



THE UNITING CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA

Year 'C'
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2012-2013**

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ADVENT

A season of preparation, beginning on the fourth Sunday before Christmas, in which the church recalls its hope and expectation in the coming of Christ, past, present and future.

Date	Day	First Reading	Psalm	Second Reading	Gospel	C
Dec 2 2012	Advent 1	Jer 33:14-16	Ps 25:1-10	1Thes 3:9-13	Lk 21:25-36	P
Dec 9 2012	Advent 2	Mal 3:1-4	Lk 1:68-79	Phil 1:3-11	Lk 3:1-6	P
Dec 16 2012	Advent 3	Zep 3:14-20	Is 12:2-6	Phil 4:4-7	Lk 3:7-18	P
Dec 23 2012	Advent 4	Mic 5:2-5a	Lk 1:47-55 or Ps 80:1-7	Heb 10:5-10	Lk 1:39-45, (46-55)	P

CHRISTMAS

The Christmas - Epiphany season includes Christmas Eve/Day and the twelve days of Christmas. It recalls the stories of the birth and infancy of Christ. The church in this time celebrates the wonder of the incarnation; the season concludes with Epiphany. (Any of the selections for Christmas Day 1, 2 or 3 can be used for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day).

Date	Day	First Reading	Psalm	Second Reading	Gospel	C
Dec 24/25 2012	Christmas Day 1	Is 9:2-7	Ps 96	Tit 2:11-14	Lk 2:1-14, (15-20)	W
	Christmas Day 2	Is 62:6-12	Ps 97	Tit 3:4-7	Lk 2:(1-7), 8-20	W
	Christmas Day 3	Is 52:7-10	Ps 98	Heb 1:1-4, (5-12)	Jn 1:1-14	W
Dec 30 2012	Christmas 1	1 Sm 2:18-20, 26	Ps 148	Col 3:12-17	Lk 2:41-52	W
Jan 1 2013	New Year's Day	Eccl 3:1-13	Ps 8	Rev 21:1-6a	Mt 25:31-46	W
Jan 1 2013	Holy Name of Jesus	Num 6:22-27	Ps 8	Gal 4:4-7 or Phil 2:5-11	Lk 2:15-21	W
Jan 6 2013	Epiphany of the Lord	Is 60:1-6	Ps 72:1-7, 10-14	Eph 3:1-12	Mt 2:1-12	W

AFTER EPIPHANY

A period in which the church reflects on the manifestation of Christ to all people. The Baptism of the Lord is the first Sunday of this period. The Transfiguration of the Lord is the last Sunday. The length of this period varies depending on the date of Easter.

Date	Day	First Reading	Psalm	Second Reading	Gospel	C
Jan 13 2013	Baptism of Jesus	Is 43:1-7	Ps 29	Acts 8:14-17	Lk 3:15-17, 21-22	W
Jan 20 2013	Epiphany 2	Is 62:1-5	Ps 36:5-10	1 Cor 12:1-11	Jn 2:1-11	G
Jan 27 2013	Epiphany 3	Neh 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10	Ps 19	1 Cor 12:12-31a	Lk 4:14-21	G
Feb 3 2013	Epiphany 4	Jer 1:4-10	Ps 71:1-6	1 Cor 13:1-13	Lk 4:21-30	G
Feb 10 2013	Transfiguration of Jesus	Ex 34:29-35	Ps 99	2 Cor 3:12 - 4:2	Lk 9:28-36, (37-43a)	W

LENT

A season of preparation and discipline that begins on Ash Wednesday and concludes at sundown on Holy Saturday. During the forty weekdays and six Sundays in Lent, the church remembers the life and ministry of Jesus and renews its commitment to him in Christian discipleship. This season is the traditional time to prepare for baptisms and confirmations to be celebrated at Easter or a week or two later.

