

Revised Common Lectionary, Year B

September 2 – November 25, 2018

Compiled from *Call to Worship: Liturgy, Music, Preaching, and the Arts*

Note that the *Semicontinuous Old Testament track (First Reading and related Psalm)* moves more or less sequentially through major stories and themes of Hebrew Scripture. The *Complementary Old Testament track* offers readings from Hebrew Scripture related to the Gospel.

<p>September 2, 2018 Proper 17</p>	<p><u>SEMICONTINUOUS</u> Song of Solomon 2:8–13 Psalm 45:1–2, 6–9 <u>COMPLEMENTARY</u> Deuteronomy 4:1–2, 6–9 Psalm 15 James 1:17–27 Mark 7:1–8, 14–15, 21–23</p>	<p>One lover calls to another: Arise, my love, and come away. A royal love song: God has blessed the king with beauty and grace. Observe God’s law diligently; do not add to it or subtract from it. Who may abide in God’s presence? Those who do what is right. Every good gift comes from God; pure religion is to care for others. A debate about authority and tradition; evil things come from within.</p>
<p>September 9, 2018 Proper 18</p>	<p><u>SEMICONTINUOUS</u> Proverbs 22:1–2, 8–9, 22–23 Psalm 125 <u>COMPLEMENTARY</u> Isaiah 35:4–7a Psalm 146 James 2:1–10 (11–13) 14–17 Mark 7:24–37</p>	<p>A good name is more valuable than wealth; seek justice for the poor. Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion, abiding forever. Miracles of healing and streams in the desert signal God’s coming. Trust God, who does justice, sets prisoners free, and helps the poor. Care for those who are in need; without good works, faith is dead. Jesus heals a Gentile woman’s daughter and a man who cannot speak.</p>
<p>September 16, 2018 Proper 19</p>	<p><u>SEMICONTINUOUS</u> Proverbs 1:20–33 Psalm 19 <u>COMPLEMENTARY</u> Isaiah 50:4–9a Psalm 116:1–9 James 3:1–12 Mark 8:27–38</p>	<p>Wisdom cries out in the street: Ignore my word at your peril. The heavens declare God’s glory; the law of the Lord is good. God has given me the tongue of a teacher, to sustain the weary. Lord, you deliver me from death, from weeping, from stumbling. Words have the power to bless and curse; use them wisely. Jesus says: You must take up the cross if you want to follow me.</p>
<p>September 23, 2018 Proper 20</p>	<p><u>SEMICONTINUOUS</u> Proverbs 31:10–31 Psalm 1 <u>COMPLEMENTARY</u> Jeremiah 11:18–20 Psalm 54 James 3:13–4:3, 7–8a Mark 9:30–37</p>	<p>A poem on the virtues and gifts of a strong and capable woman. Those who delight in God’s law will prosper like trees by the water. Jeremiah laments: I was like a gentle lamb led to the slaughter. Save me, O God, by your name; vindicate me against my enemies. Wisdom from above is pure, peaceful, gentle; draw near to God. Jesus foretells his dying and rising; then he welcomes a little child.</p>
<p>September 30, 2018 Proper 21</p>	<p><u>SEMICONTINUOUS</u> Esther 7:1–6, 9–10; 9:20–22 Psalm 124 <u>COMPLEMENTARY</u> Numbers 11:4–6, 10–16, 24–29 Psalm 19:7–14 James 5:13–20 Mark 9:38–50</p>	<p>Queen Esther uses her influence to save her people from death. We have escaped from a trap; our help is in the name of the Lord. Among the elders erupts a controversy over who can prophesy. Clear me from hidden faults; let my words be acceptable to you. Pray for one another; faithful prayer brings healing and forgiveness. The disciples find someone else casting out demons in Jesus’ name.</p>
<p>October 7, 2018 Proper 22</p>	<p><u>SEMICONTINUOUS</u> Job 1:1; 2:1–10 Psalm 26 <u>COMPLEMENTARY</u> Genesis 2:18–24 Psalm 8 Hebrews 1:1–4; 2:5–12 Mark 10:2–16</p>	<p>Satan begins a contest with the Lord, testing Job’s faithfulness. Vindicate me, O Lord; I have trusted you and walked in integrity. God sees that the man is alone and creates a partner for him. Majestic Lord, what are human beings that you are mindful of them? Now God speaks to us by a Son, made lower than the angels. Jesus responds to a question on divorce and blesses little children.</p>

