlighted, the remaining passages will be used during the service and integrated into the liturgy.

Preparing for Sundays

One of the primary reasons for following this scripture reading plan that is set for an entire year is to equip the entire church to worship together on Sunday mornings. By having these readings, the hope is that each member/family will spend time each week engaged with the texts for the upcoming Sunday service.

Read Them Alone

The most simple way that we can engage with these texts is to read them quietly and alone. While individual reading of the Bible is certainly not a replacement for communal engagement with the text, we are blessed to live in a time and place where we have constant access to scripture and should take every opportunity we can to spend time in his word.

Read Them Aloud / Listen To Them

In Deuteronomy 6, Moses called God's people to "hear." There is something uniquely powerful about hearing the word of God read aloud by your own voice or someone else's. Make it a practice to read these texts to your children, read them aloud in your small group or over dinner with friends. You can also use apps like the Bible App, Streetlights, etc. to search for and listen to the texts as an audio recording during your commute, workout, time cleaning the house, etc..

Write Them Down

We remember significantly more of what we write down than what we do not. Journaling through scripture can be a great tool for growing in your relationship with Jesus and one simple, but powerful addition to that practice can be to copy the text down word for word, by hand. If you take notes on the Sunday sermon, this can be especially helpful if you copy the passage on a page adjacent to where you will write your sermon notes.

Ask Questions

It can be easy to walk into a Sunday morning service, hear a bunch of passages of scripture, and walk out the door with more questions than when you came in. As you engage with the coming week's texts, make notes of any questions that you have about any of the passages, especially the sermon text. Then, if any of those questions go unanswered through the sermon/service, it will provide great follow up discussion for small groups, Bible studies, one on one conversations, etc.

Go Deeper

The word of God is alive and active and the deeper we look into it, the more it will shape our lives, families, and ministry. Utilize tools like study Bibles, podcasts, and commentaries to search deeper into the context, meaning, theme, and purpose of the texts. With children, use simple study methods to help them engage more deeply with the texts. A great model for that is to have the children HEAR the text:

- H Highlight what the text says by identifying key words and components and summarizing the content.
- E Explain what they think the passage means, what it teaches us about God, and how it points to Jesus
- **A Apply** the truths of the passage to the way they think, speak, and act.
- R Respond to God's word by praying prayers based on what they have learned in the text.

Revised Common Lectionary Scripture Citations for Year A, 2022-2023 https://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu

First Sunday of Advent - November 27, 2022

- Isaiah 2:1-5

- Psalm 122
- Romans 13:11-14
- Matthew 24:36-44

Second Sunday of Advent - December 4, 2022

- Isaiah 11:1-10

- Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19
- Romans 15:4-13
- Matthew 3:1-12

Third Sunday of Advent - December 11, 2022

- Isaiah 35:1-10
- Psalm 146:5-10
- James 5:7-10
- Matthew 11:2-11

Fourth Sunday of Advent - December 18, 2022

- Isaiah 7:10-16
- Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19
- Romans 1:1-7
- Matthew 1:18-25

Christmas Day - December 25, 2022

- Isaiah 9:2-7
- Psalm 96
- Titus 2:11-14; (3:4-7)
- Luke 2:1-14, (15-20)

New Year's Day - January 1, 2023

- Ecclesiastes 3:1-13
- Psalm 8
- Revelation 21:1-6a
- Matthew 25:31-46

Baptism of the Lord - January 8, 2023

- Isaiah 42:1-9
- Psalm 29
- Acts 10:34-43
- Matthew 3:13-17

Second Sunday after the Epiphany - January 15, 2023

- Isaiah 49:1-7
- Psalm 40:1-11

- 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

- John 1:29-42

Third Sunday after the Epiphany - January 22, 2023

- Isaiah 9:1-4
- Psalm 27:1, 4-9
- 1 Corinthians 1:10-18
- Matthew 4:12-23

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany - January 29, 2023

- Micah 6:1-8
- Psalm 15
- 1 Corinthians 1:18-31
- Matthew 5:1-12

Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany - February 5, 2023

- Isaiah 58:1-9a (9b-12)
- Psalm 112:1-9 (10)
- 1 Corinthians 2:1-12 (13-16)
- Matthew 5:13-20

Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany - February 12, 2023

- Deuteronomy 30:15-20
- Psalm 119:1-8

- 1 Corinthians 3:1-9

- Matthew 5:21-37

Transfiguration Sunday - February 19, 2023

- Exodus 24:12-18
- Psalm 2 or Psalm 99
- 2 Peter 1:16-21
- Matthew 17:1-9

First Sunday in Lent - February 26, 2023

- Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7
- Psalm 32
- Romans 5:12-19
- Matthew 4:1-11

