

# Narrative Lectionary 2021-22

## Readings for Year 4 (John)

The Narrative Lectionary covers the sweep of the biblical story each year. The texts include major episodes from the Bible and they are arranged in a narrative sequence to help us see Scripture as a story that has coherence and dynamic movement.

From September to mid-December the preaching texts begin with the early chapters of Genesis, moving through the stories of Israel's early history, the exodus, the kings, the prophets, the exile and the return to the land. From Christmas to Easter there is sustained reading of one of the four gospels. From Easter to Pentecost the texts are chosen from Acts and Paul's letters.

September 12	<b>Creation by the Word</b>	<b>Genesis 1:1—2:4a</b> Creation by word; light, life; it was good. <i>(John 1:1-5)</i>
September 19	<b>Binding of Isaac</b>	<b>Genesis 21:1-3; 22:1-14</b> 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 26	<b>Jacob's Dream</b>	<b>Genesis 27:1-4, 15-23; 28:10-17</b> 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 3	<b>God's Name Is Revealed</b>	<b>Exodus 2:23-25; 3:1-15; 4:10-17</b> God's name is revealed: "I Am." Moses is a reluctant messenger, but God uses him to deliver Israel. <i>(John 8:58)</i>

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October	10	<b>God Provides Manna</b>	<b>Exodus 16:1-18</b>  People complain, God provides manna. Manna requires faith in what God gives.  <i>(John 6:51)</i>
October	17	<b>God Calls Samuel</b>	<b>1 Samuel 3:1-21</b>  God calls Samuel in the night. He says, Speak Lord for your servant is listening. Told to warn others of sin in Israel.  <i>(John 20:21-23)</i>
October	24	<b>God Calls David</b>	<b>1 Samuel 16:1-13; Psalm 51:10-14</b>  God does not look on outward appearance but on the heart; create in me a clean heart.  <i>(John 7:24)</i>
October	31	<b>Solomon's Temple</b>	<b>1 Kings 5:1-5; 8:1-13</b>  Solomon's temple – a place of sacrifice and divine presence.  <i>(John 2:19-21)</i>
November	7	<b>God Speaks to Elijah</b>	<b>1 Kings 19:1-18</b>  Elijah at Horeb; The prophet in despair, God speaks in the silence.  <i>(John 12:27-28)</i>
November	14	<b>Amos: Justice Rolls Down</b>	<b>Amos 1:1-2; 5:14-15, 21-24</b>  Let justice roll down like waters and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.  <i>(John 7:37-38)</i>

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November 21	<p><b>Isaiah: A Child Is Born</b></p> <p>Christ the King / Reign of Christ Sunday</p>	<p><b>Isaiah 9:1-7</b></p> <p>People who walked in darkness have seen a great light.</p> <p><i>(John 8:12)</i></p>
November 28	<p><b>Jeremiah’s Letter to Exiles</b></p> <p>First Sunday of Advent</p>	<p><b>Jeremiah 29:1, 4-14</b></p> <p>Seek the welfare of the city; I know the plans I have for you.</p> <p><i>(John 14:27)</i></p>
December 5	<p><b>Ezekiel: Valley of Dry Bones</b></p> <p>Second Sunday of Advent</p>	<p><b>Ezekiel 37:1-14</b></p> <p>Ezekiel prophesies to the dry bones and they are raised to new life.</p> <p><i>(John 11:25-26)</i></p>
December 12	<p><b>Word Accomplishes God’s Purpose</b></p> <p>Third Sunday of Advent</p>	<p><b>Isaiah 55:1-13</b></p> <p>Anyone who is thirsty, come drink; the word accomplishes God’s purpose.</p> <p><i>(John 4:13-14)</i></p>
December 19	<p><b>Word Made Flesh</b></p> <p>Third Sunday of Advent</p>	<p><b>John 1:1-18</b></p> <p>The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth.</p> <p><i>(Psalm 130:5-8)</i></p>
December 24	<p><b>Birth of Jesus</b></p> <p>Christmas Eve or Christmas Day</p>	<p><b>Luke 2:1-14 [15-20]</b></p> <p>Birth of Jesus.</p> <p><i>(Psalm 96:7-10)</i></p>

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December 26	<b>A Voice in the Wilderness</b> First Sunday of Christmas	<b>John 1:19-34</b> John the Baptist questioned; says he is not the Christ or Elijah. <i>(Psalm 32:1-2)</i>
January 2	<b>Jesus Says Come and See</b> Second Sunday of Christmas	<b>John 1:35-51</b> Behold the Lamb of God, Call of disciples, “Come and see.” <i>(Psalm 66:1-5)</i>
January 9	<b>Wedding at Cana</b> Baptism of Our Lord (Epiphany)	<b>John 2:1-11</b> Wedding at Cana, water into wine. <i>(Psalm 104:14-16)</i>
January 16	<b>Jesus Cleanses the Temple</b> Second Sunday after Epiphany	<b>John 2:13-25</b> Jesus cleanses the temple, signifying the destruction and raising of his body. <i>(Psalm 127:1-2)</i>
January 23	<b>Nicodemus</b> Third Sunday after Epiphany	<b>John 3:1-21</b> Jesus and Nicodemus, being born anew, God’s love for the world. <i>(Psalm 139:13-18)</i>
January 30	<b>The Woman at the Well</b> Fourth Sunday after Epiphany	<b>John 4:1-42</b> Jesus meets a Samaritan woman at well, speaks of living water and true worship. <i>(Psalm 42:1-3)</i>

