

Narrative Lectionary 2021-22

Readings for Year 4 (John)

The **preaching texts** are always listed first. During the fall, Old Testament texts are the primary vehicle for proclaiming the biblical story. The gospel readings become primary texts on the Fourth Sunday of Advent. A brief accompanying reading (selected from one of the gospels before Christmas and after Easter; selected from Psalms from Christmas through Easter) is noted in parentheses. *These accompanying readings are optional.*

September 12	Creation by the Word Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost	Genesis 1:1—2:4a Creation by word; light, life; it was good. <i>(John 1:1-5)</i>
September 19	Binding of Isaac Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost	Genesis 21:1-3; 22:1-14 God gives Abraham and Sarah a son in their old age. Abraham is told to sacrifice his son, but God provides the ram. <i>(John 1:29)</i>
September 26	Jacob's Dream Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost	Genesis 27:1-4, 15-23; 28:10-17 Jacob gets a blessing by trickery, flees, dreams of a ladder with angels ascending and descending. Receives God's promise. <i>(John 1:50-51)</i>
October 3	God's Name Is Revealed Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost	Exodus 2:23-25; 3:1-15; 4:10-17 God's name is revealed: "I Am." Moses is a reluctant messenger, but God uses him to deliver Israel. <i>(John 8:58)</i>

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October	10	<p>God Provides Manna</p> <p>Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost</p>	<p>Exodus 16:1-18</p> <p>People complain, God provides manna. Manna requires faith in what God gives.</p> <p><i>(John 6:51)</i></p>
October	17	<p>God Calls Samuel</p> <p>Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost</p>	<p>1 Samuel 3:1-21</p> <p>God calls Samuel in the night. He says, Speak Lord for your servant is listening. Told to warn others of sin in Israel.</p> <p><i>(John 20:21-23)</i></p>
October	24	<p>God Calls David</p> <p>Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost</p>	<p>1 Samuel 16:1-13; Psalm 51:10-14</p> <p>God does not look on outward appearance but on the heart; create in me a clean heart.</p> <p><i>(John 7:24)</i></p>
October	31	<p>Solomon's Temple</p> <p>Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost (or Reformation Sunday)</p>	<p>1 Kings 5:1-5; 8:1-13</p> <p>Solomon's temple – a place of sacrifice and divine presence.</p> <p><i>(John 2:19-21)</i></p>
November	7	<p>God Speaks to Elijah</p> <p>Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost (or All Saints Sunday)</p>	<p>1 Kings 19:1-18</p> <p>Elijah at Horeb; The prophet in despair, God speaks in the silence.</p> <p><i>(John 12:27-28)</i></p>
November	14	<p>Amos: Justice Rolls Down</p> <p>Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost</p>	<p>Amos 1:1-2; 5:14-15, 21-24</p> <p>Let justice roll down like waters and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.</p> <p><i>(John 7:37-38)</i></p>

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November 21	<p>Isaiah: A Child Is Born</p> <p>Christ the King / Reign of Christ Sunday</p>	<p>Isaiah 9:1-7</p> <p>People who walked in darkness have seen a great light.</p> <p><i>(John 8:12)</i></p>
November 28	<p>Jeremiah's Letter to Exiles</p> <p>First Sunday of Advent</p>	<p>Jeremiah 29:1, 4-14</p> <p>Seek the welfare of the city; I know the plans I have for you.</p> <p><i>(John 14:27)</i></p>
December 5	<p>Ezekiel: Valley of Dry Bones</p> <p>Second Sunday of Advent</p>	<p>Ezekiel 37:1-14</p> <p>Ezekiel prophesies to the dry bones and they are raised to new life.</p> <p><i>(John 11:25-26)</i></p>
December 12	<p>Word Accomplishes God's Purpose</p> <p>Third Sunday of Advent</p>	<p>Isaiah 55:1-13</p> <p>Anyone who is thirsty, come drink; the word accomplishes God's purpose.</p> <p><i>(John 4:13-14)</i></p>
December 19	<p>Word Made Flesh</p> <p>Third Sunday of Advent</p>	<p>John 1:1-18</p> <p>The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth.</p> <p><i>(Psalm 130:5-8)</i></p>
December 24	<p>Birth of Jesus</p> <p>Christmas Eve</p>	<p>Luke 2:1-14 [15-20]</p> <p>Birth of Jesus.</p> <p><i>(Psalm 96:7-10)</i></p>

