

Supplemental Midday Lectionary

The following lectionary is offered as a supplement to the Daily Office Lectionary. Its first priority is to complete the portions of books omitted in Morning and Evening Prayer, including the books omitted in their entirety yet listed in Article 6 of the Articles of Religion (namely, Tobit, 1 Esdras, and 2 Esdras). As much as possible, this lectionary appoints these omitted readings in a manner that is integrated with the Daily Office lectionary – supplying parallel readings between Kings and Chronicles, for example, or appointing omitted chapters promptly after where they would have appeared in the regular lectionary. The second priority of this lectionary, when possible, is to supply a traditional devotional reading for Holy Days found in previous Prayer Books but not supplied in the present edition.

Dates marked in **bold** are the Red Letter Days listed in the 2019 Prayer Book and the Commemorations elevated to Major Feast Day status in this Customary. When the accompanying reading is also in bold, it is a reading specially appointed for that day; a reading in normal print denotes a part of the supplemental lectionary disregarding the Holy Day. When a reading with a single verse is given (e.g. January 1st appointing Genesis 17:9), the reading is to begin on the verse appointed and continue to the end of the chapter.

January

1	Genesis 17:9
2	Wisdom 12
3	13
4	14
5	15
6	Isaiah 49:13-23
7	Wisdom 16

8	17
9	18
10	19
11	Tobit 1
12	2
13	3
14	4
15	5
16	6

17	7
18	Ezekiel 3:4-11
19	Tobit 9
20	10
21	11
22	12
23	13
24	14

25	Isaiah 49:1-12
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30	2 Samuel 1
31	1 Esdras 1:1-24

February

1	1 Esdras 1:25-46a
2	Exodus 13:1-16
3	1 Esdras 1:46b
4	2:1-15
5	2:16
6	3

7	4:1-32
8	4:33
9	5:1-23
10	5:24-46
11	5:47
12	6:1-22
13	6:23
14	7
15	8:1-24

16	8:25-49
17	8:50-67
18	8:68
19	9:1-36
20	9:37
21	Baruch 1
22	2
23	3

24	1 Samuel 2:27-35
25	2 Esdras 1:1-23
26	1:24-2:14
27	2:15
28	3
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Ash Wednesday: Hebrews 12:3-17

March

1	2 Esdras 4:1-21
2	4:22
3	5:1-20
4	5:21-49
5	5:50-6:10
6	6:11-37
7	6:38
8	7:1-24

9	7:25-61
10	7:62-87
11	7:83-115
12	7:116
13	8:1-36
14	8:37
15	9:1-25
16	9:26
17	10:1-28

18	10:29
19	11:1-35
20	11:36-12:6
21	12:7-39
22	12:40- 13:13a
23	13:13b
24	14:1-26

25	Genesis 3:1-15
26	2 Esdras 14:27
27	15:1-33
28	15:34
29	16:1-17
30	16:18-50
31	16:51

Holy Monday: Hosea 13:1-14
 Holy Tuesday: Hosea 14
 Holy Wednesday: Lamentations 1
 Maundy Thursday: Lamentations 2

Good Friday: Gen. 22:1-18 *or* Isa. 52:13-53:12
 Holy Saturday: Zechariah 9
 Easter Day: Exodus 12:1-28

April

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3	Leviticus 2
4	3
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9	9
10	11
11	12
12	13
13	14
14	15
15	21
16	22

17	24
18	25
19	27
20	Numbers 1
21	2
22	3
23	4
24	5

25	7
26	9
27	10
28	19
29	26
30	27

Ascension Day: Daniel 7:9-14
 Pentecost: Deuteronomy 16:1-17

Pentecost Monday: Genesis 11:1-9
 Pentecost Tuesday: Joel 2:21

May

1	Numbers 28
2	29
3	30
4	31
5	32
6	33
7	34
8	35

9	36
10	1 Macc. 1:1-19
11	1:20-40
12	1:41
13	2:1-41
14	2:42
15	3:1-26
16	3:27

17	4:1-35
18	4:36
19	5:1-23
20	5:24-44
21	5:45
22	6:1-31
23	6:32
24	7:1-25
25	7:26

26	8
27	9:1-22
28	9:23-49
29	9:50
30	10:1-25a
31	10:25b-45

June

1	1 Macc. 10:46-66
2	10:67
3	11:1-37
4	11:38
5	12:1-23
6	12:24
7	13:1-30

8	13:31
9	14:1-24
10	14:25
11	15
12	16
13	Joshua 11
14	12
15	13

16	15
17	16
18	17
19	18
20	19
21	20
22	21
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24	3YM 1-27
25	28-68
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28	Bel 1-22
29	23-42
30	Ezekiel 48

July

1	Judges 17
2	18
3	19:1-21
4	19:22
5	Esther 11:2-12:6
6	Judges 20:1-23
7	20:24

8	Esther 13
9	14
10	15
11	Judges 21
12	Ezekiel 19
13	Esther 16
14	1:4-11:1
15	Ezra 2:1-35
16	2:36

17	Ezekiel 20
18	21
19	22
20	23
21	24
22	Zephaniah 3:14-20
23	Ezekiel 25
24	26

25	2 Kings 1:1-15
26	Ezekiel 27
27	28
28	29
29	30
30	31
31	32

August

1	Nehemiah 11
2	1 Chron. 1
3	2
4	3
5	4
6	5
7	6:1-53
8	6:54

9	7
10	8
11	9
12	10
13	11:1-25
14	11:26-12:18
15	12:19
16	13
17	14

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19	16
20	17
21	18
22	19
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24	Genesis 28:10-17
25	1 Chron. 23