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February 6	<b>Healing Stories</b> Fifth Sunday after Epiphany	<b>John 4:46-54 [5:1-18]</b> Healing official's son, faith in the word of promise ; Jesus heals one who shows no faith <i>(Psalm 40:1-5)</i>
February 13	<b>Bread of Life</b> Sixth Sunday after Epiphany	<b>John 6:35-59</b> Bread of Life from heaven <i>(Psalm 34:1-10)</i>
February 20	<b>Living Water</b> Seventh Sunday after Epiphany	<b>John 7:37-52</b> Jesus' promise of the Spirit's living water <i>(Ps 147:1-11)</i>
February 27	<b>The Man Born Blind</b> Transfiguration of Our Lord	<b>John 9:1-41</b> Jesus is the light of the world – brings light to the eyes of a man born blind. <i>(Psalm 27:1-4)</i>
March 6	<b>Jesus Raises Lazarus</b> First Sunday of Easter Prep	<b>John 11:1-44</b> Raising Lazarus, Jesus as the resurrection and life. <i>(Psalm 104:27-30)</i>
March 13	<b>Jesus Washes Feet</b> Second Sunday of Easter Prep	<b>John 13:1-17</b> Footwashing as a sign of Jesus' love and example. <i>(Psalm 51:7-12)</i>

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March	20	<b>Peter's Denial</b> Third Sunday of Easter Prep	<b>John 18:12-27</b> Jesus' trial before Annas, Peter's denial. <i>(Psalm 17:1-7)</i>
March	27	<b>Jesus and Pilate</b> Fourth Sunday of Easter Prep	<b>John 18:28-40</b> My kingdom is not from this world. <i>(Psalm 145:10-13)</i>
April	3	<b>Jesus Condemned</b> Fifth Sunday of Easter Prep	<b>John 19:1-16a</b> Jesus is condemned, they have no king but Caesar. <i>(Psalm 146)</i>
April	10	<b>The Crucified Messiah</b> Palm/Passion Sunday	<b>John 19:16b-22</b> <i>Opt.: John 12:12-27, Triumphal Entry</i> Sign above the cross proclaims the crucified king. <i>(Psalm 24)</i>
April	14	<b>Jesus' Last Words</b> Maundy Thursday	<b>John 19:23-30</b> Woman, behold your son; I thirst; It is finished. <i>(Psalm 26:3)</i>
April	15	<b>Crucifixion</b> Good Friday	<b>John 19:31-42</b> Jesus' bones are not broken, water from his side, a royal burial. <i>(Psalm 31:9-18)</i>
April	17	<b>Resurrection</b> Resurrection of Our Lord	<b>John 20:1-18</b> Empty tomb, Jesus calls Mary by name. <i>(Psalm 118:21-29)</i>

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April	24	<b>Thomas</b> Second Sunday of Easter	<b>John 20:19-31</b> Jesus gives Spirit, appears to Thomas. <i>(Psalm 145:13-21)</i>
May	1	<b>Paul's Conversion</b> Third Sunday of Easter	<b>Acts 9:1-19a</b> Paul and Ananias, each called into Christ's service (locally and globally). <i>(Matthew 6:24)</i>
May	8	<b>Paul and Silas</b> Fourth Sunday of Easter	<b>Acts 16:16-34</b> Paul and Silas in prison at Philippi, jailor and his family are baptized <i>(Luke 6:18-19, 22-23)</i>
May	15	<b>Paul's Sermon at Athens</b> Fifth Sunday of Easter	<b>Acts 17:16-31</b> Sermon at Athens: What you worship as unknown, I proclaim to you. <i>(John 1:16-18)</i>
May	22	<b>Partnership in the Gospel</b> Sixth Sunday of Easter	<b>Philippians 1:1-18a</b> Paul in prison, thankful for the Philippians' partnership in the gospel. <i>(Luke 9:46-48)</i>
May	29	<b>The Christ Hymn</b> Seventh Sunday of Easter (Ascension)	<b>Philippians 2:1-13</b> Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who became obedient to death. <i>(Luke 6:43-45)</i>

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June	5	<b>Pentecost; Rejoice in the Lord</b>  Pentecost	<b>Acts 2:1-21; Philipians 4:4-7</b>  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>
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