

## Lent and Holy Week

A season of preparation and discipline which begins with 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.

Liturgical colour: purple, except for Good Friday and Holy Saturday no colour is used, since the church is stripped bare at the end of the Maundy Thursday service.

Sunday	Year A	Year B	Year C
Ash Wednesday	Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 or Isaiah 58:1-12 Psalm 51:1-17 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10 Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21	Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 or Isaiah 58:1-12 Psalm 51:1-17 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10 Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21	Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 or Isaiah 58:1-12 Psalm 51:1-17 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10 Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21
Lent 1	Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7 Psalm 32 Romans 5:12-19 Matthew 4:1-11	Genesis 9:8-17 Psalm 25:1-10 1 Peter 3:18-22 Mark 1:9-15	Deuteronomy 26:1-11 Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16 Romans 10:8b-13 Luke 4:1-13
Lent 2	Genesis 12:1-4a Psalm 121 Romans 4:1-5, 13-17 John 3:1-17	Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16 Psalm 22:23-31 Romans 4:13-25 Mark 8:31-38	Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18 Psalm 27 Philippians 3:17-4:1 Luke 13:31-35
Lent 3	Exodus 17:1-7 Psalm 95 Romans 5:1-11 John 4:5-42	Exodus 20:1-17 Psalm 19 1 Corinthians 1:18-25 John 2:13-22	Isaiah 55:1-9 Psalm 63:1-8 1 Corinthians 10:1-13 Luke 13:1-9
Lent 4	1 Samuel 16:1-13 Psalm 23 Ephesians 5:8-14 John 9:1-41	Numbers 21:4-9 Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22 Ephesians 2:1-10 John 3:14-21	Joshua 5:9-12 Psalm 32 2 Corinthians 5:16-21 Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32
Lent 5	Ezekiel 37:1-14 Psalm 130 Romans 8:6-11 John 11:1-45	Jeremiah 31:31-34 Psalm 51:1-12 or Psalm 119:9-16 Hebrews 5:5-10 John 12:20-33	Isaiah 43:16-21 Psalm 126 Philippians 3:4b-14 John 12:1-8
Lent 6 Liturgy of the Palms	Matthew 21:1-11 Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29	Mark 11:1-11 or John 12:12-16 Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29	Luke 19:28-40 Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29
Liturgy of the Passion	Isaiah 50:4-9a Psalm 31:9-16 Philippians 2:5-11 Matthew 26:14-27:66	Isaiah 50:4-9a Psalm 31:9-16 Philippians 2:5-11	Isaiah 50:4-9a Psalm 31:9-16 Philippians 2:5-11 Luke 22:14-23:56 or

	or Matthew 27:11-54	Mark 14:1-15:47 or Mark 15:1-39, (40-47)	Luke 23:1-49
Monday in Holy Week	Isaiah 42:1-9 Psalm 36:5-11 Hebrews 9:11-15 John 12:1-11	Isaiah 42:1-9 Psalm 36:5-11 Hebrews 9:11-15 John 12:1-11	Isaiah 42:1-9 Psalm 36:5-11 Hebrews 9:11-15 John 12:1-11
Tuesday in Holy Week	Isaiah 49:1-7 Psalm 71:1-14 1 Corinthians 1:18-31 John 12:20-36	Isaiah 49:1-7 Psalm 71:1-14 1 Corinthians 1:18-31 John 12:20-36	Isaiah 49:1-7 Psalm 71:1-14 1 Corinthians 1:18-31 John 12:20-36
Wednesday in Holy Week	Isaiah 50:4-9a Psalm 70 Hebrews 12:1-3 John 13:21-32	Isaiah 50:4-9a Psalm 70 Hebrews 12:1-3 John 13:21-32	Isaiah 50:4-9a Psalm 70 Hebrews 12:1-3 John 13:21-32
Maundy Thursday	Exodus 12:1-4, (5-10), 11-14 Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 John 13:1-17, 31b-35	Exodus 12:1-4, (5-10), 11-14 Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 John 13:1-17, 31b-35	Exodus 12:1-4, (5-10), 11-14 Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 John 13:1-17, 31b-35
Good Friday	Isaiah 52:13-53:12 Psalm 22 Hebrews 10:16-25 or Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9 John 18:1-19:42	Isaiah 52:13-53:12 Psalm 22 Hebrews 10:16-25 or Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9 John 18:1-19:42	Isaiah 52:13-53:12 Psalm 22 Hebrews 10:16-25 or Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9 John 18:1-19:42
Holy Saturday	Job 14:1-14 or Lamentations 3:1-9, 19-24 Psalm 31:1-4, 15-16 1 Peter 4:1-8 Matthew 27:57-66 or John 19:38-42	Job 14:1-14 or Lamentations 3:1-9, 19-24 Psalm 31:1-4, 15-16 1 Peter 4:1-8 Matthew 27:57-66 or John 19:38-42	Job 14:1-14 or Lamentations 3:1-9, 19-24 Psalm 31:1-4, 15-16 1 Peter 4:1-8 Matthew 27:57-66 or John 19:38-42

