

Narrative Lectionary 2017-2018

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 10	Creation by the Word Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost	Genesis 1:1—2:4a Creation by word; light, life; it was good. <i>(John 1:1-5)</i>
September 17	Binding of Isaac Fifteenth 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 24	Jacob's Dream Sixteenth 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 1	God's Name Is Revealed Seventeenth 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>
October 8	God Provides Manna Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost	Exodus 16:1-18 People complain, God provides manna. Manna requires faith in what God gives. <i>(John 6:51)</i>

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October	15	<p>God Calls Samuel</p> <p>Nineteenth 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	22	<p>God Calls David</p> <p>Twentieth 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	29	<p>Solomon's Temple</p> <p>Twenty-first 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	5	<p>God Speaks to Elijah</p> <p>Twenty-second 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	12	<p>Amos: Justice Rolls Down</p> <p>Twenty-third 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>
November	19	<p>Isaiah: A Child Is Born</p> <p>Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost</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>

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November 26	Jeremiah's Letter to Exiles Christ the King/Reign of Christ Sunday	Jeremiah 29:1, 4-14 Seek the welfare of the city; I know the plans I have for you. <i>(John 14:27)</i>
December 3	Daniel: The Fiery Furnace First Sunday of Advent	Daniel 3:1, [2-7] 8-30 Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego; God present in the fiery furnace. <i>(John 18:36-37)</i>
December 10	Ezekiel: Valley of Dry Bones Second Sunday of Advent	Ezekiel 37:1-14 Ezekiel prophesies to the dry bones and they are raised to new life. <i>(John 11:25-26)</i>
December 17	Word Accomplishes God's Purpose Third Sunday of Advent	Isaiah 55:1-13 Anyone who is thirsty, come drink; the word accomplishes God's purpose. <i>(John 4:13-14)</i>
December 24 (morning)	Word Made Flesh Fourth Sunday of Advent	John 1:1-18 The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth. <i>(Psalm 130:5-8)</i>
December 24 (evening)	Birth of Jesus Christmas Eve	Luke 2:1-14 [15-20] Birth of Jesus. <i>(Psalm 96:7-10)</i>
December 25	Shepherds Visit Christmas Day	Luke 2:8-20 Shepherds visit the infant Jesus. <i>(Psalm 123:1-2 or 123:2)</i>

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December	31	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	7	Jesus Says Come and See Baptism of Our Lord	John 1:35-51 Behold the Lamb of God, Call of disciples, “Come and see.” <i>(Psalm 66:1-5)</i>
January	14	Wedding at Cana Second Sunday after Epiphany	John 2:1-11 Wedding at Cana, water into wine. <i>(Psalm 104:14-16)</i>
January	21	Jesus Cleanses the Temple Third 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	28	Nicodemus Fourth 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>
February	4	The Woman at the Well Fifth 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>
February	11	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>

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February	14	The Good Shepherd Ash Wednesday	John 10:1-18 Jesus as gate and good shepherd, who lays down his life. <i>(Psalm 23)</i>
February	18	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>
February	25	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>
March	4	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	11	Jesus and Pilate Fourth Sunday in Lent	John 18:28-40 My kingdom is not from this world. <i>(Psalm 145:10-13)</i>
March	18	Jesus Condemned Fifth Sunday in Lent	John 19:1-16a Jesus is condemned, they have no king but Caesar. <i>(Psalm 146)</i>
March	25	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>

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March	29	Jesus' Last Words Maundy Thursday	John 19:23-30 Woman, behold your son; I thirst; It is finished. <i>(Psalm 26:3)</i>
March	30	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	1	Resurrection Resurrection of Our Lord	John 20:1-18 Empty tomb, Jesus calls Mary by name. <i>(Psalm 118:21-29)</i>
April	8	Thomas Second Sunday of Easter	John 20:19-31 Jesus gives Spirit, appears to Thomas. <i>(Psalm 145:13-21)</i>
April	15	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>
April	22	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>
April	29	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>

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May	6	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	13	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>
May	20	Pentecost; Rejoice in the Lord Day of Pentecost	Acts 2:1-21; Philippians 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>

Summer 2018 (15 weeks from May 27 – Sept. 2, 2018)

Ten Commandments (4 weeks): See R. Jacobson's [4-week series \(2014\)](#)

- 5/27/2018: Exodus 19:1-6; 20:1-2 *(Matthew 22:34-40)*
- 6/3/2018: Exodus 20:3-11 *(Matthew 22:34-40)*
- 6/10/2018: Exodus 20:12-16 *(Matthew 22:34-40)*
- 6/17/2018: Exodus 20:17 *(Matthew 22:34-40)*

1 John (4 weeks): See C. Koester's [4-week series \(2014\)](#)

- 6/24/2018: 1 John 1:1-4 *(John 1:14-16)*
- 7/1/2018: 1 John 1:5—2:2 *(John 1:29)*
- 7/8/2018: 1 John 4:1-6 *(John 14:15-17)*
- 7/15/2018: 1 John 4:7-21 *(John 15:9-11)*

Ruth (4 weeks): See K. Schifferdecker's [4-week series \(2014\)](#)

- 7/22/2018: Ruth 1:1-22 *(Matthew 5:3-9)*
- 7/29/2018: Ruth 2:1-23 *(Luke 6:36-38)*
- 8/5/2018: Ruth 3:1-18 *(Matthew 7:7-8)*
- 8/12/2018: Ruth 4:1-22 *(Luke 1:46-55)*

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Stewardship/Generosity (3 weeks):

- 8/19/2018: Matthew 6:19-34 *(Psalm 51:6-9)*
- 8/26/2018: Mark 10:17-31 *(Psalm 51:10-12)*
- 9/2/2018: Luke 12:13-34 *(Psalm 51:15-17)*