

## COCU Indexing Scheme, Revised 2011-2012 (Years A & B)

**See Also:** The RCL Lectionary for 2011-2013 and Readings (from the NRSV) may be found at:  
<http://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/index.php> (now including web links to ART and PRAYER)

An Index for Sundays on the Christian Calendar for Years A and B.

### [Year A, 2010-2011]

01A.	28-Nov-10	1st Sunday of Advent	[Advent 1A]
02A.	05-Dec-10	2nd Sunday of Advent	[Advent 2A]
03A.	12-Dec-10	3rd Sunday of Advent	[Advent 3A]
04A.	19-Dec-10	4th Sunday of Advent	[Advent 4A]
05A.	25-Dec-10	Christmas Eve / Christmas Day	[Holy Nativity A]
06A.	26-Dec-10	1st Sunday of Christmas	[Christmas 1A]
07A.	02-Jan-11	2nd Sunday of Christmas	[Christmas 2A]
08A.	06-Jan-11	The Epiphany of the Lord	[Epiphany Sunday A]
09A.	09-Jan-11	The Baptism of the Lord	[Ord. 1A] [Epiph. 1A]
10A.	16-Jan-11	2nd Sunday after Epiphany	[Ord. 2A] [Epiph. 2A]
11A.	23-Jan-11	3rd Sunday after Epiphany	[Ord. 3A] [Epiph. 3A]
12A.	30-Feb-11	4th Sunday after Epiphany	[Ord. 4A] [Epiph. 4A]
13A.	06-Feb-11	5th Sunday after Epiphany	[Ord. 5A] [Epiph. 5A]
14A.	13-Feb-11	6th Sunday after Epiphany	[Ord. 6A] [Proper 1A]
15A.	20-Feb-11	7th Sunday after Epiphany	[Ord. 7A] [Proper 2A]
16A.	27-Feb-11	8th Sunday after Epiphany	[Ord. 8A] [Proper 3A]
17A.	06-Mar-11	Transfiguration of Christ	[Last Sunday before Lent]
18A.	09-Mar-11	Ash Wednesday	[Ash Wed A]
19A.	13-Mar-11	1st Sunday in Lent	[Lent 1A]
20A.	20-Mar-11	2nd Sunday in Lent	[Lent 2A]
21A.	27-Mar-11	3rd Sunday in Lent	[Lent 3A]
22A.	03-Apr-11	4th Sunday in Lent	[Lent 4A]
23A.	10-Apr-11	5th Sunday in Lent	[Lent 5A]
24A.	17-Apr-11	The Passion of Christ	[Lent 6A] [Palm Sunday A]
25A.	18-Apr-11	Monday in Holy Week	[Holy Monday A]
26A.	19-Apr-11	Tuesday in Holy Week	[Holy Tuesday A]
27A.	20-Apr-11	Wednesday in Holy Week	[Holy Wednesday A]
28A.	21-Apr-11	Maundy Thursday	[Maundy Thursday A]
29A.	22-Apr-11	Good Friday	[Good Friday A]
30A.	23-Apr-11	Holy Saturday	[Holy Saturday A]

