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A LECTOR'S GUIDE & COMMENTARY TO THE REVISED COMMON LECTIONARY



YEAR A

J. TED BLAKLEY

For Anyone Who Wants to Read the Bible with Understanding

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WHY is it that when we proclaim *The Word of the Lord* following a scripture reading in worship, it sounds so implausible?

It is because the church—across denominations—has slipped into such bad habits for reading and presenting the scriptural text aloud, that it scarcely sounds like anything God would say. How could the Word of God be as boring as we make it out to be? What is needed are guides for reading that will help our lectors restore the life and meaning to the texts we read each Sunday.

J. Ted Blakley has given us another of his helpful lector guides. Readers will find material to understand each text in the commentary section and performance suggestions for reading the texts with understanding. This is an indispensable resource for congregations who follow the lectionary and desire to let people hear and understand *The Word of the Lord*.

The Rev. Dr. Clayton J. Schmit

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"It is a wonderful privilege to belong to a church that uses a lectionary rather than relying on a narrow range of scriptures chosen by the pastor, but the other side of the privilege is that we read all sorts of passages without being sure what they are about. It is a huge privilege to read scripture in church, and these introductions will help readers do so in a way that brings the passage home to the people. They will help preachers too."

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REVISED COMMON LECTIONARY — EPISCOPAL EDITION

MAKE THE SWITCH NOW!

In 2006, the 75th General Convention adopted the Revised Common Lectionary (RCL) as the official lectionary of The Episcopal Church, thereby replacing the Episcopal Eucharistic Lectionary found in *The Book of Common Prayer*. The RCL went into official use Advent 2007. Many congregations have already made the switch to the RCL, but **all congregations are expected to be using it by Advent 2010**. So, if you have not already done so, **make the switch now!**

ST. MARK'S PRESS publishes THE REVISED COMMON LECTIONARY: EPISCOPAL EDITION in three editions, each of which uses the NRSV translation of the Bible. The **DESKTOP-PEW** and **LECTERN** editions are identical in content and pagination. Both editions contain all of the readings (Lesson, Response, Epistle, Gospel) for the three-year cycle (Years A, B, C) for Sundays as well as for the Holy Days and Special Occasions of the church year. These editions include the contemporary version of the Collects of the Day found in the *BCP*, and the texts for the Response (Psalm or Canticle) are taken, whenever possible, from the *BCP*. The **GOSPEL BOOK** contains all of the Gospel readings for Sundays, major Holy Days, and Special Occasions. All three editions are burgundy red with gold-foil embossing on the front cover and spine, and each includes an index of scriptures in canonical order making it convenient to find readings for special services.

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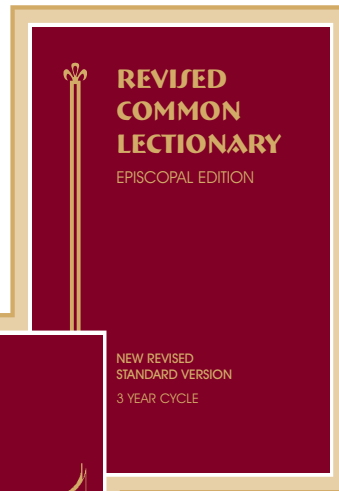


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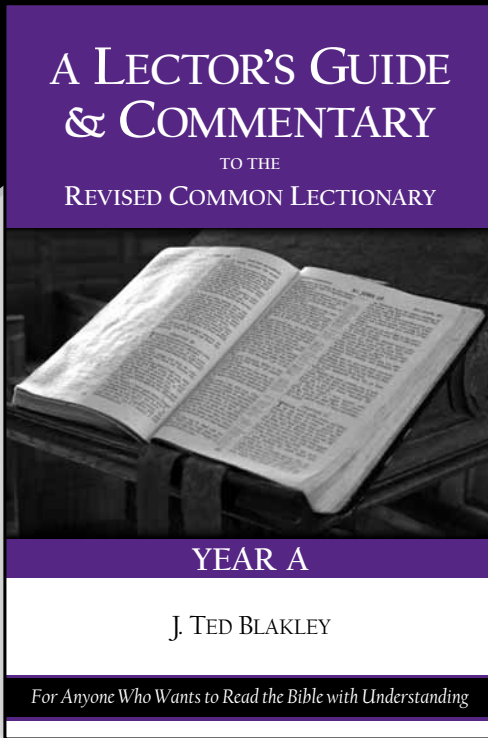
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by J. Ted Blakley (M.Div., Ph.D.)

