

# Narrative Lectionary 2015-2016

## 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	13	<b>Garden of Eden</b>  Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost	<b>Genesis 2:4b-25</b> Human beings are to till the garden; man and woman in companionship  <i>(Mark 1:16-20 or Mark 10:6-8)</i>
September	20	<b>Isaac Born to Sarah</b>  Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost	<b>Genesis 18:1-15; 21:1-7</b> The promise of Isaac's birth to an aged Sarah and Abraham brings laughter  <i>(Mark 10:27)</i>
September	27	<b>Jacob Wrestles God</b>  Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost	<b>Genesis 32:22-30</b> Jacob wrestles with an angel. Receives the name Israel, for he strives with God  <i>(Mark 14:32-36)</i>
October	4	<b>Moses and God's Name</b>  Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost	<b>Exodus 1:8-14 [15—2:10]; 3:1-15</b> Israel is in slavery and calls for help. God calls Moses to bring release  <i>(Mark 12:26-27a)</i>
October	11	<b>Hear O Israel</b>  Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost	<b>Deuteronomy 5:1-21; 6:4-9</b> Ten Commandments Love the LORD your God with all your heart and soul and might  <i>(Mark 12:28-31)</i>
October	18	<b>Ruth</b>  Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost	<b>Ruth 1:1-17</b> 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	25	<b>David Anointed King</b> Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost	<b>2 Samuel 5:1-5; 6:1-5; Psalm 150</b> 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>
November	1	<b>Kingdom Divided</b> Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost	<b>1 Kings 12:1-17, 25-29</b> Rehoboam and the need for servant leadership; the kingdom is divided <i>(Mark 10:42-45)</i>
November	8	<b>Elijah at Mount Carmel</b> Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost	<b>1 Kings 18:20-39</b> Elijah calls fire from heaven on Mount Carmel to reveal God's presence <i>(Mark 9:2-4)</i>
November	15	<b>Hosea</b> Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost	<b>Hosea 11:1-9</b> God's passionate love for his children; despite their disobedience he cannot give them up. <i>(Mark 10:13-14)</i>
November	22	<b>Isaiah's Vineyard Song</b> Christ the King Sunday	<b>Isaiah 5:1-7; 11:1-5</b> 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	29	<b>Josiah's Reform</b> First Sunday of Advent	<b>2 Kings 22:1-10, [14-20]; 23:1-3</b> Josiah's recovery of Scripture, reform and renewal. <i>(Luke 24:30-32)</i>
December	6	<b>Isaiah of the Exile</b> Second Sunday of Advent	<b>Isaiah 40:1-11</b> Comfort, comfort my people, a voice cries out in the wilderness, make straight the way of the Lord. <i>(Mark 1:1-4)</i>

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December	13	<b>Rebuilding the Temple</b> Third Sunday of Advent	<b>Ezra 1:1-4; 3:1-4, 10-13</b> Return from exile and rebuilding the temple. <i>(Luke 2:25-32)</i>
December	20	<b>Zechariah's Song</b> Fourth Sunday of Advent	<b>Luke 1:5-13, 57-80</b> John the Baptist's birth; Blessed be the God of Israel who has looked favorably on his people. <i>(Psalm 113)</i>
December	24	<b>Birth of Jesus</b> Christmas Eve	<b>Luke 2:1-14 (15-20)</b> Birth of Jesus <i>(Psalm 146:5-10 or Luke 1:46-55)</i>
December	25	<b>Shepherds Visit</b> Christmas Day	<b>Luke 2:8-20</b> Shepherds visit the infant Jesus or <i>Matthew 2:1-12, The Magi</i> <i>(Psalm 108:1-4)</i>
December	27	<b>Beginning of Good News</b> First Sunday of Christmas	<b>Mark 1:1-20</b> John the Baptist, Jesus announces the kingdom, calls the disciples. <i>(Psalm 91:9-12)</i>
January	3	<b>Jesus' Ministry Begun</b> Second Sunday of Christmas	<b>Mark 1:21-45</b> Jesus heals a man with an unclean spirit, Peter's mother-in-law, and a leper. <i>(Psalm 103:1-5)</i>
January	10	<b>Jesus Heals and Teaches</b> First Sunday after Epiphany	<b>Mark 2:1-22</b> Jesus heals a paralytic and eats with tax collectors. <i>(Psalm 103:6-14)</i>
January	17	<b>Parables in Mark</b> Second Sunday after Epiphany	<b>Mark 4:1-34</b> Parables of sower and mustard seed <i>(Psalm 126)</i>

