

COCU Indexing Scheme, Revised 2021-2022 (Year C)

(Original Index Prepared by the COCU Commission on Worship, Princeton NJ, 1974.)

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

A useful tool for indexing worship ideas, sermons, orders of services, church bulletins, etc. etc. whether for your filing cabinet or your computer files.

[Year C, 2021-2022]

01C	28-Nov-21	1st Sunday of Advent	[Advent 1B]
02C	05-Dec-21	2nd Sunday of Advent	[Advent 2B]
03C	12-Dec-21	3rd Sunday of Advent	[Advent 3B]
04C	19-Dec-21	4th Sunday of Advent	[Advent 4B]
05C	25-Dec-21	Christmas Eve / Christmas Day	[Holy Nativity B]
06C	26-Dec-21	1st Sunday of Christmas	[Christmas 1B]
07C	02-Jan-22	2nd Sunday of Christmas	[Christmas 2B]
08C	09-Jan-22	The Epiphany of the Lord	[Epiphany Sunday B]
09C	16-Jan-22	The Baptism of the Lord	[Ordinary 1B] [Epiph.1B]
10C	23-Jan-22	2nd Sunday after Epiphany	[Ord 2B] [Epiph. 2B]
11C	30-Jan-22	3rd Sunday after Epiphany	[Ord 3B] [Epiph. 3B]
12C	06-Feb-22	4th Sunday after Epiphany	[Ord 4B] [Epiph. 4B]
13C	13-Feb-22	5th Sunday after Epiphany	[Ord 5B] [Epiph. 5B]
14C	20-Feb-22	6th Sunday after Epiphany	[Ord 6B] [Proper 1B]
15C		*** Not used in 2022 ***	[Ord 7B] [Proper 2B]
16C		*** Not used in 2022 ***	[Ord 8B] [Proper 3B]
17C	27-Feb-22	Transfiguration of the Lord	[Last Sunday before Lent]
18C	02-Mar-22	Ash Wednesday	[Ash Wednesday ABC]
19C	06-Mar-22	1st Sunday in Lent	[Lent 1B]
20C	13-Mar-22	2nd Sunday in Lent	[Lent 2B]
21C	20-Mar-22	3rd Sunday in Lent	[Lent 3B]
22C	27-Mar-22	4th Sunday in Lent	[Lent 4B]
23C	03-Apr-22	5th Sunday in Lent	[Lent 5B]
24C	10-Apr-22	Palm Sunday/Passion of Christ	[Lent 6B] [Palm Sunday B]
25C	11-Apr-22	Monday in Holy Week	[Holy Monday B]
26C	12-Apr-22	Tuesday in Holy Week	[Holy Tuesday B]
27C	13-Apr-22	Wednesday in Holy Week	[Holy Wednesday B]
28C	14-Apr-22	Maundy Thursday	[Maundy Thursday B]
29C	15-Apr-22	Good Friday	[Good Friday B]
30C	16-Apr-22	Holy Saturday	[Holy Saturday B]
31C	17-Apr-22	Easter Vigil / Dawn / Easter Day	[Easter Sunday B]
32C	24-Apr-22	2nd Sunday of Easter	[Easter 2B]
33C	01-May-22	3rd Sunday of Easter	[Easter 3B]
34C	08-May-22	4th Sunday of Easter	[Easter 4B]
35C	15-May-22	5th Sunday of Easter	[Easter 5B]
36C	22-May-22	6th Sunday of Easter	[Easter 6B]
37C	26-May-22	Ascension Day	[Ascension Day ABC]
38C	29-May-22	7th Sunday of Easter	[Easter 7A] [Ascension Sunday B]
39C	05-Jun-22	The Day of Pentecost	[Pentecost B] [Whitsunday B]
40C	12-Jun-22	Trinity Sunday	[Trinity Sunday B] [Pent 1B]