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This new lector's guide assists those whose calling, responsibility, and privilege it is to proclaim the Word of God through the public reading of Holy Scripture. It provides a brief, reliable commentary for each lectionary reading, and then offers suggestions for how the text can be delivered, so that the biblical Story might have its full impact on the Christian community gathered for worship. Pronunciations for unfamiliar words and names are also included. The Guide is for use by any congregation or tradition that follows the Revised Common Lectionary, and even includes the adaptations authorized for use in The Episcopal Church.

Although designed first and foremost for lectors and lay readers, the Guide has also been written with other uses in mind. For example, it can be used to trigger discussions in a Sunday school class or small group Bible study, or to serve as a resource for personal study, reflection, and devotion. It can also assist lay Eucharistic ministers when delivering the Word and Sacrament to the homebound and hospitalized, and even function as a first stop for preachers and teachers. In short, *A Lector's Guide and Commentary* is for anyone who wants to read the Bible with understanding.

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Reviews

THE SCARED LECTOR mounts the steps, adjusts behind the eagle or the angel or the plain old book stand and squeaks out the Epistle, never having seen the passage before. *A Lector's Guide and Commentary* is here to help that reader. A mighty help it should prove to all readers, because it has everything we need to make readings meaningful. . . . Blakley's tone is supportive and encouraging, sometimes wry; his style, always plain and clear.

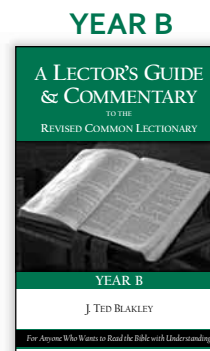
Martha K. Baker in *Episcopal Life*

THE READING OF SACRED SCRIPTURE is foundational to our worship. No other Christian group surpasses Anglicans with respect to the amount of scriptures solemnly read in our worship. But while our liturgy is wonderfully rich in biblical readings, the reading itself can, on occasion, leave something to be desired. St. Mark's Press and Dr. J. Ted Blakley have produced this guide to enable churches to raise their standards of liturgical lection — whether good or mediocre at present — to a new level of excellence. . . . The advent of the RCL presents the church with new challenges and opportunities for relating scripture and worship. This book is an admirable response to the challenge — at once highly practical and intellectually engaging. Its fine scholarship commends it not only to Episcopalians but Christians of other traditions as well.

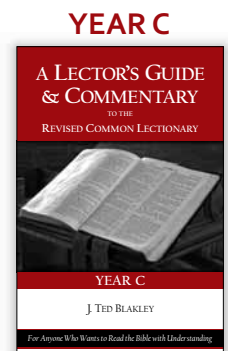
The Rev. Kenneth D. Aldrich in *The Living Church*



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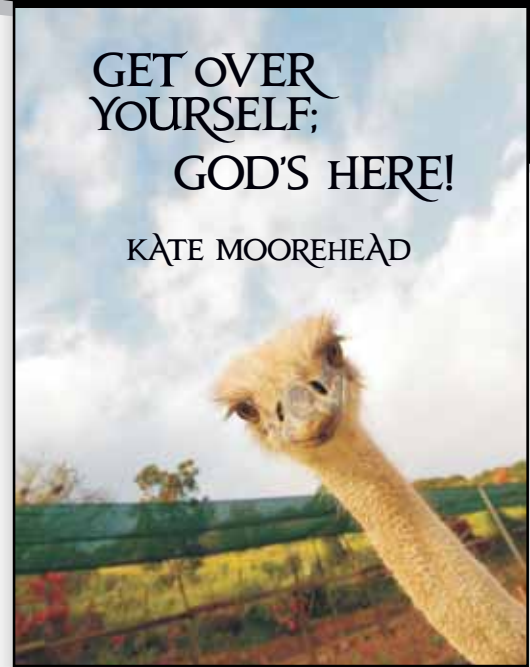
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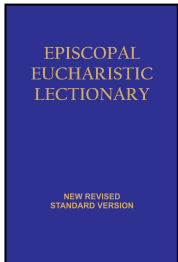
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The Very Reverend Kate Moorehead is an Episcopal priest who serves as Dean of St. John's Cathedral in Jacksonville, Florida. Her previous published writings include *Between Two Worlds: Daily Readings for Advent* (2004) and *Organic God: Lenten Meditations on the Words of Jesus* (2006). Kate and her husband JD reside in Florida with their three sons: Luke, Jacob, and Max.

BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER LECTIONARY RESOURCES

Episcopal Eucharistic Lectionary (NRSV) \$21

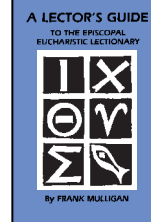


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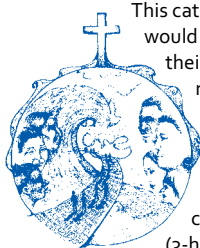


This guide is to assist in the understanding of the Word both by the Lectors and Lay Readers and by those who listen to them. It contains an outline of the general sense of the passages assigned for Sunday readings, along with suggestions for the vocal presentation of the text. This guide is for use with the Episcopal Eucharistic Lectionary, both RSV and NRSV. (paperback • 5½ x 8 • 237 pages)

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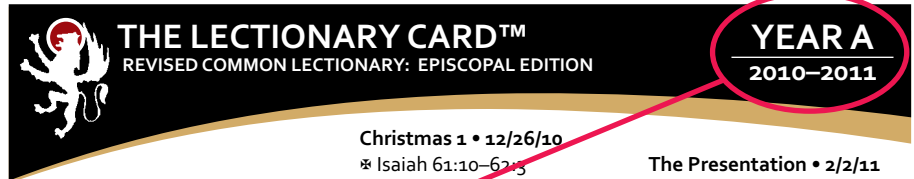
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Isaiah 2:1-5
Psalm 122
Romans 13:11-14
Matthew 24:36-44

Advent 2 • 12/5/10

Isaiah 11:1-10
Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19
Romans 15:4-13
Matthew 3:1-12

Advent 3 • 12/12/10

Isaiah 35:1-10
Psalm 146:4-9*
or * Cantic 3 or 15
James 5:7-10
Matthew 11:2-11

Advent 4 • 12/19/10

Isaiah 7:10-16
Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18*
Romans 1:1-7
Matthew 1:18-25

CHRISTMAS

Christmas Day I • 12/25/10

Isaiah 9:2-7
Psalm 96
Titus 2:11-14
Luke 2:1-14, (15-20)

Christmas Day II • 12/25/10

Isaiah 62:6-12
Psalm 97
Titus 3:4-7
Luke 2:(1-7), 8-20

Christmas Day III • 12/25/10

Isaiah 52:7-10
Psalm 98
Hebrews 1:1-4, (5-12)
John 1:1-14

Christmas 1 • 12/26/10

* Isaiah 61:10-62:3
* Psalm 147 or 147:13-21
* Galatians 3:23-25; 4:4-7
* John 1:1-18

Holy Name • 1/1/11

Numbers 6:22-27
Psalm 8
Galatians 4:4-7
or Philippians 2:5-11
Luke 2:15-21

Christmas 2 • 1/2/11

* Jeremiah 31:7-14
* Psalm 84 or 84:1-8
* Ephesians 1:3-6; 15-19a
* Matthew 2:13-15; 19-23
or * Luke 2:41-52
or * Matthew 2:1-12

EPIPHANY

The Epiphany • 1/6/11

Isaiah 60:1-6
Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14
Ephesians 3:1-12
Matthew 2:1-12

Epiphany 1 • 1/9/11

Isaiah 42:1-9
Psalm 29
Acts 10:34-43
Matthew 3:13-17

Epiphany 2 • 1/16/11

Isaiah 49:1-7
Psalm 40:1-12*
1 Corinthians 1:1-9
John 1:29-42

Epiphany 3 • 1/23/11

Isaiah 9:1-4
Psalm 27:1, 5-13*
1 Corinthians 1:10-18
Matthew 4:12-23

Epiphany 4 • 1/30/11

Micah 6:1-8
Psalm 15
1 Corinthians 1:18-31
Matthew 5:1-12

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2010-2011

The Presentation • 2/2/11

Malachi 3:1-4
Psalm 84 or 24:7-10
Hebrews 2:14-18
Luke 2:22-40

Epiphany 5 • 2/6/11

Isaiah 58:1-9a, (9b-12)
Psalm 112:1-9, (10)
1 Cor 2:1-12, (13-16)
Matthew 5:13-20

Epiphany 6 • 2/13/11

Deuteronomy 30:15-20
or Sirach 15:15-20
Psalm 119:1-8
1 Corinthians 3:1-9
Matthew 5:21-37

Epiphany 7 • 2/20/11

Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18
Psalm 119:33-40
1 Cor 3:10-11, 16-23
Matthew 5:38-48

Epiphany 8 • 2/27/11

Isaiah 49:8-16a
Psalm 131
1 Corinthians 4:1-5
Matthew 6:24-34

Epiphany L • 3/6/11

Exodus 24:12-18
Psalm 2 or 99
2 Peter 1:16-21
Matthew 17:1-9

LENT

Ash Wednesday • 3/9/11

Joel 2:1-2, 12-17
or Isaiah 58:1-12
* Psalm 103 or 103:8-14
2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10
Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

Lent 1 • 3/13/11

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7
Psalm 32
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Matthew 4:1-11

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