



Preparing Lectionary Sheets



St. Mary's Chapel
Nashotah House Theological Seminary



What you'll need

- Chapel Handbook Sanctorale (pp. 28-39 in the 2022 edition)
- Celebrant/Preacher Calendar (available in Chapel Materials Drive)
- Book of Common Prayer
- “Weekday Eucharistic Propers” from *Lesser Feasts & Fasts 2006* (available in the Populi course documents)
- The flow chart (Handed out, available also in Drive or Populi)
- Microsoft Excel (free with your student email)
- A lectionary template (Drive or Populi)



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Lectionary documents still in progress	Jun 18, 2020 Fr. Matthew S.C. OL	—
Year A and Year 2 (2019-20)	Jun 9, 2020 Fr. Matthew S.C. Oliver	—



Combining 3 Lectionarys

- In the BCP...
 - RCL (revised common lectionary), as printed in the 1979 BCP
 - We use this for Eucharists on Sundays and Major Feasts
 - Daily Office Lectionary
 - Used for Morning and Evening Prayer everyday
 - Additional readings are included for feast days
- In Lesser Feasts and Fasts 2006
 - Daily Eucharistic Lectionary for ferias and minor feasts
 - [we do not use proper lessons for minor feasts]
- There are additional readings in the Handbook *Sanctorale* for local feasts

It is Year A1!

- This is noted at the bottom of the Lectionary Templates
- It will change Advent 1; **Hootman**—you're first.
- Ordinary Time Sundays—track 2
 - You will notice that the RCL offers two OT lesson & psalm options)
 - Here, because the crowd is variable on Sunday evenings, we typically use track 2

Take a look at the Flowchart

- You aren't so much making a sheet, but compiling it
- [Flowchart](#)

First steps

- Download the template from populi or drive
 - You will mostly use the standard template. If you have a week for the summer, winter recess, thanksgiving, etc. I will give you a heads up to use the short form.
- Save it and rename it to:

A1 - Pentecost 16 Proper 19 (September 17-23, 2023)

Year - Sunday # [ordinary time proper #] (Month date-date, year)

Filling in dates

- Fill in the header “the week of...”
 - Typically “the NNth Sunday after ____ (Proper xx [if applicable]), Month __-__, year
- Next, fill in the date for sunday, and the sheet will update dates for all the following days.
- Next, looking at the celebrant/preacher rota, and the sanctorale from the handbook, begin filling in the liturgical days and changing the fill color as appropriate
 - Eg: **St. Swithun**, The first fried fish friday at Nashotah House, **The feast of the holy hand grenade of antioch**
- Also add the proper prefaces as indicated by the handbook

Checking Services

- Make sure to check the rota for any changes in the schedule
 - Eg this thing that's normally sung is said, this evensong is solemn, etc.
- Sometimes weeks like All Saints, Lessons & Carols, Holy Week, and Commencement can get pretty weird. If you need help reformatting the template, let me know.

Major Feasts!

- Major feasts and their eves should be in **ALL CAPPS AND BOLD**.
- Follow the rota's guidance as to what services will be solemn/sung with incense

Evensong – 4:30 pm <i>(followed by Chapter)</i>	
Eve of Major Feast: St. Mary the Virgin	
Solemn (Procession and Incense at the Mag)	Yes
<i>Office Hymn</i>	--
<i>Psalm</i>	138, 149
<i>OT Office Lesson</i>	Zechariah 2:10-13
<i>Magnificat</i>	--
<i>Gospel Office Lesson</i>	Acts 1:6-14
<i>Nunc dimittis</i>	--
<i>Hymn</i>	--
Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament <i>following Chapter</i>	

At this point, you will be ready to input readings

- I advise starting with the sunday mass readings (BCP. 889 onwards)
- Then if there are Major feasts, add the mass reading for those
- Then input Sunday Office readings, followed by major feast readings for the day and the eve as appropriate
- Then, insert the daily office readings for all other days, remembering to use the correct year (1 or 2). These are on different sides of the page.
- Finally, add the appropriate daily mass readings for ferias/minor feasts, using weekday eucharistic propers (remembering the correct year).

Finishing up

- At the bottom of the sheet, add your name and the date
- Then, using the populi course, submit your lectionary sheet by lunchtime on Wednesday the week you are assigned.
- I will send edits on Thursday morning for you to implement if necessary
- Resubmit the edited document by Saturday afternoon.

Frequent Issues

- Prefaces:
 - for feasts, minor and major, check the handbook.
 - For Sundays after pentecost, it is almost always “of the Lord’s day.” This preface is not used during other seasons. Do not put it down in advent, christmas, etc.
 - Other Sunday’s are typically of the season. Check the BCP in the “collects” section to verify.
 - Weekdays after pentecost is only for weekdays after pentecost. An equivalent “weekdays after easter” etc. does not exist, in those ferial cases, it would simply be “easter,” or “advent,” or etc.
- Gradual Psalms
 - Only add these for “three reading days” ie sundays, Major Feasts, or other “Big” Days

Frequent Issues (cont.)

- Please spell out book names
 - This helps with clarity, and avoids issues of people not being able to tell what “phil” stands for. Philippians? Philemon? The Berlin Philharmonic?
- Eve’s of major feasts
 - If an explicit set of reading is *not* listed, we might do one of two things
 - If it’s an Apostle/Evangelist, use the general “eves of Apostles & Evangelists”
 - If not, Borrow an unused lesson from the actual day’s office lessons and combine it with the ferial reading/psalm otherwise appointed.
- Major Feast offices
 - Sometimes the proper morning lessons will be an OT and gospel reading, when we might normally use an epistle reading. In this case, you get to pick—we don’t have a hard rule for this.

Why do we do all this?

- Many days this seems unnecessarily complicated
- But the lectionary streams we have are complicated. We basically have 3.5 of them at play here.
- This will help give you some experience judiciously sorting through the resources available to better know “what am I supposed to be reading right now.”

Questions?

Let's do an example together

- We're going to do the lectionary for Pentecost 16 (Proper 19)