

Narrative Lectionary 2019-20

Readings for Year 2 (Mark)

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	8	Garden of Eden Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost	Genesis 2:4b-25 Human beings are to till the garden; man and woman in companionship <i>(Mark 1:16-20 or Mark 10:6-8)</i>
September	15	Isaac Born to Sarah Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost	Genesis 18:1-15; 21:1-7 The promise of Isaac's birth to an aged Sarah and Abraham brings laughter <i>(Mark 10:27)</i>
September	22	Jacob Wrestles God Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost	Genesis 32:[9-13] 22-30 Jacob wrestles with an angel. Receives the name Israel, for he strives with God <i>(Mark 14:32-36)</i>
September	29	Moses and God's Name Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost	Exodus 1:8-14 [1:15--2:10]; 3:1-15 Israel is in slavery and calls for help. God calls Moses to bring release <i>(Mark 12:26-27a)</i>
October	6	Hear O Israel Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost	Deuteronomy 5:1-21; 6:4-9 Ten Commandments Love the LORD your God with all your heart and soul and might <i>(Mark 12:28-31)</i>
October	13	Ruth Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost	Ruth 1:1-17 Ruth is a foreigner who finds belonging among God's people. "Where you go I will go, your people will be my people, your God will be my God." <i>(Mark 3:33-35)</i>

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October	20	David Anointed King Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost	2 Samuel 5:1-5; 6:1-5; Psalm 150 David becomes king over all Israel. Brings the Ark of the covenant to Jerusalem with song making Jerusalem a place of worship. <i>(Mark 11:8-10)</i>
October	27	Kingdom Divided Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost	1 Kings 12:1-17, 25-29 Rehoboam and the need for servant leadership; the kingdom is divided <i>(Mark 10:42-45)</i>
November	3	Elijah at Mount Carmel Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost	1 Kings 18:[17-19] 20-39 Elijah calls fire from heaven on Mount Carmel to reveal God's presence <i>(Mark 9:2-4)</i>
November	10	Hosea Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost	Hosea 11:1-9 God's passionate love for his children; despite their disobedience he cannot give them up. <i>(Mark 10:13-14)</i>
November	17	Isaiah's Vineyard Song Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost	Isaiah 5:1-7; 11:1-5 Israel is pictured as a vineyard. God looks for the fruit of righteousness but finds only injustice. God promises a faithful king who will judge with righteousness. <i>(Mark 12:1-3)</i>
November	24	Josiah's Reform Christ the King Sunday	2 Kings 22:1-10 [11-20]; 23:1-3 Josiah's recovery of Scripture, reform and renewal. <i>(Luke 24:30-32)</i>
December	1	Promise of the Messiah First Sunday of Advent	Jeremiah 33:14-18 Promise of the Messiah <i>(Mark 8:27-29)</i>

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December	8	Isaiah of the Exile Second Sunday of Advent	Isaiah 40:1-11 Comfort, comfort my people, a voice cries out in the wilderness, make straight the way of the Lord. <i>(Mark 1:1-4)</i>
December	15	Rebuilding the Temple Third Sunday of Advent	Ezra 1:1-4; 3:1-4, 10-13 Return from exile and rebuilding the temple. <i>(Luke 2:25-32)</i>
December	22	Zechariah's Song Fourth Sunday of Advent	Luke 1:5-13 [14-25] 57-80 John the Baptist's birth; Blessed be the God of Israel who has looked favorably on his people. <i>(Psalm 113)</i>
December	24	Birth of Jesus Christmas Eve	Luke 2:1-14 [15-20] Birth of Jesus <i>(Psalm 146:5-10 or Luke 1:46-55)</i>
December	25	Shepherds Visit Christmas Day	Luke 2:8-20 Shepherds visit the infant Jesus or <i>Matthew 2:1-12, The Magi</i> <i>(Psalm 108:1-4)</i>
December	29	Beginning of Good News First Sunday of Christmas	Mark 1:1-20 John the Baptist, Jesus announces the kingdom, calls the disciples. <i>(Psalm 91:9-12)</i>
January	5	Jesus' Ministry Begun Second Sunday of Christmas	Mark 1:21-45 Jesus heals a man with an unclean spirit, Peter's mother-in-law, and a leper. <i>(Psalm 103:1-5)</i>
January	12	Jesus Heals and Teaches First Sunday after Epiphany	Mark 2:1-22 Jesus heals a paralytic and eats with tax collectors. <i>(Psalm 103:6-14)</i>