31A.	24-Apr-11	Easter Vigil / Easter Day	[Easter Sunday A]
32A.	01-May-11	2nd Sunday of Easter	[Easter 2A]
33A.	08-May-11	3rd Sunday of Easter	[Easter 3A]
34A.	15-May-11	4th Sunday of Easter	[Easter 4A]
35A.	22-May-11	5th Sunday of Easter	[Easter 5A]
36A.	29-May-11	6th Sunday of Easter	[Easter 6A]
37A.	02-Jun-11	Ascension Day	[Ascension A]
38A.	05-Jun-11	7th Sunday of Easter	[Easter 7A] [Ascension Sunday]
39A.	12-Jun-11	The Day of Pentecost	[Pentecost A] [Whitsunday A]
40A.	19-Jun-11	Trinity Sunday	[Trinity A] [Pent 1A]
41A.	=not used in 2011=		[Ord 9A] [Prop 4A]
42A.	=not used in 2011=		[Ord 10A] [Prop 5A]
43A.	=not used in 2011=		[Ord 11A] [Prop 6A]
44A.	=not used in 2011=		[Ord 12A] [Prop 7A]
45A.	26-Jun-11	2nd Sunday after Pentecost	[Pent 2A] [Ord 13A] [Prop 8A]
46A.	03-Jul-11	3rd Sunday after Pentecost	[Pent 3A] [Ord 14A] [Prop 9A]
47A.	10-Jul-11	4th Sunday after Pentecost	[Pent 4A] [Ord 15A] [Prop 10A]
48A.	17-Jul-11	5th Sunday after Pentecost	[Pent 5A] [Ord 16A] [Prop 11A]
49A.	24-Jul-11	6th Sunday after Pentecost	[Pent 6A] [Ord 17A] [Prop 12A]
50A.	31-Jul-11	7th Sunday after Pentecost	[Pent 7A] [Ord 18A] [Prop 13A]
51A.	07-Aug-11	8th Sunday after Pentecost	[Pent 8A] [Ord 19A] [Prop 14A]
52A.	14-Aug-11	9th Sunday after Pentecost	[Pent 9A] [Ord 20A] [Prop 15A]
53A.	21-Aug-11	10th Sunday after Pentecost	[Pent 10A] [Ord 21A] [Prop 16A]
54A.	28-Aug-11	11th Sunday after Pentecost	[Pent 11A] [Ord 22A] [Prop 17A]
55A.	04-Sep-11	12th Sunday after Pentecost	[Pent 12A] [Ord 23A] [Prop 18A]
56A.	11-Sep-11	13th Sunday after Pentecost	[Pent 13A] [Ord 24A] [Prop 19A]
57A.	18-Sep-11	14th Sunday after Pentecost	[Pent 14A] [Ord 25A] [Prop 20A]
58A.	25-Sep-11	15th Sunday after Pentecost	[Pent 15A] [Ord 26A] [Prop 21A]
59A.	02-Oct-11	16th Sunday after Pentecost	[Pent 16A] [Ord 27A] [Prop 22A]
60A.	09-Oct-11	17th Sunday after Pentecost	[Pent 17A] [Ord 28A] [Prop 23A]
61A.	16-Oct-11	18th Sunday after Pentecost	[Pent 18A] [Ord 29A] [Prop 24A]
62A.	23-Oct-11	19th Sunday after Pentecost	[Pent 19A] [Ord 30A] [Prop 25A]
64A.	30-Oct-11	20th Sunday after Pentecost	[Pent 20A] [Ord 31A] [Prop 26A]
63A.	01-Nov-11	All Saints Day (or Sunday)	[All Saints A]
65A.	06-Nov-11	21st Sunday after Pentecost	[Pent 21A] [Ord 32A] [Prop 27A]
66A.	13-Nov-11	22nd Sunday after Pentecost	[Pent 22A] [Ord 33A] [Prop 28A]
67A.	20-Nov-11	Last Sunday after Pentecost	[Reign of Christ A] [Ord 34A] [Prop 29A]

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**[Year B, 2011-2012]**

01B.	27-Nov-11	1st Sunday of Advent	[Advent 1B]
02B.	04-Dec-11	2nd Sunday of Advent	[Advent 2B]
03B.	11-Dec-11	3rd Sunday of Advent	[Advent 3B]
04B.	18-Dec-11	4th Sunday of Advent	[Advent 4B]
05B.	25-Dec-11	Christmas Eve / Christmas Day	[Holy Nativity B]
06B.	01-Jan-12	1st Sunday of Christmas	[Christmas 1B]
07B.	=not used in 2012=		[Christmas 2B]
08B.	06-Jan-12	The Epiphany of the Lord	[Epiphany Sunday B]
09B.	08-Jan-12	The Baptism of the Lord	[Ord. 1B] [Epiph. 1B]
10B.	15-Jan-12	2nd Sunday after Epiphany	[Ord. 2B] [Epiph. 2B]
11B.	22-Jan-12	3rd Sunday after Epiphany	[Ord. 3B] [Epiph. 3B]
12B.	29-Jan-12	4th Sunday after Epiphany	[Ord. 4B] [Epiph. 4B]
13B.	05-Feb-12	5th Sunday after Epiphany	[Ord. 5B] [Proper 1B]
14B.	12-Feb-12	6th Sunday after Epiphany	[Ord. 6B] [Proper 2B]
15B.	=not used in 2012=		[Ord. 7B] [Proper 3B]
16B.	=not used in 2012=		[Ord. 8B] [Proper 4B]
17B.	19-Feb-12	Transfiguration of Christ	[Last Sunday Before Lent]
18B.	22-Feb-12	Ash Wednesday	[Ash Wed B]
19B.	26-Feb-12	1st Sunday in Lent	[Lent 1B]
20B.	04-Mar-12	2nd Sunday in Lent	[Lent 2B]
21B.	11-Mar-12	3rd Sunday in Lent	[Lent 3B]
22B.	18-Mar-12	4th Sunday in Lent	[Lent 4B]
23B.	25-Mar-12	5th Sunday in Lent	[Lent 5B]
24B.	01-Apr-12	The Passion of Christ	[Lent 6B] [Palm Sunday B]
25B.	02-Apr-12	Monday in Holy Week	[Holy Monday B]
26B.	03-Apr-12	Tuesday in Holy Week	[Holy Tuesday B]
27B.	04-Apr-12	Wednesday in Holy Week	[Holy Wednesday B]
28B.	05-Apr-12	Maundy Thursday	[Maundy Thursday B]
29B.	06-Apr-12	Good Friday	[Good Friday B]
30B.	07-Apr-12	Holy Saturday	[Holy Saturday B]
31B.	08-Apr-12	Easter Vigil / Easter Day	[Easter Sunday B]
32B.	15-Apr-12	2nd Sunday of Easter	[Easter 2B]
33B.	22-Apr-12	3rd Sunday of Easter	[Easter 3B]
34B.	29-Apr-12	4th Sunday of Easter	[Easter 4B]
35B.	06-May-12	5th Sunday of Easter	[Easter 5B]
36B.	13-May-12	6th Sunday of Easter	[Easter 6B]
37B.	17-May-12	Ascension Day	[Ascension B]
38B.	20-May-12	7th Sunday of Easter	[Easter 7B] [Ascension Sunday]
39B.	27-May-12	The Day of Pentecost	[Pentecost B] [Whitsunday B]

