

Sunday by Sunday on the web
Liturgy Resources for Bible Sunday



Common Worship lectionary readings

Year A

Nehemiah 8.1-4a [5-6] 8-12
 Psalm 119.9-16
 Colossians 3.12-17
 Matthew 24.30-35

Year B

Isaiah 55.1-11
 Psalm 19.7-14
 2 Timothy 3.14 – 4.5
 John 5.36b-47

Year C

Isaiah 45.22-25
 Psalm 119.129-136
 Romans 15.1-6
 Luke 4.16-24

Common Worship: Times and Seasons includes resources for Bible Sunday, observed on the Last Sunday after Trinity (pages 528–534). These are also suitable for any occasion when the focus is on the word of God as revealed in holy Scripture. A ‘Thanksgiving for the Word’ is found in *Common Worship: Daily Prayer* (pages 304–305) and in the main *Common Worship* volume (pages 46–47). The texts can be accessed online by following the ‘Prayer and Worship’ links from the Church of England website (www.churchofengland.org.uk). The RSCM festival service *The Word Revealed* (2011) is a useful source of readings, music and prayers.

Singing the Psalm

Psalm 119.9-16	PAME, SP, NPCW, CWP	
Walker	Teach me, O God	ATNJ, PS3 (OCP)#
Dean	You have laid down your precepts	HG#
Psalm 19.7-14	PAME, CRP, SP, FGP, L, MCWI, RE, CWP, NPCW, MM2, CH4, H&P	
Foster	Lord, you have the message of eternal life	RE
O’Hara	More desired than gold	CFE#
Dean	You, Lord, have the message	RE
Inwood	You, Lord, have the message	CFES, HIG, L, PS2 (OCP)#
Ogden	You, Lord, have the message	PS2 (WLP)#
Farrell	Your words are spirit and life	BFS, CBL, L#
Psalm 119.129-136	PAME, PFE3, SP, CWP, NPCW	

Hymns and songs

	AMNS	BPW	CFE	CH4	CP	H&P	HON	HTC	MP	NEH	R&S	SG	SOF	SPR	TS
All who are thirsty, come to the Lord												546			
Break thou the bread of life		98			286	467			64		314		50		
Come Holy Ghost, our hearts inspire/Come, Spirit	448	97		586	177	469	117			348	312				
Come, living God, when least expected				609	403						354				
Faith and truth and life bestowing												223			
Father of mercies, in thy word	167	99						247				224			
For your gift of God the Spirit				603											
For your holy book we thank you						471									
From the breaking of the dawn													1774		1796
God has spoken – by his prophets		100				64		248	831			225		185	
God in his wisdom for our learning														186	
God of love, you freely give us							226								
God, who hast caused to be written	467					472									
God's Spirit is (deep) in my heart		574	227			315	231				576				
Great and deep the Spirit's purpose				617											
Hark my soul, it is the Lord/ Christian, do you hear the Lord?	244				457	521	264	472	209		348				
Help us, O Lord, to learn	373				460	474		493		370		226			
Holy Spirit, hear us			260	599		304								91	
Holy words long preserved															1267
How firm a foundation		380					292	430	243		589				186
How sure the Scriptures are!								249				227			
Jesus, restore to us again									873				876	107	295
Lead me on, Lord															1393
Listen now for the Gospel!				779											
Living God, your word has called us							404							177	
Lord, be thy word my rule/ Lord, make your word my rule	232				209			250							

	AMNS	BPW	CFE	CH4	CP	H&P	HON	HTC	MP	NEH	R&S	SG	SOF	SPR	TS
Thanks/Praise to God whose word was spoken	432	106		605	584	483		255		438	319	229			
The heavens declare thy glory, Lord	168				264	481		254			320	230			
The heavens proclaim God's glory														312	
The prophets spoke in days of old	513				327										
The stars declare his glory				10								314			
Thou/God, whose almighty word/ Father, whose mighty word	180	591	738	112	267	29	684	506	699	466	38	597	557		
We have a gospel to proclaim	431	585	778	363	612	465	716	519	728	486		331	1583		
We look to your word													2111		2120
Word of the living God (CH5 388)															
Your word is a lamp unto my feet												234			
Your word: truth unchanged													2197		
Your words to me are life and health						482					321				

'Teach me, Lord, to search the Scriptures', a hymn text by Martin Leckebusch, can be found in his collection *Never Let the Songs End* (Mayhew 2010).