Date	Day	First Reading	Psalm	Second Reading	Gospel	C
Feb 13 2013	Ash Wednesday	Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 or Is 58:1-12	Ps 51:1-17	2 Cor 5:20b - 6:10	Mt 6:1-6, 16-21	P
Feb 17 2013	Lent 1	Dt 26:1-11	Ps 91:1-2, 9-16	Rom 10:8b-13	Lk 4:1-13	P
Feb 24 2013	Lent 2	Gen 15:1-12, 17-18	Ps 27	Phil 3:17 - 4:1	Lk 13:31-35	P
Mar 3 2013	Lent 3	Is 55:1-9	Ps 63:1-8	1 Cor 10:1-13	Lk 13:1-9	P
Mar 10 2013	Lent 4	Jos 5:9-12	Ps 32	2 Cor 5:16-21	Lk 15:1-3, 11b-32	P
Mar 17 2013	Lent 5	Is 43:16-21	Ps 126	Phil 3:4b-14	Jn 12:1-8	P
Mar 24 2013	Passion Sunday	Is 50:4-9a	Ps 31:9-16	Phil 2:5-11	Lk 22:14 - 23:56 or Lk 23:1-49	P
Mar 24 2013	Palm Sunday	Is 50:4-9a	Ps 118:1-2, 19-29	Phil 2:5-11 or Jn 12:12-16	Lk 19:28-40	P
Mar 25 2013	Annunciation of the Lord	Is 7:10-14	Ps 45 or Ps 40:5-10	Heb 10:4-10	Lk 1:26-38	W
Mar 25 2013	Monday in Holy Week	Is 42:1-9	Ps 36:5-11	Heb 9:11-15	Jn 12:1-11	P
Mar 26 2013	Tuesday in Holy Week	Is 49:1-7	Ps 71: 1-14	1 Cor 1:18-31	Jn 12:20-36	P
Mar 27 2013	Wednesday in Holy Week	Is 50:4-9a	Ps 70	Heb 12:1-3	Jn 13:21-32	P
Mar 28 2013	Holy Thursday	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	P
Mar 29 2013	Good Friday	Is 52:13 - 53:12	Ps 22	Heb 10:16-25 or Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9	Jn 18:1 - 19:42	B or R
Mar 30 2013	Holy Saturday	Job 14:1-14 or Lam 3:1-9, 19-24	Ps 31:1-4, 15-16	1 Pet 4:1-8	Mt 27:57-66 or Jn 19:38-42	B

ORTHODOX DATES

18 March	Clean Monday (first day of Lent)
5 May	Easter Day
23 June	Pentecost

EASTER

The great fifty days of Easter includes eight Sundays beginning with the Easter Vigil and concluding on the Day of Pentecost. The season celebrates the Resurrection and Ascension of Christ and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

Date	Day	First Reading	Psalm	Second Reading	Gospel	C
Mar 30 2013	Easter Vigil	Gn 1:1-2:4a Gn 7:1-5, 11-18; 8:6-18; 9:8-13 Gn 22:1-18 (A minimum of 3 OT readings to be read; Ex 14 & 15 always included)	Ps 136:1-9, 23-26 Ps 46 Ps 16 Ex 15:1b-13, 17-18 (resp) Is 12:2-6 (resp) Ps 19 Pss 42 and 43 Ps 143 Ps 98 Ps 114	Rom 6:3-11	Lk 24:1-12	W
Mar 31 2013	Easter Day	Acts 10:34-43 or Is 65:17-25	Ps 118:1-2, 14-24	1 Cor 15:19-26 or Acts 10:34-43	Jn 20:1-18 or Lk 24:1-12	W
Mar 31 2013	Easter Evening	Is 25:6-9	Ps 114	1 Cor 5:6b-8	Lk 24:13-49	W
Apr 7 2013	Easter 2	Acts 5:27-32	Ps 118:14-29 or Ps 150	Rev 1:4-8	Jn 20:19-31	W
Apr 14 2013	Easter 3	Acts 9:1-6, (7-20)	Ps 30	Rev 5:11-14	Jn 21:1-19	W
Apr 21 2013	Easter 4	Acts 9:36-43	Ps 23	Rev 7:9-17	Jn 10:22-30	W
Apr 28 2013	Easter 5	Acts 11:1-18	Ps 148	Rev 21:1-6	Jn 13:31-35	W
May 5 2013	Easter 6	Acts 16:9-15	Ps 67	Rev 21:10, 22 - 22:5	Jn 14:23-29 or Jn 5:1-9	W
May 12 2013	Ascension Day	Acts 1:1-11	Ps 47 or Ps 93	Eph 1:15-23	Lk 24:44-53	W
May 12 2013	Easter 7	Acts 16:16-34	Ps 97	Rev 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21	Jn 17:20-26	W
May 19 2013	Day of Pentecost	Acts 2:1-21 or Gen 11:1-9	Ps 104:24-34, 35b	Rom 8:14-17 or Acts 2:1-21	Jn 14:8-17, (25-27)	R

AFTER PENTECOST

A period of time that varies in length depending on whether Easter is early or late. In this period, the church recalls its faith in the Holy Trinity. It seeks to relate its faith as a people of God to Christ's mission in the world. It commences with Trinity Sunday and concludes with the feast of Christ the King.

