

COCU Indexing Scheme, Revised 2023-2024 (Year B)

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

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

A good explanation of the Western Church Calendar may be found at:

http://www.southbear.com/Calendar_about.html

INTERFAITH CALENDAR: Primary Sacred Times for World Religions

<http://www.interfaithCalendar.org/index.htm>

See Also: The RCL Lectionary for 2023-2024 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.

[Year B, 2023-2024]

01B	03-Dec-23	1st Sunday of Advent	[Advent 1B]
02B	10-Dec-23	2nd Sunday of Advent	[Advent 2B]
03B	17-Dec-23	3rd Sunday of Advent	[Advent 3B]
04B	24-Dec-23	4th Sunday of Advent	[Advent 4B]
05B	25-Dec-23	Christmas Day	[Holy Nativity B]
06B	31-Dec-23	1st Sunday of Christmas	[Christmas 1B]
07B	*** Not used in 2023 ***		[Christmas 2B]
08B	06-Jan-24	The Epiphany of the Lord	[Epiphany Sunday B]
09B	07-Jan-24	The Baptism of the Lord	[Ordinary 1B] [Epiph. 1B]
10B	14-Jan-24	2nd Sunday after Epiphany	[Ord 2B] [Epiph. 2B]
11B	21-Jan-24	3rd Sunday after Epiphany	[Ord 3B] [Epiph. 3B]
12B	28-Jan-24	4th Sunday after Epiphany	[Ord 4B] [Epiph. 4B]
13B	04-Feb-24	5th Sunday after Epiphany	[Ord 5B] [Epiph. 5B]
14B	*** Not used in 2024 ***		[Ord 6B] [Proper 1B] [Epiph. 6B]
15B	*** Not used in 2024 ***		[Ord 7B] [Proper 2B] [Epiph. 7B]
16B	*** Not used in 2024 ***		[Ord 8B] [Proper 3B] [Epiph. 8B]
17B	11-Feb-24	Transfiguration of the Lord	[Last Sunday before Lent]
18B	14-Feb-24	Ash Wednesday	[Ash Wednesday ABC]
19B	18-Feb-24	1st Sunday in Lent	[Lent 1B]
20B	25-Feb-24	2nd Sunday in Lent	[Lent 2B]
21B	03-Mar-24	3rd Sunday in Lent	[Lent 3B]
22B	10-Mar-24	4th Sunday in Lent	[Lent 4B]
23B	17-Mar-24	5th Sunday in Lent	[Lent 5B]
24B	24-Mar-24	Passion/Palm Sunday	[Lent 6B] [Palm Sunday B]
25B	25-Mar-24	Monday in Holy Week	[Holy Monday B]
26B	26-Mar-24	Tuesday in Holy Week	[Holy Tuesday B]
27B	27-Mar-24	Wednesday in Holy Week	[Holy Wednesday B]
28B	28-Mar-24	Maundy Thursday	[Maundy Thursday B]
29B	29-Mar-24	Good Friday	[Good Friday B]
30B	30-Mar-24	Holy Saturday	[Holy Saturday B]