41C		*** Not used in 2022 ***	[Ord 9B] [Prop4B]
42C		*** Not used in 2022 ***	[Ord 10B] [Prop 5B]
43C		*** Not used in 2022 ***	[Pent 3B] [Ord 11B] [Prop 6B]
44C	19-Jun-22	2nd Sunday after Pentecost	[Pent 4B] [Ord 12B] [Prop 7B]
45C	26-Jun-22	3rd Sunday after Pentecost	[Pent 5B] [Ord 13B] [Prop 8B]
46C	03-Jul-22	4th Sunday after Pentecost	[Pent 6B] [Ord 14B] [Prop 9B]
47C	10-Jul-22	5th Sunday after Pentecost	[Pent 7B] [Ord.15B] [Prop 10B]
48C	17-Jul-22	6th Sunday after Pentecost	[Pent 8B] [Ord 16B] [Prop 11B]
49C	24-Jul-22	7th Sunday after Pentecost	[Pent 9B] [Ord 17B] [Prop 12B]
50C	31-Jul-22	8th Sunday after Pentecost	[Pent 10B] [Ord 18B] [Prop 13B]
51C	07-Aug-22	9th Sunday after Pentecost	[Pent 11B] [Ord 19B] [Prop 14B]
52C	14-Aug-22	10th Sunday after Pentecost	[Pent 12B] [Ord 20B] [Prop 15B]
53C	21-Aug-22	11th Sunday after Pentecost	[Pent 13B] [Ord 21B] [Prop 16B]
54C	28-Aug-22	12th Sunday after Pentecost	[Pent 14B] [Ord 22B] [Prop 17B]
55C	04-Sep-22	13th Sunday after Pentecost	[Pent 15B] [Ord 23B] [Prop 18B]
56C	11-Sep-22	14th Sunday after Pentecost	[Pent 16B] [Ord 24B] [Prop 19B]
57C	18-Sep-22	15th Sunday after Pentecost	[Pent 17B] [Ord 25B] [Prop 20B]
58C	25-Sep-22	16th Sunday after Pentecost	[Pent 18B] [Ord 26B] [Prop 21B]
59C	02-Oct-22	17th Sunday after Pentecost	[Pent 19B] [Ord 27B] [Prop 22B]
60C	09-Oct-22	18th Sunday after Pentecost	[Pent 20B] [Ord 28B] [Prop 23B]
61C	16-Oct-22	19th Sunday after Pentecost	[Pent 21B] [Ord 29B] [Prop 24B]
63C	23-Oct-22	20th Sunday after Pentecost	[Pent 22B] [Ord 30B] [Prop 25B]
64C	30-Oct-22	21st Sunday after Pentecost	[Pent 23B] [Ord 31B] [Prop 26B]
62C	01-Nov-22	All Saints Day (or Sunday)	[All Saints ABC]
65C	06-Nov-22	25th Sunday after Pentecost	[Pent 24B] [Ord 32B] [Prop 27B]
66C	13-Nov-22	26th Sunday after Pentecost	[Pent 25B] [Ord 33B] [Prop 28B]
67C	20-Nov-22	Last Sunday of Pentecost	[Reign of Christ] [Ord 33B] [Prop 29B]

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04A	18-Dec-22	4th Sunday of Advent	[Advent 4A]
05A	25-Dec-22	Christmas Eve / Christmas Day	[Holy Nativity A]
06A	01-Jan-22	1st Sunday of Christmas	[Christmas 1A]
07A		*** Not used in 2023 ***	[Christmas 2A]
08A	06-Jan-23	The Epiphany of the Lord	[Epiphany ABA]
18A	22-Feb-23	Ash Wednesday	[Ash Wednesday ABC]
31A	09-Apr-23	Easter Vigil / Dawn / Easter Day	[Easter Sunday A]
39A	28-May-23	The Day of Pentecost	[Pentecost A][Whitsunday A]
40A	04-Jun-23	Trinity Sunday	[Trinity Sunday A][Pent 1A]

01B	03-Dec-23	1st Sunday of Advent	[Advent 1B]
05B	25-Dec-23	Christmas Eve / Christmas Day	[Holy Nativity B]
08B	06-Jan-24	The Epiphany of the Lord	[Epiphany ABB]
18B	14-Feb-24	Ash Wednesday	[Ash Wednesday ABB]
31B	31-Mar-24	Easter Vigil / Dawn / Easter Day	[Easter Sunday B]
39B	19-May-24	The Day of Pentecost	[Pentecost B][Whitsunday B]
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01C	01-Dec-24	1st Sunday of Advent	[Advent 1C]
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08C	06-Jan-25	The Epiphany of the Lord	[Epiphany,ABC]
18C	05-Mar-25	Ash Wednesday	[Ash Wednesday ABC]
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About the COCU Indexing Scheme

The original COCU index was created by the 'Consultation on Church Union' (USA) as a convenient way to sort out different Sundays on the Lectionary, given the various titles 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!

But also 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 finding material in my various worship, preaching and liturgy books.

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—14.doc = Order of Worship for Pentecost 7A [Ord 18A]
s50a—14.doc = Sermon for Pentecost 7A [Ord 18A] '
b50a—14.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—2014 (Pent 7A).doc
s50a—2014 (Fools We Are).doc
b50a-2011(31-Jul-14).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—2014 (Palm Sunday A).doc = Worship Service
w24a—2014 (Palm Sunday Resources).txt = Resources
s24a-2014 (A New Hope—The Hero's Quest).doc = Sermon ,
s24a-2014 (Palm Sunday Notes).txt = Notes and illustrations
b24a—2014 (17—Apr—11).doc = Church Bulletin
h24a—2014 (17—Apr—11).doc = Possible Hymns and Songs

c24a-2014_Palmsunday.jpg = a clipart item for this Sunday.

a24a-2014_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 "cO1a". 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.

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