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January	24	<b>Jairus' Daughter Healed</b>  Third Sunday after Epiphany	<b>Mark 5:21-43</b> Jesus heals Jairus' daughter and the woman with the flow of blood.  <i>(Psalm 131)</i>
January	31	<b>Death of John the Baptist</b>  Fourth Sunday after Epiphany	<b>Mark 6:1-29</b> Jesus rejected at Nazareth; sending of the Twelve; death of John the Baptist.  <i>(Psalm 122)</i>
February	7	<b>Transfiguration</b>  Transfiguration	<b>Mark 8:27--9:8</b> Peter's confession, passion prediction, bearing the cross, Transfiguration.  <i>(Psalm 27:1-4)</i>
February	10	<b>Passion Prediction</b>  Ash Wednesday	<b>Mark 9:30-37</b> Passion prediction, debate about who is the greatest, call to become a servant.  <i>(Psalm 32:1-5)</i>
February	14	<b>First Last and Last First</b>  First Sunday in Lent	<b>Mark 10:17-31</b> Rich man is called to sell all he has and follow Jesus.  <i>(Psalm 19:7-10)</i>
February	21	<b>Bartimaeus Healed</b>  Second Sunday in Lent	<b>Mark 10:32-52</b> Passion prediction, Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, heals blind Bartimaeus.  <i>(Psalm 34:11-14)</i>
February	28	<b>Parable of the Tenants (or Taxes to Caesar)</b>  Third Sunday in Lent	<b>Mark 12:1-12</b> Parable of the wicked tenants <i>or</i> Mark 12:13-17, Paying taxes to Caesar  <i>(Psalm 86:8-13)</i>

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March	6	<b>Great Commandment</b> Fourth Sunday in Lent	<b>Mark 12:28-44</b> Great commandment, scribes seek honor, a poor widow gives all she has.  <i>(Psalm 89:1-4)</i>
March	13	<b>End of the Age</b> Fifth Sunday in Lent	<b>Mark 13:1-8, 24-37</b> The end of the age; call to be watchful.  <i>(Psalm 102:12-17)</i>
March	20	<b>Triumphal Entry (or Anointing at Bethany)</b> Palm Sunday	<b>Mark 11:1-11</b> Triumphal entry  <b>Mark 14:3-9</b> Woman anoints Jesus at Bethany  <i>(Psalm 118:25-29)</i>
March	24	<b>Lord's Supper, Prayer in Gethsemane</b> Maundy Thursday	<b>Mark 14:22-42</b> Words of Institution; Peter's denial foretold; prayer in Gethsemane.  <i>(Psalm 116:12-19)</i>
March	25	<b>Crucifixion</b> Good Friday	<b>Mark 15:16-39</b> Mocking; crucifixion; "My God, my God why have you forsaken me?"  <i>(Psalm 22:1-2, 14-21)</i>
March	27	<b>Resurrection</b> Easter Sunday	<b>Mark 16:1-8</b> Resurrection, empty tomb, and fleeing in fear.  <i>(Psalm 118:21-27)</i>
April	3	<b>You Shall Be My Witnesses</b> Second Sunday of Easter	<b>Acts 1:1-14</b> "You shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."  <i>(Mark 6:7-13)</i>

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April	10	<b>Peter Heals in Jerusalem</b> Third Sunday of Easter	<b>Acts 3:1-10</b> 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>
April	17	<b>Church at Thessalonica</b> Fourth Sunday of Easter	<b>Acts 17:1-9</b> Founding church at Thessalonica <b>1 Thessalonians 1:1-10</b> Paul’s message of thanks to the church at Thessalonica. <i>(Mark 13:9-11)</i>
April	24	<b>Church at Corinth</b> Fifth Sunday of Easter	<b>Acts 18:1-4</b> Founding the church at Corinth. <b>1 Corinthians 1:10-18</b> Factions in the church and the word of the cross. <i>(Mark 9:34-35)</i>
May	1	<b>Faith, Hope, and Love</b> Sixth Sunday of Easter	<b>1 Corinthians 13:1-13</b> “Faith, hope, and love abide, but the greatest of these is love.” <i>(Mark 12:28-31)</i>
May	8	<b>Death Swallowed in Life</b> Seventh Sunday of Easter	<b>1 Corinthians 15:1-26, 51-57</b> Jesus’ resurrection and the future resurrection; death as the last enemy. <i>(Mark 12:26-27a)</i>
May	15	<b>Gifts of the Spirit</b> Pentecost	<b>Acts 2:1-4</b> Pentecost <b>1 Corinthians 12:1-13</b> Faith as principal work of the Spirit; other gifts of the Spirit for the common good. <i>(Mark 1:4-8)</i>

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### Summer 2016 (16 weeks from May 22 – Sept. 4, 2016)

#### 2 Corinthians (6 weeks):

- 5/22/2016: 2 Cor 1:1-11 – Consolation
- 5/29/2016: 2 Cor 2:1-10 – Forgiveness
- 6/5/2016: 2 Cor 4:1-15 – Treasure in Clay Jars
- 6/12/2016: 2 Cor 4:16—5:10 Walk by Faith not Sight
- 6/19/2016: 2 Cor 5:11-21 Reconciliation
- 6/26/2016: 2 Cor 8:1-15 Generosity

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

- 7/3/2016: Job 1:1-22
- 7/10/2016: Job 3:1-10; 4:1-9; 7:11-21
- 7/17/2016: Job 14:7-15; 19:23-27
- 7/24/2016: Job 31:35-37; 38:1-11
- 7/31/2016: Job 38:25-27; 41:1-8; 42:1-6
- 8/7/2016: Job 42:7-17

#### Lord's Prayer (4 weeks): see *C. Koester's [5-week series \(2013\)](#)*

- 8/14/2016: Luke 11:2-4
- 8/21/2016: Luke 11:2-4
- 8/28/2016: Luke 11:2-4
- 9/4/2016: Luke 11:2-4