Date	Day	First Reading	Psalm	Second Reading	Gospel	C
May 26 2013	Trinity Sunday	Prv 8:1-4, 22-31	Ps 8	Rom 5:1-5	Jn 16:12-15	W
Jun 2 2013	Pent 2 [9]	1 Kgs 18:20-21 (22-29) 30-39	Ps 96	Gal 1:1-12	Lk 7:1-10	G
Jun 9 2013	Pent 3 [10]	1 Kgs 17:8-16 (17-24)	Ps 146	Gal 1:11-24	Lk 7:11-17	G
Jun 16 2013	Pent 4 [11]	1 Kgs 21:1-10, (11-14) 15-21a	Ps 5:1-8	Gal 2:15-21	Lk 7:36 - 8:3	G
Jun 22 2013	UCA Anniversary	Deu 30:1-10	Ps 100	1 Cor 3:10-17	Jn 15:1-8	R
Jun 23 2013	Pent 5 [12]	1 Kgs 19:1-4, (5-7) 8-15a	Ps 42 and 43	Gal 3:23-29	Lk 8:26-39	G
Jun 30 2013	Pent 6 [13]	2 Kgs 2:1-2, 6-14	Ps 77:1-2, 11-20	Gal 5:1, 13-25	Lk 9:51-62	G
Jul 7 2013	Pent 7 [14]	2 Kgs 5:1-14	Ps 30	Gal 6:(1-6), 7-16	Lk 10:1-11, 16-20	G
Jul 14 2013	Pent 8 [15]	Am 7:7-17	Ps 82	Col 1:1-14	Lk 10: 25-37	G
Jul 21 2013	Pent 9 [16]	Am 8:1-12	Ps 52	Col 1:15-28	Lk 10: 38-42	G
Jul 28 2013	Pent 10 [17]	Hos 1:2-10	Ps 85	Col 2:6-15 (16-19)	Lk 11:1-13	G
Aug 4 2013	Pent 11 [18]	Hos 11:1-11	Ps 107:1-9, 43	Col 3:1-11	Lk 12:13-21	G
Aug 11 2013	Pent 12 [19]	Is 1:1, 10-20	Ps 50:1-8, 22-23	Heb 11:1-3, 8-16	Lk 12:32-40	G
Aug 18 2013	Pent 13 [20]	Is 5:1-7	Ps 80:1-2, 8-19	Heb 11:29-12:2	Lk 12:49-56	G
Aug 25 2013	Pent 14 [21]	Jer 1:4-10	Ps 71:1-6	Heb 12:18-29	Lk 13:10-17	G
Sep 1 2013	Pent 15 [22]	Jer 2:4-13	Ps 81:1, 10-16	Heb 13:1-8, 15-16	Lk 14:1, 7-14	G
Sep 8 2013	Pent 16 [23]	Jer 18:1-11	Ps 139:1-6, 13-18	Phlm 1-21	Lk 14:25-33	G
Sep 15 2013	Pent 17 [24]	Jer 4:11-12, 22-28	Ps 14	1 Tim 1:12-17	Lk 15:1-10	G
Sep 22 2013	Pent 18 [25]	Jer 8:18 - 9:1	Ps 79:1-9	1 Tim 2:1-7	Lk 16:1-13	G
Sep 29 2013	Pent 19 [26]	Jer 32:1-3a, 6-15	Ps 91:1-6, 14-16	1 Tim 6:6-19	Lk 16:19-31	G
Oct 6 2013	Pent 20 [27]	Lam 1:1-6	Lam 3:19-26 or Ps 137	2 Tim 1:1-14	Lk 17:5-10	G
Oct 13 2013	Pent 21 [28]	Jer 29:1, 4-7	Ps 66:1-12	2 Tim 2:8-15	Lk 17:11-19	G
Oct 20 2013	Pent 22 [29]	Jer 31:27-34	Ps 119:97-104	2 Tim 3:14 - 4:5	Lk 18:1-8	G
Oct 27 2013	Pent 23 [30]	Jl 2:23-32	Ps 65	2 Tim 4:6-8, 16-18	Lk 18:9-14	G
Nov 1 2013	All Saints Day	Dan 7:1-3, 15-18	Ps 149	Eph 1:11-23	Lk 6:20-31	W
Nov 3 2013	Pent 24 [31]	Hab 1:1-4, 2:1-4	Ps 119:137-144	2 Thes 1:1-4, 11-12	Lk 19:1-10	G
Nov 10 2013	Pent 25 [32]	Hag 1:15b - 2:9	Ps 145:1-5, 17-21 or Ps 98	2 Thes 2:1-5, 13-17	Lk 20:27-38	G
Nov 17 2013	Pent 26 [33]	Is 65:17-25	Is 12	2 Thes 3:6-13	Lk 21:5-19	G
Nov 24 2013	Christ the King or The Reign of Christ	Jer 23:1-6	Lk 1:68-79	Col 1:11-20	Lk 23:33-43	W

• UCA Anniversary Readings may be substituted for June 23.