<p>October 14, 2018 Proper 23</p>	<p><u>SEMICONTINUOUS</u> Job 23:1–9, 16–17 Psalm 22:1–15</p> <p><u>COMPLEMENTARY</u> Amos 5:6–7, 10–15 Psalm 90:12–17 Hebrews 4:12–16 Mark 10:17–31</p>	<p>Job complains bitterly about the absence of God in his suffering. My God, why do you forsake me? You lay me in the dust of death.</p> <p>Establish justice; seek good and not evil, so that you may live. Satisfy us with your love, O Lord; prosper the work of our hands. The living word of God is our judge; Jesus is our great high priest. For God all things are possible; the last will be first in the kingdom.</p>
<p>October 21, 2018 Proper 24</p>	<p><u>SEMICONTINUOUS</u> Job 38:1–7 (34–41) Psalm 104:1–9, 24, 35b</p> <p><u>COMPLEMENTARY</u> Isaiah 53:4–12 Psalm 91:9–16 Hebrews 5:1–10 Mark 10:35–45</p>	<p>From the whirlwind, the Lord answers Job: Who else is like God? Bless the Lord: sovereign over all things, wrapped in glorious light.</p> <p>The suffering servant of God was wounded for our iniquities. The Lord says: I will deliver and protect those who love me. The Son of God suffered willingly; now he is our great high priest. Jesus came to be a servant and to give his life for others.</p>
<p>October 28, 2018 Proper 25</p>	<p><u>SEMICONTINUOUS</u> Job 42:1–6, 10–17 Psalm 34:1–8 (19–22)</p> <p><u>COMPLEMENTARY</u> Jeremiah 31:7–9 Psalm 126 Hebrews 7:23–28 Mark 10:46–52</p>	<p>Now Job answers the Lord, and repents; God restores his fortunes. I will bless the Lord at all times; I cried, and God answered me.</p> <p>The Lord says: I will gather my people from the ends of the earth. Those who went out weeping will come home with shouts of joy. Jesus is a high priest forever; his own sacrifice was once for all. Jesus restores Bartimaeus’s sight: Your faith has made you well.</p>
<p>November 4, 2018 Proper 26</p>	<p><u>SEMICONTINUOUS</u> Ruth 1:1–18 Psalm 146</p> <p><u>COMPLEMENTARY</u> Deuteronomy 6:1–9 Psalm 119:1–8 Hebrews 9:11–14 Mark 12:28–34</p>	<p>Ruth decides to go with Naomi to Judah: Where you go, I will go. Happy are those who put their trust in the Lord, the God of Jacob.</p> <p>Hear, O Israel: The Lord alone is our God; you shall love the Lord. Happy are those who seek God and walk in the ways of the Lord. By the blood of Christ, our high priest, we will be made clean. Jesus summarizes the commandments: to love God and neighbor.</p>
<p>November 11, 2018 Proper 27</p>	<p><u>SEMICONTINUOUS</u> Ruth 3:1–5; 4:13–17 Psalm 127</p> <p><u>COMPLEMENTARY</u> 1 Kings 17:8–16 Psalm 146 Hebrews 9:24–28 Mark 12:38–44</p>	<p>Ruth and Boaz have a son, who will become an ancestor to David. Unless the Lord builds the house, the workers labor in vain.</p> <p>With meager resources, a widow miraculously feeds Elijah. Do not put your trust in princes; God gives food to the hungry. Christ entered the sanctuary of heaven; he will come again to save. Jesus criticizes the scribes and praises the gift of a poor widow.</p>
<p>November 18, 2018 Proper 28</p>	<p><u>SEMICONTINUOUS</u> 1 Samuel 1:4–20 1 Samuel 2:1–10</p> <p><u>COMPLEMENTARY</u> Daniel 12:1–3 Psalm 16 Hebrews 10:11–14 (15–18) 19–25 Mark 13:1–8</p>	<p>Hannah prays for a son; she conceives and gives birth to Samuel. Hannah’s song of thanksgiving: My heart rejoices in the Lord.</p> <p>Daniel’s vision: Those who sleep in the dust of the earth will awake. O Lord, you are always with me; you show me the path of life. Let us hold fast to our faith, preparing for the day of the Lord. Jesus speaks of the temple’s fall, and other signs of what is to come.</p>
<p>November 25, 2018 Christ the King <i>or</i> Reign of Christ</p>	<p><u>SEMICONTINUOUS</u> 2 Samuel 23:1–7 Psalm 132:1–12 (13–18)</p> <p><u>COMPLEMENTARY</u> Daniel 7:9–10, 13–14 Psalm 93 Revelation 1:4b–8 John 18:33–37</p>	<p>The last words of David: God has made an everlasting covenant. Remember your covenant with David, O Lord, and bless us.</p> <p>The Ancient One gives all dominion to a human, coming in clouds. The ancient and everlasting Lord is enthroned in majesty. Jesus is coming with the clouds; the Lord is Alpha and Omega. Pilate asks: Are you a king? Jesus answers: I came to show the truth.</p>