40B.	03-Jun-12	Trinity Sunday	[Trinity B] [Pent 1B]
41B.	=not used in 2012=		[Ord 9B] [Prop 4B]
42B.	10-Jun-12	2nd Sunday after Pentecost	[Pent 2B] [Ord 10B] [Prop 5B]
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46B.	08-Jul-12	6th Sunday after Pentecost	[Pent 6B] [Ord 14B] [Prop 9B]
47B.	15-Jul-12	7th Sunday after Pentecost	[Pent 7B] [Ord 15B] [Prop 10B]
48B.	22-Jul-12	8th Sunday after Pentecost	[Pent 8B] [Ord 16B] [Prop 11B]
49B.	29-Jul-12	9th Sunday after Pentecost	[Pent 9B] [Ord 17B] [Prop 12B]
50B.	05-Aug-12	10th Sunday after Pentecost	[Pent 10B] [Ord 18B] [Prop 13B]
51B.	12-Aug-12	11th Sunday after Pentecost	[Pent 11B] [Ord 19B] [Prop 14B]
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53B.	26-Aug-12	13th Sunday after Pentecost	[Pent 13B] [Ord 21B] [Prop 16B]
54B.	02-Sep-12	14th Sunday after Pentecost	[Pent 14B] [Ord 22B] [Prop 17B]
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56B.	16-Sep-12	16th Sunday after Pentecost	[Pent 16B] [Ord 24B] [Prop 19B]
57B.	23-Sep-12	17th Sunday after Pentecost	[Pent 17B] [Ord 25B] [Prop 20B]
58B.	30-Sep-12	18th Sunday after Pentecost	[Pent 18B] [Ord 26B] [Prop 21B]
59B.	07-Oct-12	19th Sunday after Pentecost	[Pent 19B] [Ord 27B] [Prop 22B]
60B.	14-Oct-12	20th Sunday after Pentecost	[Pent 20B] [Ord 28B] [Prop 23B]
61B.	21-Oct-12	21st Sunday after Pentecost	[Pent 21B] [Ord 29B] [Prop 24B]
62B.	28-Oct-12	22nd Sunday after Pentecost	[Pent 22B] [Ord 30B] [Prop 25B]
63B.	01-Nov-12	All Saints Day (or Sunday)	[All Saints B]
64B.	04-Nov-12	23rd Sunday after Pentecost	[Pent 23B] [Ord 31B] [Prop 26B]
65B.	11-Nov-12	24th Sunday after Pentecost	[Pent 24B] [Ord 32B] [Prop 27B]
66B.	18-Nov-12	25th Sunday after Pentecost	[Pent 25B] [Ord 33B] [Prop 28B]
67B.	25-Nov-12	Last Sunday after Pentecost	[Reign of Christ B] [Ord 34B] [Prop 29B]