• All Saints Readings may be substituted for November 3.

• A Calendar of Other Commemorations is to be found in *Uniting in Worship 2* pages 566 to 571.

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There is so much in this gospel to savour, so many stories in which the great themes of the Jesus event are embedded, ministry of Jesus are entirely consistent with the compassion and forgiveness of God declared through this timeless story. And in this context read again the parable of the two sons (15:11-32) which reveals that the qualities evident in the them personally, are revealed in Luke's record again and again.

The Jesus Luke describes is often wonderfully gentle and compassionate. We have already made mention of his encounter with the woman who anointed his feet. Look also at the account of his response to the woman who touched his cloak as he made his way to the home of Jairus (8:42a-48) and his words to the widow of Nain before he healed her son (7:11-17). The concern of Jesus for the poor and those on the fringes of society, and the care he demonstrated for

Reflect, for example, on the stories of the woman who anointed Jesus' feet (7:36-50) of Jesus' meeting with Zacchaeus (19:1-10), and the extended account of Jesus' encounter with two disciples on the road to Emmaus (24:13-35). This characteristic of Luke's gospel is consistent with his assertion that his gospel record derives from the testimony of "eyewitnesses and servants of the word" (1:1-2).

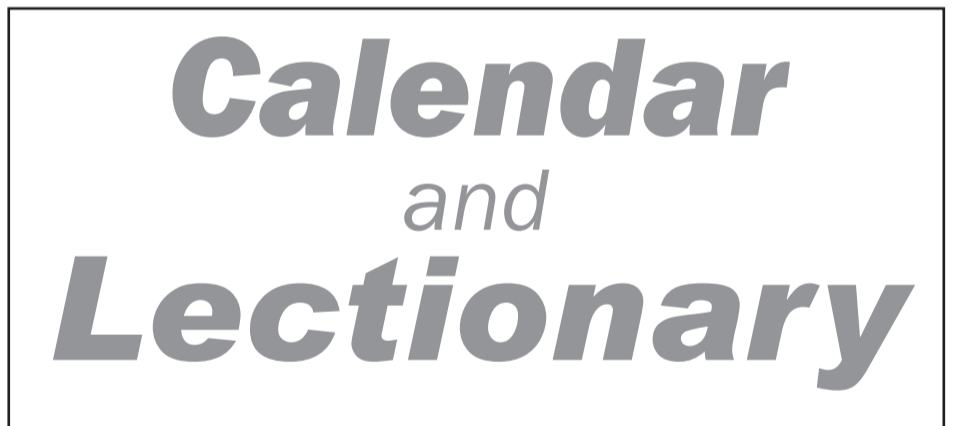
Luke offers us a number of "pen-portraits" that help to give his gospel a very personal feel.....Elizabeth and Zechariah (1:5-25, 57-80), Mary and Joseph (1:26-56, 2:1-24, 41-52), Simeon and Anna (2:25-38), and John the Baptist (3:1-20). They all become real people to us, and this extends to the stories of others that Jesus met along the way, even those whose names we do not know.

Scholarly conclusions regarding the dating of Luke's gospel also vary, but when we read the gospel we are left with a sense of it having been written in response to a widespread demand for more information, especially regarding the birth of Jesus and his post-resurrection encounters with the disciples. Both these aspects of the Jesus story in this gospel offer far more detailed and personal information than either Mark or Matthew had included. It makes sense that, as time passed and the gospel message spread, there was an ever-increasing desire for more and more knowledge of Jesus' life, ministry and teaching.

Luke's gospel leaves us in no doubt that the salvation Jesus came to bring was for the whole world. It is a very inclusive record of the life and ministry of Jesus. It is interesting to note that Luke does not include any reference to the occasion when Jesus ordered his disciples not to preach to gentiles (Matthew 10:5-6) nor to his conversation with the Canaanite woman (Matthew 15:21-28) during which he first ignores and then, seemingly, rejects her pleas for help. Luke also appears to be not much interested in identifying aspects of Jesus' life and ministry as the fulfilment of OT prophecies....all of this in contrast to the approach adopted by Matthew.