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January	19	Parables in Mark Second Sunday after Epiphany	Mark 4:1-34 Parables of sower and mustard seed <i>(Psalm 126)</i>
January	26	Jesus and the Gerasene Demoniac Third Sunday after Epiphany	Mark 5:1-20 Jesus heals the Gerasene demoniac <i>(Psalm 89:1-4)</i>
February	2	Jairus' Daughter Healed Fourth Sunday after Epiphany	Mark 5:21-43 Jesus heals Jairus' daughter and the woman with the flow of blood. <i>(Psalm 131)</i>
February	9	Death of John the Baptist Fifth Sunday after Epiphany	Mark 6:1-29 Jesus rejected at Nazareth; sending of the Twelve; death of John the Baptist. <i>(Psalm 122)</i>
February	16	What Defiles? Sixth Sunday after Epiphany	Mark 7:1-23 What defiles one comes from within <i>(Psalm 51:1-3, 6-7)</i>
February	23	Transfiguration Transfiguration	Mark 8:27--9:8 Peter's confession, passion prediction, bearing the cross, Transfiguration. <i>(Psalm 27:1-4)</i>
February	26	Passion Prediction Ash Wednesday	Mark 9:30-37 Passion prediction, debate about who is the greatest, call to become a servant. <i>(Psalm 32:1-5)</i>
March	1	First Last and Last First First Sunday in Lent	Mark 10:17-31 Rich man is called to sell all he has and follow Jesus. <i>(Psalm 19:7-10)</i>

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March	8	Bartimaeus Healed Second Sunday in Lent	Mark 10:32-52 Passion prediction, Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, heals blind Bartimaeus. <i>(Psalm 34:11-14)</i>
March	15	Parable of the Tenants [Taxes to Caesar] Third Sunday in Lent	Mark 12:1-12 [13-17] Parable of the wicked tenants; paying taxes to Caesar <i>(Psalm 86:8-13)</i>
March	22	Great Commandment Fourth Sunday in Lent	Mark 12:28-44 Great commandment, scribes seek honor, a poor widow gives all she has. <i>(Psalm 89:1-4)</i>
March	29	End of the Age Fifth Sunday in Lent	Mark 13:1-8, 24-37 The end of the age; call to be watchful. <i>(Psalm 102:12-17)</i>
April	5	Triumphal Entry (or Anointing at Bethany) Palm Sunday	Mark 11:1-11 Triumphal entry Mark 14:3-9 Woman anoints Jesus at Bethany <i>(Psalm 118:25-29)</i>
April	9	Lord's Supper, Prayer in Gethsemane Maundy Thursday	Mark 14:22-42 Words of Institution; Peter's denial foretold; prayer in Gethsemane. <i>(Psalm 116:12-19)</i>
April	10	Crucifixion Good Friday	Mark 15:16-39 Mocking; crucifixion; "My God, my God why have you forsaken me?" <i>(Psalm 22:1-2, 14-21)</i>

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April	12	Resurrection Easter Sunday	Mark 16:1-8 Resurrection, empty tomb, and fleeing in fear. <i>(Psalm 118:21-27)</i>
April	19	You Shall Be My Witnesses Second Sunday of Easter	Acts 1:1-14 “You shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” <i>(Mark 6:7-13)</i>
April	26	Peter Heals in Jerusalem Third Sunday of Easter	Acts 3:1-10 Healing at the Beautiful Gate; “I have no silver or gold, but what I have I give you, in the name of Jesus rise and walk.” <i>(Mark 6:53-56)</i>
May	3	Church at Thessalonica Fourth Sunday of Easter	Acts 17:1-9 Founding church at Thessalonica 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 Paul’s message of thanks to the church at Thessalonica. <i>(Mark 13:9-11)</i>
May	10	Church at Corinth Fifth Sunday of Easter	Acts 18:1-4 Founding the church at Corinth. 1 Corinthians 1:10-18 Factions in the church and the word of the cross. <i>(Mark 9:34-35)</i>
May	17	Faith, Hope, and Love Sixth Sunday of Easter	1 Corinthians 13:1-13 “Faith, hope, and love abide, but the greatest of these is love.” <i>(Mark 12:28-31)</i>

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May	24	Death Swallowed in Life Seventh Sunday of Easter	1 Corinthians 15:1-26, 51-57 Jesus' resurrection and the future resurrection; death as the last enemy. <i>(Mark 12:26-27a)</i>
May	31	Gifts of the Spirit Pentecost	Acts 2:1-4 Pentecost 1 Corinthians 12:1-13 Faith as principal work of the Spirit; other gifts of the Spirit for the common good. <i>(Mark 1:4-8)</i>

Summer 2020 (14 weeks from June 7 – Sept. 6, 2020)

Job (5 weeks): see *K. Schifferdecker's* [6-week series \(2012\)](#)

- 6/7/2020: Job 1:1-22
- 6/14/2020: Job 3:1-10; 4:1-9; 7:11-21
- 6/21/2020: Job 14:7-15; 19:23-27
- 6/28/2020: Job 31:35-37; 38:1-11 [25-27]
- 7/5/2020: Job 41:1-8; 42:1-17

2 Corinthians (5 weeks): see *Lois Malcolm's* [6-week series \(2016\)](#)

- 7/12/2020: 2 Cor 1:1-11 – Consolation
- 7/19/2020: 2 Cor 2:1-10 – Forgiveness
- 7/26/2020: 2 Cor 4:1-18 – Treasure in Clay Jars
- 8/2/2020: 2 Cor 5:1-21 – Walk by Faith not Sight
- 8/9/2020: 2 Cor 8:1-15 – Generosity

Lord's Prayer (4 weeks): see *M. Stamper's* [4-week series \(2016\)](#)

- 8/16/2020: Luke 11:2-4
- 8/23/2020: Luke 11:2-4
- 8/30/2020: Luke 11:2-4
- 9/6/2020: Luke 11:2-4