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December	25	Shepherds Visit Christmas Day	Luke 2:8-20 Shepherds visit the infant Jesus. <i>(Psalm 123:1-2 or 123:2)</i>
December	26	A Voice in the Wilderness First Sunday of Christmas	John 1:19-34 John the Baptist questioned; says he is not the Christ or Elijah. <i>(Psalm 32:1-2)</i>
January	2	Jesus Says Come and See Second Sunday of Christmas	John 1:35-51 Behold the Lamb of God, Call of disciples, “Come and see.” <i>(Psalm 66:1-5)</i>
January	9	Wedding at Cana Baptism of Our Lord	John 2:1-11 Wedding at Cana, water into wine. <i>(Psalm 104:14-16)</i>
January	16	Jesus Cleanses the Temple Second Sunday after Epiphany	John 2:13-25 Jesus cleanses the temple, signifying the destruction and raising of his body. <i>(Psalm 127:1-2)</i>
January	23	Nicodemus Third Sunday after Epiphany	John 3:1-21 Jesus and Nicodemus, being born anew, God’s love for the world. <i>(Psalm 139:13-18)</i>
January	30	The Woman at the Well Fourth Sunday after Epiphany	John 4:1-42 Jesus meets a Samaritan woman at well, speaks of living water and true worship. <i>(Psalm 42:1-3)</i>

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February	6	Healing Stories Fifth Sunday after Epiphany	John 4:46-54 [5:1-18] Healing official's son, faith in the word of promise ; Jesus heals one who shows no faith <i>(Psalm 40:1-5)</i>
February	13	Bread of Life Sixth Sunday after Epiphany	John 6:35-59 Bread of Life from heaven <i>(Psalm 34:1-10)</i>
February	20	Living Water Seventh Sunday after Epiphany	John 7:37-52 Jesus' promise of the Spirit's living water <i>(Ps 147:1-11)</i>
February	27	The Man Born Blind Transfiguration of Our Lord	John 9:1-41 Jesus is the light of the world – brings light to the eyes of a man born blind. <i>(Psalm 27:1-4)</i>
March	2	The Good Shepherd Ash Wednesday	John 10:1-18 Jesus as gate and good shepherd, who lays down his life. <i>(Psalm 23)</i>
March	6	Jesus Raises Lazarus First Sunday in Lent	John 11:1-44 Raising Lazarus, Jesus as the resurrection and life. <i>(Psalm 104:27-30)</i>
March	13	Jesus Washes Feet Second Sunday in Lent	John 13:1-17 Footwashing as a sign of Jesus' love and example. <i>(Psalm 51:7-12)</i>

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March	20	Peter's Denial Third Sunday in Lent	John 18:12-27 Jesus' trial before Annas, Peter's denial. <i>(Psalm 17:1-7)</i>
March	27	Jesus and Pilate Fourth Sunday in Lent	John 18:28-40 My kingdom is not from this world. <i>(Psalm 145:10-13)</i>
April	3	Jesus Condemned Fifth Sunday in Lent	John 19:1-16a Jesus is condemned, they have no king but Caesar. <i>(Psalm 146)</i>
April	10	The Crucified Messiah Palm/Passion Sunday	John 19:16b-22 <i>Opt.: John 12:12-27, Triumphal Entry</i> Sign above the cross proclaims the crucified king. <i>(Psalm 24)</i>
April	14	Jesus' Last Words Maundy Thursday	John 19:23-30 Woman, behold your son; I thirst; It is finished. <i>(Psalm 26:3)</i>
April	15	Jesus the Passover Lamb Good Friday	John 19:31-42 Jesus' bones are not broken, water from his side, a royal burial. <i>(Psalm 31:9-18)</i>
April	17	Resurrection Resurrection of Our Lord	John 20:1-18 Empty tomb, Jesus calls Mary by name. <i>(Psalm 118:21-29)</i>

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April	24	Thomas Second Sunday of Easter	John 20:19-31 Jesus gives Spirit, appears to Thomas. <i>(Psalm 145:13-21)</i>
May	1	Paul's Conversion Third Sunday of Easter	Acts 9:1-19a Paul and Ananias, each called into Christ's service (locally and globally). <i>(Matthew 6:24)</i>
May	8	Paul and Silas Fourth Sunday of Easter	Acts 16:16-34 Paul and Silas in prison at Philippi, jailor and his family are baptized <i>(Luke 6:18-19, 22-23)</i>
May	15	Paul's Sermon at Athens Fifth Sunday of Easter	Acts 17:16-31 Sermon at Athens: What you worship as unknown, I proclaim to you. <i>(John 1:16-18)</i>
May	22	Partnership in the Gospel Sixth Sunday of Easter	Philippians 1:1-18a Paul in prison, thankful for the Philippians' partnership in the gospel. <i>(Luke 9:46-48)</i>
May	29	The Christ Hymn Seventh Sunday of Easter	Philippians 2:1-13 Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who became obedient to death. <i>(Luke 6:43-45)</i>

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June	5	Pentecost; Rejoice in the Lord Day of Pentecost	Acts 2:1-21; Philipians 4:4-7 Gift of the Spirit as miracle of communication (Acts). Rejoice in the Lord always. The peace of God (Phil). <i>(John 14:16-17)</i>
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