

COCU Indexing Scheme, Revised 2024-2025 (Year C)

The original index was 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, Year C - 2024-25

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01C	01-Dec-24	1 st Sunday of Advent	[Advent 1C]
02C	08-Dec-24	2 nd Sunday of Advent	[Advent 2C]
03C	15-Dec-24	3 rd Sunday of Advent	[Advent 3C]
04C	22-Dec-24	4 th Sunday of Advent	[Advent 4C]
05C	25-Dec-24	Christmas Eve / Christmas Day	[Holy Nativity C]
06C	29-Dec-24	1 st Sunday of Christmas	[Christmas 1C]
07C	05-Jan-25	2 nd Sunday of Christmas	[Christmas 2C]
08C	06-Jan-25	The Epiphany of the Lord	[Epiphany Sunday C]
09C	12-Jan-25	The Baptism of Jesus	[Ordinary 1C] [Epiph.1C]
10C	19-Jan-25	2 nd Sunday after Epiphany	[Ord 2C] [Epiph. 2C]
11C	26-Jan-25	3 rd Sunday after Epiphany	[Ord 3C] [Epiph. 3C]
12C	02-Feb-25	4 th Sunday after Epiphany	[Ord 4C] [Epiph. 4C]
13C	09-Feb-25	5 th Sunday after Epiphany	[Ord 5C] [Epiph. 5C]
14C	16-Feb-25	6 th Sunday after Epiphany	[Ord 6C] [Proper 1C]
15C	23-Feb-25	7 th Sunday after Epiphany	[Ord 7C] [Proper 2C]
16C	** Not in 2025	8 th Sunday after Epiphany	[Ord 8C] [Proper 3C]
17C	02-Mar-25	Transfiguration of the Lord	[Last Sunday before Lent]
18C	05-Mar-25	Ash Wednesday	[Ash Wednesday ABC]
19C	09-Mar-25	1 st Sunday in Lent	[Lent 1C]
20C	16-Mar-25	2 nd Sunday in Lent	[Lent 2C]
21C	23-Mar-25	3 rd Sunday in Lent	[Lent 3C]
22C	30-Mar-25	4 th Sunday in Lent	[Lent 4C]
23C	06-Apr-25	5 th Sunday in Lent	[Lent 5C]
24C	13-Apr-25	Palm Sunday	[Lent 6C] [The Passion of Christ C]
25C	14-Apr-25	Monday in Holy Week	[Holy Monday C]
26C	15-Apr-25	Tuesday in' Holy Week	[Holy Tuesday C]
27C	16-Apr-25	Wednesday in Holy Week	[Holy Wednesday C]
28C	17-Apr-25	Maundy Thursday	[Maundy Thursday C]
29C	18-Apr-25	Good Friday	[Good Friday C]
30C	19-Apr-25	Holy Saturday	[Holy Saturday C]

31C	20-Apr-25	Easter Vigil / Dawn / Easter Day	[Easter Sunday C]
32C	27-Apr-25	2 nd Sunday of Easter	[Easter 2C]
33C	04-May-25	3 rd Sunday of Easter	[Easter 3C]
34C	11-May-25	4 th Sunday of Easter	[Easter 4C]
35C	18-May-25	5 th Sunday of Easter	[Easter 5C]
36C	25-May-25	6 th Sunday of Easter	[Easter 6C]
37C	29-May-25	Ascension Day	[Ascension Day ABC]
38C	01-Jun-25	7 th Sunday of Easter	[Easter 7A] [Ascension Sunday C]
39C	08-Jun-25	Pentecost Sunday	[Pentecost C] [Whitsunday C]
40C	15-Jun-25	Trinity Sunday	[Trinity Sunday C] [Pent 1C]
41C		*** Not used in 2025 ***	[Pent 2C] [Ord 9C] [Prop 4C]
42C		*** Not used in 2025 ***	[Pent 3C] [Ord 10C] [Prop 5C]
43C		*** Not used in 2025 ***	[Pent 4C] [Ord 11C] [Prop 6C]
44C	22-Jun-25	2 nd Sunday after Pentecost	[Pent 5C] [Ord 12C] [Prop 7C]
45C	29-Jun-25	3 rd Sunday after Pentecost	[Pent 6C] [Ord 13C] [Prop 8C]
46C	06-Jul-25	4 th Sunday after Pentecost	[Pent 7C] [Ord 14C] [Prop 9C]
47C	13-Jul-25	5 th Sunday after Pentecost	[Pent 8C] [Ord.15C] [Prop 10C]
48C	20-Jul-25	6 th Sunday after Pentecost	[Pent 9C] [Ord 16C] [Prop 11C]
49C	27-Jul-25	7 th Sunday after Pentecost	[Pent 10C] [Ord 17C] [Prop 12C]
50C	03-Aug-25	8 th Sunday after Pentecost	[Pent 11C] [Ord 18C] [Prop 13C]
51C	10-Aug-25	9 th Sunday after Pentecost	[Pent 12C] [Ord 19C] [Prop 14C]
52C	17-Aug-25	10 th Sunday after Pentecost	[Pent 13C] [Ord 20C] [Prop 15C]
53C	24-Aug-25	11 th Sunday after Pentecost	[Pent 14C] [Ord 21C] [Prop 16C]
54C	31-Aug-25	12 th Sunday after Pentecost	[Pent 15C] [Ord 22C] [Prop 17C]
55C	07-Sep-25	13 th Sunday after Pentecost	[Pent 16C] [Ord 23C] [Prop 18C]
56C	14-Sep-25	14 th Sunday after Pentecost	[Pent 17C] [Ord 24C] [Prop 19C]
57C	21-Sep-25	15 th Sunday after Pentecost	[Pent 18C] [Ord 25C] [Prop 20C]
58C	28-Sep-25	16 th Sunday after Pentecost	[Pent 19C] [Ord 26C] [Prop 21C]
59C	05-Oct-25	17 th Sunday after Pentecost	[Pent 20B] [Ord 27C] [Prop 22C]
60C	12-Oct-25	18 th Sunday after Pentecost	[Pent 21C] [Ord 28C] [Prop 23C]
61C	19-Oct-25	19 th Sunday after Pentecost	[Pent 22C] [Ord 29C] [Prop 24C]
63C	26-Oct-25	20 th Sunday after Pentecost	[Pent 23C] [Ord 30C] [Prop 25C]
62C	01-Nov-25	All Saints Day (or Sunday)	[All Saints ABC]
64C	02-Nov-25	21 st Sunday after Pentecost	[Pent 24C] [Ord 31C] [Prop 26C]
65C	09-Nov-25	22 nd Sunday after Pentecost	[Pent 25C] [Ord 32C] [Prop 27C]
66C	16-Nov-25	23 rd Sunday after Pentecost	[Pent 26C] [Ord 33C] [Prop 28C]
67C	23-Nov-25	Last Sunday of Pentecost	[Reign of Christ] [Ord 33C] [Prop 29C]

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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