Furthermore, also in contrast to Matthew and Mark, Luke is careful to establish an historical setting for his gospel. He wants to tell us something about the context for the world-changing events he is about to describe, what was happening in the world he knew at that time and some of the significant people who influenced those events. Scholars have different views about the historicity of Luke's account but it is his intention we are concerned with here. Luke's message is that the life of Jesus has profound importance for the whole world.

Preaching the Gospel of Luke



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The Uniting Church lays upon its members the serious duty of reading the Scriptures, and commits its ministers to preach from these...'

Basis of Union, paragraph 5



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*Luke for Everyone – by N T Wright, Westminster John Knox.

*Bringing the Word to Life – Year C by Andrew Collis and Dorothy McKae McMahon.

*Provoking the Gospel of Luke by Richard J Swanson, Pilgrim Press.

*Feasting on the Word Year C - a lectionary commentary series from Westminster John Knox.

*SeasonsFUSION – lectionary resources for weekly worship – see www.seasonsonline.org.au

*The Abingdon Preaching Annual 2013 by David N Mosser, ed, published by Abingdon Press. Includes: Sermon helps and commentary; Topical sermons; Worship planning aids, searchable CD-ROM.

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*Preaching the RCL – Year C (Four Volumes Advent/Christmas/Epiphany; Lent/Easter; Pentecost 1; Pentecost 2). Each volume offers liturgical advice for worship planning. For each Sunday, there are ideas to integrate the focus on the Church Year through worship, music, colour, and the proclamation of the Word. Abingdon Press.

*Lectionary Story Bible (year C) by Ralph Milton, published by Wood Lake Books. A lectionary based story for each Sunday of the church year making the it a complete lectionary resource for Christian educators, camp leaders, worship leaders, and families who want to share their faith at home.

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*Words for Worship published by MediaCom Education Inc, contains contemporary, scriptural and relevant prayers based on the RCL especially written for Australian congregations.

*Prayers to Share – Year C by David Sparks. Responsive Prayers for each Sunday of the Church Year. An entire year's worth of responsive prayers, written in inclusive, contemporary language.

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Commentaries and Resources for the Gospel of Luke

Lectionary Related Websites (Free Resources)—Australian

Anna Grant-Henderson's Home Page <http://www.oldtestamentlectionary.unitingchurch.org.au>

Bill Loader's Home Page <http://wwwstaff.murdoch.edu.au/~loader>

Bruce Prewer's Home Page <http://www.bruceprewer.com/>

Howard Wallace's Home Page <http://hwallace.unitingchurch.org.au>

Laughing Bird Liturgical Resources (Nathan Nettleton) <http://www.laughingbird.net>

Liturgies Online (Maira Laidlaw) <http://www.liturgiesonline.com.au>

Mustard Seeds (Ann Scull) <http://www.seedstuff.blogspot.com/>

The Billabong, <http://thebillabong.info> (Rev Jeff Shrowder)

Together to Celebrate: Contemporary Christian Music Resources for Worship (Rev David MacGregor)

<http://www.togethertocelebrate.com.au>

Lectionary Related Websites (Free Resources)—Other

The Revised Common Lectionary: A Vanderbilt Divinity Library Online Resource <http://divinity.library.vanderbilt.edu/lectionary/> (includes links to relevant Christian art)

The Text This Week: Lectionary, Scripture Study and Worship Links and Resources <http://divinity.library.vanderbilt.edu/lectionary/> (extensive links to a range of resources)

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Midnight Oil Productions <http://www.midnightoilproductions.com>

Roots on the Web (Churches Together in Britain & Ireland) <http://www.rootsontheweb.com>

The Work of the People: Visual Media for Ministry <http://www.theworkofthepeople.com>

With Love to the World <http://www.wlw.uca.org.au>

Additional notes regarding the way in which Sundays are identified and numbered in the Lectionary

Firstly, the Lectionary numbers the Sundays after Pentecost. The Sunday after Trinity will always be Pentecost 2.

The numbers in brackets for the Sundays after Epiphany and after Pentecost refer to what is known as "Ordinary Time". This is not because these Sundays are "ordinary" in the way we usually understand the term. In the Lectionary, "ordinary" comes from the word "ordinal" and refers to the order in which the numbers come...first, second, third etc. The Sundays in "Ordinary Time" include all the Sundays outside of Advent/Christmas and Lent/Easter.

It is important to understand that during Epiphany these numbers count forward from the Sunday marking the baptism of Jesus. However, after Pentecost they are counted backwards from the last Sunday of the Church Year (Christ the King/Reign of Christ Sunday). The actual numbering will vary from year to year depending on how early or late Easter falls.



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