**Another significant date**

Annunciation of the Lord 25 March	Isaiah 7:10-14 Psalm 45 or Psalm 40:5-10 Hebrews 10:4-10 Luke 1:26-38	Isaiah 7:10-14 Psalm 45 or Psalm 40:5-10 Hebrews 10:4-10 Luke 1:26-38	Isaiah 7:10-14 Psalm 45 or Psalm 40:5-10 Hebrews 10:4-10 Luke 1:26-38
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The reading for the Annunciation normally come during the period of Lent. If this is the case, these reading may be used in place of the set readings for the day

**EASTER**

The Great Fifty Days of Easter includes eight Sundays. It begins with the Easter Vigil after sunset of Holy Saturday (Easter Vigil is the first service of Easter) and concludes on the Day of Pentecost. This season celebrates the resurrection and ascension of Christ and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

Liturgical colour: white, except for Pentecost, which is red.

Sunday	Year A	Year B	Year C
Easter Vigil	Genesis 1:1—2:4a Psalm 136:1-9, 23-26 Genesis 7:1-5, 11-18; 8:6-18; 9:8- 13 Palm. 46 Genesis 22:1-18 Psalm 16 Exodus 14:10-31; 15:20-21 Exodus 15:1b-13, 17-18 Isaiah 55:1-11 Isaiah 12:2-6	Genesis 1:1—2:4a Psalm 136:1-9, 23-26 Genesis 7:1-5, 11-18; 8:6-18; 9:8- 13 Psalm 46 Genesis 22:1-18 Psalm 16 Exodus 14:10-31; 15:20-21 Exodus 15:1b-13, 17-18 Isaiah. 55:1-11 Isaiah. 12:2-6	Genesis 1:1—2:4a Psalm 136:1-9, 23-26 Genesis 7:1-5, 11-18; 8:6-18; 9:8- 13 Psalm 46 Genesis 22:1-18 Psalm 16 Exodus 14:10-31; 15:20-21 Exodus 15:1b-13, 17-18 Isaiah. 55:1-11 Isaiah. 12:2-6
A minimum of three Old Testament readings should be chosen.  Ordinarily Exodus 14 will be included.	Proverbs 8:1-8, 19-21; 9:4b-6 Psalm 19 Ezekiel 36:24-28 Psalm 42 and 43 Ezekiel 37:1-14 Psalm 143 Zephaniah 3:14-20 Psalm 98 Romans 6:3-11 Psalm 114 Matt. 28:1-10	Proverbs. 8:1-8, 19-21; 9:4b-6 Psalm 19 Ezekiel 36:24-28 Psalm 42 and 43 Ezekiel 37:1-14 Psalm 143 Zephaniah. 3:14-20 Psalm 98 Romans 6:3-11 Psalm 114 Mark 16:1-8	Proverbs. 8:1-8, 19-21; 9:4b-6 Psalm 19 Ezekiel 36:24-28 Psalm 42 and 43 Ezekiel 37:1-14 Psalm 143 Zephaniah. 3:14-20 Psalm 98 Romans 6:3-11 Psalm 114 Luke 24:1-12
Easter Day	Acts 10:34-43 or Jeremiah 31:1-6 Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 Colossians 3:1-4 or Acts 10:34-43 John 20:1-18 or Matthew 28:1-10	Acts 10:34-43 or Isaiah 25:6-9 Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 or Acts 10:34-43 John 20:1-18 or Mark 16:1-8	Acts 10:34-43 or Isaiah 25:6-9 Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 or Acts 10:34-43 John 20:1-18 or Mark 16:1-8
Easter Evening	Isaiah 25:6-9 Psalm 114 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8 Luke 24:13-49	Isaiah 25:6-9 Psalm 114 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8 Luke 24:13-49	Isaiah 25:6-9 Psalm 114 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8 Luke 24:13-49