31B	31-Mar-24	Easter Vigil / Dawn / Easter Day	[Easter Sunday B]
32B	07-Apr-24	2nd Sunday of Easter	[Easter 2B]
33B	14-Apr-24	3rd Sunday of Easter	[Easter 3B]
34B	21-Apr-24	4th Sunday of Easter	[Easter 4B]
35B	28-Apr-24	5th Sunday of Easter	[Easter 5B]
36B	05-May-24	6th Sunday of Easter	[Easter 6B]
37B	09-May-24	Ascension Day	[Ascension Day ABC]
38B	12-May-24	7th Sunday of Easter	[Easter 7A]
39B	19-May-24	The Day of Pentecost	[Pentecost B] [Whitsunday B]
40B	26-May-24	Trinity Sunday	[Trinity Sunday B] [Pent 1B]
41B	02-Jun-24	2nd Sunday after Pentecost	[Ord 9B] [Prop 4B]
42B	09-Jun-24	3rd Sunday after Pentecost	[Ord 10B] [Prop 5B]
43B	16-Jun-24	4th Sunday after Pentecost	[Pent 2B] [Ord 11B] [Prop 6B]
44B	23-Jun-24	5th Sunday after Pentecost	[Pent 3B] [Ord 12B] [Prop 7B]
45B	31-Jun-24	6th Sunday after Pentecost	[Pent 4B] [Ord 13B] [Prop 8B]
46B	07-Jul-24	7th Sunday after Pentecost	[Pent 5B] [Ord 14B] [Prop 9B]
47B	14-Jul-24	8th Sunday after Pentecost	[Pent 6B] [Ord.15B] [Prop 10B]
48B	21-Jul-24	9th Sunday after Pentecost	[Pent 7B] [Ord 16B] [Prop 11B]
49B	28-Jul-24	10th Sunday after Pentecost	[Pent 8B] [Ord 17B] [Prop 12B]
50B	04-Aug-24	11th Sunday after Pentecost	[Pent 9B] [Ord 18B] [Prop 13B]
51B	11-Aug-24	12th Sunday after Pentecost	[Pent 10B] [Ord 19B] [Prop 14B]
52B	18-Aug-24	13th Sunday after Pentecost	[Pent 11B] [Ord 20B] [Prop 15B]
53B	25-Aug-24	14th Sunday after Pentecost	[Pent 12B] [Ord 21B] [Prop 16B]
54B	01-Sep-24	15th Sunday after Pentecost	[Pent 13B] [Ord 22B] [Prop 17B]
55B	08-Sep-24	16th Sunday after Pentecost	[Pent 14B] [Ord 23B] [Prop 18B]
56B	15-Sep-24	17th Sunday after Pentecost	[Pent 15B] [Ord 24B] [Prop 19B]
57B	22-Sep-24	18th Sunday after Pentecost	[Pent 16B] [Ord 25B] [Prop 20B]
58B	29-Sep-24	19th Sunday after Pentecost	[Pent 17B] [Ord 26B] [Prop 21B]
59B	06-Oct-24	20th Sunday after Pentecost	[Pent 18B] [Ord 27B] [Prop 22B]
60B	13-Oct-24	21st Sunday after Pentecost	[Pent 19B] [Ord 28B] [Prop 23B]
61B	20-Oct-24	22nd Sunday after Pentecost	[Pent 20B] [Ord 29B] [Prop 24B]
63B	27-Oct-24	23rd Sunday after Pentecost	[Pent 21B] [Ord 30B] [Prop 25B]
62B	01-Nov-24	All Saints Day (or Sunday)	[All Saints ABC]
64B	03-Nov-24	24th Sunday after Pentecost	[Pent 22B] [Ord 31B] [Prop 26B]
65B	10-Nov-24	25th Sunday after Pentecost	[Pent 23B] [Ord 32B] [Prop 27B]
66B	17-Nov-24	26th Sunday after Pentecost	[Pent 24B] [Ord 33B] [Prop 28B]
67B	24-Nov-24	Last Sunday of Pentecost	[Reign of Christ] [Prop 29B]

[Selected dates for Year B, 2023-2024]

01B	03-Dec-23	1st Sunday of Advent	[Advent 1B]
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04B	24-Dec-23	4th Sunday of Advent	[Advent 4B]
05B	25-Dec-23	Christmas Eve / Christmas Day	[Holy Nativity B]
06B	31-Jan-23	1st Sunday of Christmas	[Christmas 1B]
07B	*** Not used in 2018 ***		[Christmas 2B]
08B	06-Jan-24	The Epiphany of the Lord	[Epiphany ABC]
18B	14-Feb-24	Ash Wednesday	[Ash Wednesday ABC]

31B	01-Apr-24	Easter Vigil / Easter Day	[Easter Sunday B]
39B	20-May-24	The Day of Pentecost	[Pentecost B] [Whitsunday B]
40B	27-May-24	Trinity Sunday	[Trinity Sunday B] [Pent 1B]

[Selected dates for Year C, 2024-2025]

01C	02-Dec-24	1st Sunday of Advent	[Advent 1C]
05C	25-Dec-24	Christmas Eve / Christmas Day	[Holy Nativity C]
08C	06-Jan-25	The Epiphany of the Lord	[Epiphany ABC]
18C	06-Mar-25	Ash Wednesday	[Ash Wednesday ABC]
31C	21-Apr-25	Easter Vigil / Easter Day	[Easter Sunday C]
39C	09-Jun-25	The Day of Pentecost	[Pentecost B] [Whitsunday C]
40C	16-Jun-25	Trinity Sunday	[Trinity Sunday B] [Pent 1C]

[Selected dates for Year A, 2025-2026]

01A	27-Nov-25	1st Sunday of Advent	[Advent 1A]
05A	25-Dec-25	Christmas Eve / Christmas Day	[Holy Nativity A]
08A	06-Jan-26	The Epiphany of the Lord	[Epiphany,ABC]
18A	06-Feb-26	Ash Wednesday	[Ash Wednesday ABC]
31A	27-Mar-26	Easter Vigil / Dawn / Easter Day	[Easter Sunday A]
39A	15-May-26	The Day of Pentecost	[Pentecost C] [Whitsunday A]
40A	22-May-26	Trinity Sunday	[Trinity Sunday C] [Pent 1A]

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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 ,

n24a-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 "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.

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