Second Sunday in Lent - March 5, 2023

- Genesis 12:1-4a

- Psalm 121

- Romans 4:1-5, 13-17
- John 3:1-17

Third Sunday in Lent - March 12, 2023

- Exodus 17:1-7

- Psalm 95

- Romans 5:1-11
- John 4:5-42

Fourth Sunday in Lent - March 19, 2023

- 1 Samuel 16:1-13

- Psalm 23

- Ephesians 5:8-14
- John 9:1-41

Fifth Sunday in Lent - March 26, 2023

- Ezekiel 37:1-14

- Psalm 130

- Romans 8:6-11
- John 11:1-45

Palm Sunday - April 2, 2023

- Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29; Psalm 31:9-16

- Matthew 21:1-11
- Isaiah 50:4-9a
- Philippians 2:5-11

Easter Sunday - April 9, 2023

- Acts 10:34-43
- Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

- Colossians 3:1-4

- John 20:1-18

Second Sunday of Easter - April 16, 2023

- Acts 2:14a, 22-32
- Psalm 16

- 1 Peter 1:3-9

- John 20:19-31

Third Sunday of Easter - April 23, 2023

- Acts 2:14a, 36-41
- Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19

- 1 Peter 1:17-23

- Luke 24:13-35

Fourth Sunday of Easter - April 30, 2023

- Acts 2:42-47
- Psalm 23

- 1 Peter 2:19-25

- John 10:1-10

Fifth Sunday of Easter - May 7, 2023

- Acts 7:55-60
- Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

- 1 Peter 2:2-10

- John 14:1-14

Sixth Sunday of Easter - May 14, 2023

- Acts 17:22-31
- Psalm 66:8-20

- 1 Peter 3:13-22

- John 14:15-21

Seventh Sunday of Easter - May 21, 2023

- Acts 1:6-14
- Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35

- 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

- John 17:1-11

Day of Pentecost - May 28, 2023

- Numbers 11:24-30
- Psalm 104:24-34, 35b
- Acts 2:1-21
- John 7:37-39

Trinity Sunday - June 4, 2023

- Genesis 1:1-2:4a

- Psalm 8
- 2 Corinthians 13:11-13
- Matthew 28:16-20

Pentecost 3 - June 11, 2023

- Hosea 5:15-6:6
- Psalm 50:7-15
- Romans 4:13-25
- Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

Pentecost 4 - June 18, 2023

- Exodus 19:2-8a
- Psalm 100
- Romans 5:1-8
- Matthew 9:35-10:8, (9-23)

Pentecost 5- June 25, 2023

- Jeremiah 20:7-13

- Psalm 69:7-10, (11-15), 16-18
- Romans 6:1b-11
- Matthew 10:24-39

Pentecost 6 - July 2, 2023

- Jeremiah 28:5-9
- Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18
- Romans 6:12-23
- Matthew 10:40-42

Pentecost 7 - July 9, 2023

- Zechariah 9:9-12

- Psalm 145:8-14
- Romans 7:15-25a
- Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

Pentecost 8 - July 16, 2023

- Isaiah 55:10-13

- Psalm 65:(1-8), 9-13
- Romans 8:1-11
- Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Pentecost 9 - July 23, 2023

- Isaiah 44:6-8

- Psalm 86:11-17
- Romans 8:12-25
- Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Pentecost 10 - July 30, 2023

- 1 Kings 3:5-12

- Psalm 119:129-136
- Romans 8:26-39
- Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Pentecost 11 - August 6, 2023

- Isaiah 55:1-5

- Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21
- Romans 9:1-5
- Matthew 14:13-21

Pentecost 12 - August 13, 2023

- 1 Kings 19:9-18

- Psalm 85:8-13
- Romans 10:5-15
- Matthew 14:22-33

Pentecost 13 - August 20, 2023

- Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

- Psalm 67
- Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32
- Matthew 15: (10-20), 21-28

Pentecost 14 - August 27, 2023

- Exodus 1:8-2:10

- Psalm 124
- Romans 12:1-8
- Matthew 16:13-20

Pentecost 15 - September 3, 2023

- Exodus 3:1-15

- Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b
- Romans 12:9-21
- Matthew 16:21-28

Pentecost 16 - September 10, 2023

- Exodus 12:1-14

- Psalm 149
- Romans 13:8-14
- Matthew 18:15-20

Pentecost 17 - September 17, 2023

- Exodus 14:19-31; Exodus 15:1b-11, 20-21

- Psalm 114
- Romans 14:1-12
- Matthew 18:21-35

Pentecost 18 - September 24, 2023

- Exodus 16:2-15

- Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45
- Philippians 1:21-30
- Matthew 20:1-16

Pentecost 19 - October 1, 2023

- Exodus 17:1-7

- Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16
- Philippians 2:1-13
- Matthew 21:23-32

Pentecost 20 - October 8, 2023

- Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20

- Psalm 19
- Philippians 3:4b-14
- Matthew 21:33-46

Pentecost 21 - October 15, 2023

- Exodus 32:1-14; Exodus 33:12-23

- Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23
- Philippians 4:1-9
- Matthew 22:1-14

Pentecost 22 - October 22, 2023

- Isaiah 45:1-7 and Psalm 96:1-9, (10-13)

- 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

- Matthew 22:15-22

Pentecost 23 - October 29, 2023

- Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18 and Psalm 1

- 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

- Matthew 22:34-46

Pentecost 24 - November 5, 2023

- Micah 3:5-12 and Psalm 43

- 1 Thessalonians 2:9-13

- Matthew 23:1-12

Pentecost 25 - November 12, 2023

- Amos 5:18-24 and Psalm 70

- 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

- Matthew 25:1-13

Pentecost 26 - November 19, 2023

- Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18 and Psalm 90:1-8, (9-11), 12

- 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

- Matthew 25:14-30

Reign of Christ - Pentecost 27 - November 26, 2023

- Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24 and Psalm 95:1-7a
- Ephesians 1:15-23
- Matthew 25:31-46