

TO LECTORS: A guide for introducing each book of the Bible

Please refer to this guide as you rehearse your reading for the week.

THE OLD TESTAMENT

The Torah

Book	Lector's Introduction
Genesis	"A reading from the Book of Genesis."
Exodus	"A reading from the Book of Exodus."
Leviticus	"A reading from the Book of Leviticus."
Numbers	"A reading from the Book of Numbers."
Deuteronomy	"A reading from the Book of Deuteronomy."

History/Corporate Memory

Book	Lector's Introduction
Joshua	"A reading from the Book of Joshua."
Judges	"A reading from the Book of Judges."
Ruth	"A reading from the Book of Ruth."
1 Samuel	"A reading from the First Book of Samuel."
2 Samuel	"A reading from the Second Book of Samuel."
1 Kings	"A reading from the First Book of Kings."
2 Kings	"A reading from the Second Book of Kings."
1 Chronicles	"A reading from the First Book of Chronicles."
2 Chronicles	"A reading from the Second Book of Chronicles."
Ezra	"A reading from the Book of Ezra."
Nehemiah	"A reading from the Book of Nehemiah."
Esther	"A reading from the Book of Esther."

Wisdom

Book	Lector's Introduction
Job	"A reading from the Book of Job."
Psalms	<i>(Not typically announced; we sing or read it together.)</i>
Proverbs	"A reading from the Book of Proverbs."
Ecclesiastes	"A reading from the Book of Ecclesiastes."
Song of Solomon	"A reading from the Song of Solomon."

Major Prophets

Book	Lector's Introduction
Isaiah	"A reading from the Prophet Isaiah."
Jeremiah	"A reading from the Prophet Jeremiah."
Lamentations	"A reading from the Lamentations of Jeremiah."
Ezekiel	"A reading from the Prophet Ezekiel."
Daniel	"A reading from the Prophet Daniel."

Minor Prophets (Hebrew: Book of the Twelve)

Book	Lector's Introduction
Hosea	"A reading from the Prophet Hosea."
Joel	"A reading from the Prophet Joel."
Amos	"A reading from the Prophet Amos."
Obadiah	"A reading from the Prophet Obadiah."
Jonah	"A reading from the Prophet Jonah."
Micah	"A reading from the Prophet Micah."
Nahum	"A reading from the Prophet Nahum."
Habakkuk	"A reading from the Prophet Habakkuk."
Zephaniah	"A reading from the Prophet Zephaniah."
Haggai	"A reading from the Prophet Haggai."
Zechariah	"A reading from the Prophet Zechariah."
Malachi	"A reading from the Prophet Malachi."

The Apocrypha

(Shown here are only the books in the Apocrypha which we occasionally come across in our daily or weekly lectionary.)

Book	Lector's Introduction
Tobit	"A reading from the Book of Tobit."
Wisdom	"A reading from the Wisdom of Solomon."
Sirach, a/k/a Ecclesiasticus	"A reading from Ecclesiasticus." -or- "A reading from the Wisdom of Jesus, Son of Sirach." <i>(Please note that this is different from Ecclesiastes.)</i>
Baruch	"A reading from the Book of Baruch."
1 Maccabees	"A reading from the First Book of Maccabees."
2 Maccabees	"A reading from the Second Book of Maccabees."
2 Esdras	"A reading from the Second Book of Esdras."

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The Gospels

(Lay lectors don't typically read the Gospel during Holy Eucharist, but on other occasions. Note that this introduction is different from the one used in Holy Eucharist.)

Book	Lector's Introduction
Matthew	"A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew."
Mark	"A reading from the Gospel according to Mark."
Luke	"A reading from the Gospel according to Luke."
John	"A reading from the Gospel according to John."
Acts	"A reading from the Acts of the Apostles."

The Epistles

(These introductions assume Pauline authorship only of those seven letters scholars agree are his. Scholars are of wide-ranging opinions on the literal authorship of Ephesians, Colossians, 2 Thessalonians, 1 and 2 Timothy, and Titus, but church tradition would allow for putting Paul's name to them. Older tradition ascribing Hebrews to Paul clearly does not hold water.)

Book	Lector's Introduction
Romans	"A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans."
1 Corinthians	"A reading from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians."
2 Corinthians	"A reading from Paul's second letter to the Corinthians."
Galatians	"A reading from Paul's letter to the Galatians."
Ephesians	"A reading from the letter to the Ephesians."
Philippians	"A reading from Paul's letter to the Philippians."
Colossians	"A reading from the letter to the Colossians."
1 Thessalonians	"A reading from Paul's first letter to the Thessalonians."
2 Thessalonians	"A reading from the second letter to the Thessalonians."
1 Timothy	"A reading from the first letter to Timothy."
2 Timothy	"A reading from the second letter to Timothy."
Titus	"A reading from the letter to Titus."
Philemon	"A reading from Paul's letter to Philemon."
Hebrews	"A reading from the letter to the Hebrews."
James	"A reading from the letter of James."
1 Peter	"A reading from the first letter of Peter."
2 Peter	"A reading from the second letter of Peter."
1 John	"A reading from the first letter of John."
2 John	"A reading from the second letter of John."
3 John	"A reading from the third letter of John."
Jude	"A reading from the letter of Jude."

An Apocalypse

Book	Lector's Introduction
Revelation	"A reading from the Revelation to John."