**[Year C, 2012-2013]**

01C.	02-Dec-12	1st Sunday of Advent	[Advent 1C]
09C.	09-Jan-12	The Baptism of the Lord	[Ord. 1C] [Epiph. 1C]
18C.	13-Feb-13	Ash Wednesday	[Ash Wed C]
31C.	31-Mar-13	Easter Vigil / Easter Day	[Easter Sunday C]
39C.	19-May-13	The Day of Pentecost	[Pentecost C] [Whitsunday C]

**[Year A, 2013-2014]**

01A.	01-Dec-13	1st Sunday of Advent	[Advent 1A]
09A.	12-Jan-14	The Baptism of the Lord	[Ord. 1A] [Epiph. 1A]
18A.	05-Mar-14	Ash Wednesday	[Ash Wed A]
31A.	20-Apr-14	Easter Vigil / Easter Day	[Easter Sunday A]
39A.	08-Jun-14	The Day of Pentecost	[Pentecost A] [Whitsunday A]

The RCL Lectionary for 2011-2013 and Readings (from the NRSV)  
<http://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/index.php>  
(now including web links to ART and PRAYER)

A good explanation of the Western Church Calendar:  
[http://www.southbear.com/Calendar\\_about.html](http://www.southbear.com/Calendar_about.html)

Calculation of the Ecclesiastical Calendar (from A.D. 325 onwards)  
<http://www.smart.net/~mmontes/ec-cal.html>

INTERFAITH CALENDAR: Primary Sacred Times for World Religions  
<http://www.interfaithcalendar.org/index.htm>

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The COCU Lectionary was published in 1974 by the Commission on Worship of the 'Consultation on Church Union' (USA). This ecumenical lectionary paved the way for the Common Lectionary (in 1983), and the Revised Common Lectionary (in 1994).

The COCU indexing scheme is a convenient way to sort out different Sundays on the Lectionary, given the various names churches give to particular Sundays (e.g. Sundays after Pentecost, Sundays after Trinity, Propers, Ordinary Time, etc.) Some churches still refer to "Sundays before Lent" and "Sundays before Advent", which can also add to the mix of confusion when talking across denominations. The COCU scheme cuts across the jargon so we can know which Sunday we are talking about when we are talking to each other across denominations!

But I've found this numbering scheme helpful for a different reason:

Since 1975, I've used the COCU indexing scheme as a convenient way to organise my worship folders and locate material in my various worship, preaching and liturgy resources.

Since the computer age, the COCU scheme has been a "God-send" in keeping track of material on my hard-drive. Those of you who remember the 8-character limitation of DOS will appreciate how, at first, I managed to name my files:

w50a-11.doc = Order of Worship for Pentecost 7A [Ord 18A]  
s50a-11.doc = Sermon for Pentecost 7A [Ord 18A]  
b50a-11.doc = Church Bulletin for Pentecost 7A [Ord 18A]

Since the advent of Windows95/XP, I've been able to expand the titles for my files a bit further:

w50a-2011 (Pent 7A).doc  
s50a-2011 (Fools We Are).doc  
b50a-2011 (31-Jul-11).doc

This numbering system can also be adapted for Apple OS and Linux files.

The beauty of the COCU scheme is that files (and associated materials) can be quickly located, whether on the hard-drive, in a worship folder, or in a book. The numbers are in sequence from the beginning of Advent to the end of the Church Year. You can also create files for a variety of purposes, with a prefaced letter to keep track of things:

w24a-2011 (Palm Sunday A).doc = Worship Service  
w24a-2011 (Palm Sunday Resources).txt = Resources

s24a-2011 (A New Hope-The Hero's Quest).doc = Sermon  
s24a-2011 (Palm Sunday Notes).txt = Notes and Illustrations

b24a-2011 (17-Apr-11).doc = Church Bulletin  
h24a-2011 (17-Apr-11).doc = Possible Hymns and Songs

c24a-2011\_Palmsunday.jpg = a clipart item for this Sunday.  
a24a-2011\_Matthew21v01to11\_2011.jpg = Agnus Day Cartoon for this Sunday

(Please Note: with the wealth of clipart, I keep the name of the file and simply preface the item with "c01a". I also do the same with Agnus Day cartoons.)

I offer the COCU indexing scheme as a useful tool for finding and filing the materials and resources you use for Sunday worship.

Christ's Blessings & Shalom,

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