

Comprehensive Catholic Lectionary Cycle B Advent 2017-2018

CANONICAL	CCL	NOTES
1st Sunday in Advent 12-03-17 Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b, 64:2-7 <i>Psalm 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19</i> 1 Cor 1:3-9 Mark 13:33-37	1st Sunday in Advent 12-03-17 Lam 5:1-5, 8-15 <i>or</i> Rev 12:1-6 <i>Psalm 137:7, 1-5</i> 2 Peter 3:8-15a Mark 13:1a, 2, 3b-5a, 7-8, 14-27, 33-37	We offer two opening readings. The Lamentations reading fits the mood of our times. It also laments violence towards women. The reading from Revelation is apocalyptic literature, often used in the early part of Advent in anticipation of a “second coming,” variously understood. Neither reading is in the canonical lectionary for Sundays and Major Feast Days. Therefore, we recommend that each be used every other B cycle. These readings may also be incorporated in a different lectionary cycle.
2nd Sunday in Advent 12-10-17 Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11 <i>Psalm 85:9ab+10, 11-14</i> 2 Peter 3:8-14 Mark 1:1-8	2nd Sunday in Advent 12-10-17 Isaiah 40:1-11 <i>Ps 122*, Lk 1:76-80</i> 1 Cor 1:3-9, 2 Cor 13:11-13 Mark 1:1-8, John 1:19-23	We offer as an option the final two verses of the canonical Isaiah passage (vs. 10-11) since the image of God as “Shepherd” and the people as “sheep,” is overused, and has contributed to disempowerment of the laity and empowerment of clergy inconsistent with the gospel message. *Psalm 122 is from <i>Merrill</i> , 1st stanza, edited, 3rd stanza. 2 Corinthians 13:11-13 also occurs on Trinity Sunday but provides an Advent call to conversion that the 1st Corinthians reading does not. The John the Baptist readings from the Gospels of Mark and John are combined rather than dedicating two separate Sundays in Advent to him, freeing up space for the women of the Gospel birth narratives.
3rd Sunday in Advent 12-17-17 Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11 <i>Psalm: Lk 1:46-50, 53-54</i> 1 Thes 5:16-24 John 1:6-8, 19-28	3rd Sunday in Advent 12-17-17 2 Samuel 7:1a, 2, 4-7, 12, 14a, 17 <i>Psalm: Is 61:1-3b, 10-11</i> 1 Thes 5:16-24 Luke 1:26-38	The 2 Samuel reading pairs David's construction of the Temple, so that God can live in as fine a house as David, with Mary's pregnancy. As the ark would dwell in the Holy of Holies of the Temple, Mary would be the human ark, carrying God in her womb.

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<p>4th Sunday in Advent 12-24-17 2 Sam 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16 <i>Psalm 89:2-5, 27, 29</i> Romans 16:25-27 Luke 1:26-38</p>	<p>4th Sunday in Advent 12-24-17 1 Sam 1.1-3a, 7, 9-11, 13-17, 20; 2:1, 4-7, 8a-d (edited) <i>Psalm: 1 Sam 2:2-11</i> <i>(Hannah's song)</i> Romans 8:22-26 Luke 1:39-45 + sung Magnificat + 56; or Luke 1:39-56.</p>	<p>Romans 8:22-26 appears in the Pentecost Vigil liturgy in all lectionary cycles. It also appears in Cycle A on the 15th Sunday of Ordinary Time (OT). It is included here because of the imagery of labor and birth and the emphasis on hope, each of which is a central theme in the Advent-Christmas season. It also has a cosmic aspect.</p> <p>In this lectionary cycle, the 4th Sunday in Advent falls on December 24th. If separate services for the 4th Sunday in Advent and Christmas are not possible, we recommend combined readings, followed by 1 minute of silence and total darkness, followed by full light, the Gloria, the Birth of Sophia in the Word, and the birth of Jesus. (See the notes for Christmas.)</p>
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