26	24
27	25
28	26
29	27
30	Ezekiel 38
31	39

September

1	Ezekiel 41
2	42
3	44
4	45
5	1 Chron. 20
6	21
7	Ezekiel 46
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9	1 Chron. 29
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11	2 Chron. 1
12	2
13	3
14	4
15	5
16	6

17	7
18	8
19	9
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21	1 Kings 19:15
22	2 Chron. 10
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24	2 Chron. 11
25	
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27	
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29	Genesis 32
30	2 Macc. 1

October

1	2 Macc. 2
2	3:1-21
3	3:22
4	4:1-29
5	4:30
6	2 Chron. 17
7	18
8	19
9	21

10	22
11	2 Macc. 5
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14	2 Macc. 9
15	11
16	12
17	13
18	14

19	15
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21	2 Chron. 23
22	24
23	Jeremiah 11:18-23
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25	2 Chron. 25
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27	2 Chron. 27
28	Isaiah 28:9-16
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November

1	Wisdom 3:1-9
2	5:1-16
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4	2 Chron. 31
5	32
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7	Judith 1

8	2
9	2 Chron. 34
10	35
11	Judith 3
12	2 Chron. 26
13	Judith 5
14	6
15	7

16	Jeremiah 1:4-10
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24	Sirach 3
25	5
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27	Sirach 8
28	12
29	13
30	Isaiah 54

December

1	Sirach 15
2	16
3	19
4	20
5	22
6	23
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10	27

11	28
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15	32
16	33
17	35
18	36
19	37
20	40

21	Job 42:1-6
22	Sirach 41
23	42
24	43
25	Isaiah 7:10-16
26	Genesis 4:1-10
27	Isaiah 6

28	Baruch 4:21-30
29	Baruch 6:1-40a
30	Baruch 6:40b
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The Details & Rationale

Throughout the year there are a number of days left blank in this Supplementary Midday Lectionary. On such days the reader is encouraged to make use of the standard lessons provided in the official liturgy for Midday Prayer.

January begins with the book of *Wisdom*, continuing where the Daily Office Lectionary left off on the morning of December 31st. The book of *Tobit* is then read. Because there is ample space remaining in the month, the major feast days (including the Martyrdom of Charles I on the January 30th) are each given an appropriate reading. The lesson is drawn from the 1662 Prayer Book in each case except for the Confession of St. Peter, which is drawn from the 1979 Prayer Book due to it being a feast day first reintroduced in that book.

The last day of January and the bulk of February continues the omitted writings of the Ecclesiastical Books with *1 Esdras*, the majority of which is a rewrite of the end of *2 Chronicles* and beginning of *Ezra*. Space is made for the two major feast days of the month, plus a brief interruption to begin the book of *Baruch* which is then finished in the Daily Office Lectionary's evening lessons. That finished, the book of *2 Esdras* is begun. The leap day, February 29th, is omitted from this plan.

March is occupied with finishing the book of *2 Esdras*, breaking only to observe the Annunciation.

The Ash Wednesday lesson is taken from the 1662 Prayer Book. The same is true for the Holy Week and Easter Day lessons, though in that case several of those readings had their traditional day swapped around to accommodate our Daily Office Lectionary which appoints Lamentations 3 on Friday and Saturday instead of Tuesday.

The month of April begins the major fill-in-the-blank efforts with the Old Testament, first completing the book of *Leviticus*, then settling into *Numbers*.

May sees *Numbers* finished, and then proceeds through *1 Maccabees*.

Ascension Day and Pentecost days are supplied with readings from the 1662 Prayer Book.

June completes *1 Maccabees* and then covers the omitted chapters of Joshua. The additions to Daniel (namely the *Song of the Three Young Men* and *Bel and the Dragon*) are covered on narratively-appropriate days in tandem with the Daily Office Lectionary's coverage of Daniel in the evening.

July sees the end of the book of *Judges* covered roughly in line with the end of that book in the Daily Office Lectionary's morning lessons, as well as the Greek Old Testament *Additions to Esther* in tandem with that book's coverage in the evening. *Ezra* chapter 2 is also supplied. The two major feast days each receive a special reading – the first from the 1979 Prayer Book and the second from the 1662.

The month of August adds *Nehemiah* chapter 11 and begins the omitted portions of *1 Chronicles*. Only one major feast day had room for a special lesson.

September supplies the end of *1 Chronicles* and some of *2 Chronicles* in close parallel to its matching material in the Daily Office Lectionary's morning lessons from the historical books. The latter two feast days of the month received lessons from the 1662 Prayer Book.

In October, omitted chapters from *2 Chronicles* are supplied in the same manner, with omitted chapters from *2 Maccabees* filling in the gaps to complement the evening lessons from that book. The latter two feast days of the month, again, received lessons from the 1662 Prayer Book.

November sees the final omitted chapters of 2 *Chronicles* covered, and supplements the missing chapters from *Judith*. The omitted chapters from the book of *Sirach* (*Ecclesiasticus*) are also begun. Space was made, also, to observe the major feast days of the month: All Saints' Day and the Commemoration of the Faithful Departed with a lesson each from the 1662 Prayer Book (the two originally appointed for All Saints' Day); Saint Aelfric's Day is observed with a lesson chosen from the Commons of Saints; and Saint Andrew with a lesson from the 1662 Prayer Book.

In December, *Ecclesiasticus* is completed, the major feast days are supplemented from 1662, and *The Epistle of Jeremiah* (sometimes accounted Baruch 6) is read.