

## COCU Indexing Scheme, Revised 2022-23 (Year A)

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

See Also: The RCL Lectionary for 2015-2016 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, 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 A, 2022-23]

01A	27-Nov-22	First Sunday of Advent	[Advent 1A]
02A	4-Dec-22	Second Sunday of Advent	[Advent 2A]
03A	11-Dec-22	Third Sunday of Advent	[Advent 3A]
04A	18-Dec-22	Fourth Sunday of Advent	[Advent 4A]
05A	24-Dec-22	Nativity of the Lord	[Holy Nativity ABC]
06A	1-Jan-23	1st Sunday after Christmas Day	[Christmas 1A]
06A	1-Jan-23	Holy Name of Jesus	[Christmas 2A]
07A		*** Not used in 2023 ***	
08A	1-Jun-23	Epiphany of the Lord	[Epiphany Sunday A]
09A	8-Jan-23	Baptism of the Lord	[Ordinary 1A] [Epiph.1A]
10A	15-Jan-23	Second Sunday after the Epiphany	[Ord 2A] [Epiph. 2A]
11A	22-Jan-23	Third Sunday after the Epiphany	[Ord 3A] [Epiph. 3A]
12A	29-Jan-23	Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany	[Ord 4A] [Epiph. 4A]
13A	5-Feb-23	Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany	[Ord 5A] [Epiph. 5A]
14A	12-Feb-23	Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany	[Ord 6A] [Proper 1A]
15A		*** Not used in 2023 ***	[Ord 7A] [Proper 2A]
16A		*** Not used in 2023 ***	[Ord 8A] [Proper 3A]
17A	19-Feb-23	Transfiguration Sunday	[Last Sunday before Lent]
18A	22-Feb-23	Ash Wednesday	[Ash Wednesday ABC]
19A	26-Feb-23	First Sunday in Lent	[Lent 1A]
20A	5-Mar-23	Second Sunday in Lent	[Lent 2A]
21A	12-Mar-23	Third Sunday in Lent	[Lent 3A]
22A	19-Mar-23	Fourth Sunday in Lent	[Lent 4A]
23A	26-Mar-23	Fifth Sunday in Lent	[Lent 5A]
24A	2-Apr-23	Liturgy of the Palms/Passion	[Lent 6A] [Palm/Passion Sunday A]
25A	3-Apr-23	Monday of Holy Week	[Holy Monday A]
26A	4-Apr-23	Tuesday of Holy Week	[Holy Tuesday A]
27A	5-Apr-23	Wednesday of Holy Week	[Holy Wednesday A]
28A	6-Apr-23	Maundy Thursday	[Maundy Thursday A]
29A	7-Apr-23	Good Friday	[Good Friday A]
30A	8-Apr-23	Holy Saturday	[Holy Saturday A]
31A	9-Apr-23	Easter Vigil / Dawn / Easter Day	[Easter Sunday A]
32A	16-Apr-23	Second Sunday of Easter	[Easter 2A]
33A	23-Apr-23	Third Sunday of Easter	[Easter 3A]
34A	30-Apr-23	Fourth Sunday of Easter	[Easter 4A]
35A	7-May-23	Fifth Sunday of Easter	[Easter 5A]
36A	14-May-23	Sixth Sunday of Easter	[Easter 6A]
37A	18-May-23	Ascension Day	[Ascension Day ABC]
38A	21-May-23	Seventh Sunday of Easter	[Easter 7A] [Ascension Sunday A]

39A	28-May-23	Day of Pentecost	[Pentecost A] [Whitsunday A]
34A	30-Apr-23	Fourth Sunday of Easter	[Easter 4A]
35A	7-May-23	Fifth Sunday of Easter	[Easter 5A]
36A	14-May-23	Sixth Sunday of Easter	[Easter 6A]
37A	18-May-23	Ascension Day	[Ascension Day ABC]
38A	21-May-23	Seventh Sunday of Easter	[Easter 7A] [Ascension Sunday A]
39A	28-May-23	Day of Pentecost	[Pentecost A] [Whitsunday A]
40A	4-Jun-23	Trinity Sunday	[Trinity Sunday A] [Pent 1A]
41A	*** Not used in 2023 ***		
42A	*** Not used in 2023 ***		
43A	11-Jun-23	2nd Sunday after Pentecost	[Ord 10A] [Prop 5A]
44A	18-Jun-23	3rd Sunday after Pentecost	[Pent 2A] [Ord 11A] [Prop 6A]
45A	25-Jun-23	4th Sunday after Pentecost	[Pent 3A] [Ord 12A] [Prop 7A]
46A	2-Jul-23	5th Sunday after Pentecost	[Pent 4A] [Ord 13A] [Prop 8A]
47A	9-Jul-23	6th Sunday after Pentecost	[Pent 5A] [Ord 14A] [Prop 9A]
48A	16-Jul-23	7th Sunday after Pentecost	[Pent 6A] [Ord.15A] [Prop 10A]
49A	23-Jul-23	8th Sunday after Pentecost	[Pent 7A] [Ord 16A] [Prop 11A]
50A	30-Jul-23	9th Sunday after Pentecost	[Pent 8A] [Ord 17A] [Prop 12A]
51A	6-Aug-23	10th Sunday after Pentecost	[Pent 9A] [Ord 18A] [Prop 13A]
52A	13-Aug-23	11th Sunday after Pentecost	[Pent 10A] [Ord 19A] [Prop 14A]
53A	20-Aug-23	12th Sunday after Pentecost	[Pent 11A] [Ord 20A] [Prop 15A]
54A	27-Aug-23	13th Sunday after Pentecost	[Pent 12A] [Ord 21A] [Prop 16A]
55A	3-Sep-23	14th Sunday after Pentecost	[Pent 13A] [Ord 22A] [Prop 17A]
56A	10-Sep-23	15th Sunday after Pentecost	[Pent 14A] [Ord 23A] [Prop 18A]
57A	17-Sep-23	16th Sunday after Pentecost	[Pent 15A] [Ord 24A] [Prop 19A]
58A	24-Sep-23	17th Sunday after Pentecost	[Pent 16A] [Ord 25A] [Prop 20A]
59A	1-Oct-23	18th Sunday after Pentecost	[Pent 17A] [Ord 26A] [Prop 21A]
60A	8-Oct-23	19th Sunday after Pentecost	[Pent 19A] [Ord 28A] [Prop 23A]
61A	15-Oct-23	20th Sunday after Pentecost	[Pent 20A] [Ord 29A] [Prop 24A]
62A	22-Oct-23	21st Sunday after Pentecost	[Pent 21A] [Ord 30A] [Prop 25A]
63A	29-Oct-23	All Saints Day (or Sunday)	[All Saints ABC]
64A	5-Nov-23	22nd Sunday after Pentecost	[Pent 22A] [Ord 31A] [Prop 26A]
65A	12-Nov-23	23rd Sunday after Pentecost	[Pent 23A] [Ord 32A] [Prop 27A]
66A	19-Nov-23	24th Sunday after Pentecost	[Pent 24A] [Ord 33A] [Prop 28A]
67A	26-Nov-23	Last Sunday of Pentecost	[Reign of Christ] [Ord 34A] [Prop 29A]

### 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]

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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