Easter 2	Acts 2:14a, 22-32 Psalm 16 1 Peter 1:3-9 John 20:19-31	Acts 4:32-35 Psalm 133 1 John 1:1-2:2 John 20:19-31	Acts 5:27-32 Psalm 118:14-29 or Psalm 150 Revelation 1:4-8 John 20:19-31
Easter 3	Acts 2:14a, 36-41 Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19 1 Peter 1:17-23 Luke 24:13-35	Acts 3:12-19 Psalm 4 1 John 3:1-7 Luke 24:36b-48	Acts 9:1-6, (7-20) Psalm 30 Revelation 5:11-14 John 21:1-19
Easter 4	Acts 2:42-47 Psalm 23 1 Peter 2:19-25 John 10:1-10	Acts 4:5-12 Psalm 23 1 John 3:16-24 John 10:11-18	Acts 9:36-43 Psalm 23 Revelation 7:9-17 John 10:22-30
Easter 5	Acts 7:55-60 Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16 1 Peter 2:2-10 John 14:1-14	Acts 8:26-40 Psalm 22:25-31 1 John 4:7-21 John 15:1-8	Acts 11:1-18 Psalm 148 Revelation 21:1-6 John 13:31-35
Easter 6	Acts 17:22-31 Psalm 66:8-20 1 Peter 3:13-22 John 14:15-21	Acts 10:44-48 Psalm 98 1 John 5:1-6 John 15:9-17	Acts 16:9-15 Psalm 67 Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5 John 14:23-29 or John 5:1-9
Ascension  These readings may be used on the seventh Sunday of Easter	Acts 1:1-11 Psalm 47 or Psalm 93 Ephesians 1:15-23 Luke 24:44-53	Acts 1:1-11 Psalm 47 or Psalm 93 Ephesians 1:15-23 Luke 24:44-53	Acts 1:1-11 Psalm 47 or Psalm 93 Ephesians 1:15-23 Luke 24:44-53
Easter 7	Acts 1:6-14 Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35 1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11 John 17:1-11	Acts 1:15-17, 21-26 Psalm 1 1 John 5:9-13 John 17:6-19	Acts 16:16-34 Psalm 97 Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21 John 17:20-26
Pentecost  If the reading from the Old Testament is chosen for the first lesson, the passage from Acts is used as the second reading.	Acts 2:1-21 or Numbers 11:24-30 Psalm 104:24-34, 35b 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13 or Acts 2:1-21 John 20:19-23 or John 7:37-39	Acts 2:1-21 or Ezekiel 37:1-14 Psalm 104:24-34, 35b Romans 8:22-27 or Acts 2:1-21 John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15	Acts 2:1-21 or Genesis 11:1-9 Psalm 104:24-34, 35b Romans 8:14-17 or Acts 2:1-21 John 14:8-17, (25-27)