Anthems and vocal music

Title	Composer	Scoring	E/M/D	Book source	Single sheet publisher
UNISON/TWO PART/ HIGH VOICES					
A lamp for my steps	Dean	U/SAB	E	HG	
Alleluia! Raise the Gospel (<i>alternative text</i>)	Farrell	U/SATB#	E	GBU	OCP
Alleluia! Your words, O Lord (Gospel Greeting)	Farrell	U/SATB + cantor#	E	SPR, BFS, CBL, C	OCP
Give ear unto me	Marcello	SS	E/M	AC2	Novello
In the land	Farrell	U#	E	GBAN, BFS, L	
Jesus, you are the way	Rizza	SA/SATB + solo S#	E	SYCC4/FOL	Mayhew
Lift on high	Ogden	U/SATB#	E		WLP

Lord, be thy word my rule	Wood	2 part	E	SEA2	
May the Word of God strengthen us	Walker	U/2 part#	E	C	
My lips shall speak of thy praise	Greene	SS	M		OUP
Pilgrim's Alleluia	Walsh	U/2 part#	E	SPR, C	
Praise to you, O Christ our Saviour	Farrell	U#	E	WAYP, CFE, BFS, L, LHON	OCP
Silent, surrendered	Rizza	SA/SATB#	E	SYCC4/FOL, SPR, TS, CAHON	
Sizohamba naye	Trad arr Weaver	2 part	E	SFLI, VFLSI, IECS	
Take the word of God with you	Walker	U/SAB#	E	CFE, CIH, L	OCP
Teach me, O God	Walker	U/SATB#	E	PS3, ATNJ#	OCP
Word of God, burn within us	Hurd	U#	E	C	
You have laid down your precepts	Dean	SAB	E	HG	
Your word is a lamp	Rizza	U/SATB#	E	LIOD	
Your word is a lamp unto my feet	Smith	U#	E	TWR, SG	
THREE / FOUR PARTS					
Blessed be the God and Father	S.S.Wesley	SATB	M	NCAB, FABI, SC, ECM	RSCM
Christ the Word	Vann	SATB	M	STS	
Christ was the Word	Maxim	SATB unacc	E	SBS2	
Come among us, Lord	Sheldon	SATB	E	WIS	
Go forth and tell!	Ogden	SATB	E/M	SBS2	RSCM
God has spoken	Trad arr Llewellyn	SATB	E	SWAMS	

Grow in grace	Archer	SATB	E/M	SBSI	RSCM
How lovely are the messengers	Mendelssohn	SATB	M	AFC, TWR	
I will praise God because of his word	Purcell	SATB	E/M	TPS	
If ye love me	Tallis	SATB unacc	E	FAB1, ECM, TA, NCAB, NSAC1, OBTA, NOEAB; SL (AATB)	RSCM
In God's word will I rejoice	Purcell	SAB	M	TPS, SFL2	
Lead me, O Lord	Gant	SAMen	E	AOAN	
Lord of our fathers	Mawby	SAMen	E	AOAN	
O sing joyfully	Batten	SATB unacc	E	WFC, SCAB, TAN, ECM	RSCM
O Word of God	Manalo	SATB	E	C	
Teach me, O God	Camidge	SAB	E	CHM	
Teach me, O God	Moger	SAB	E		RSCM
Teach me, O Lord	Attwood	SATB	E	NOEAB, TWR, FAB7	RSCM
Teach me thy way, O Lord	Fox	SATB unacc	E	SBSI, FSB7	RSCM
The Spirit of the Lord	Elgar	SATB	M	FSB8, SAEE	RSCM
The will of God	Warren	SAMen	E	NAB2, AOAN	
The windows	Lloyd	SATB unacc	M		RSCM
Thy word is a lantern	Purcell	SATB	M	APA	Novello
Vox Christi	Wilby	SATB	M	TWR	RSCM
Waiting for the word	Skellern	SATB	E/M		RSCM
We will take what you offer	Bell	SAB unacc	E	SFL2, TIOAU	
Word of God, renew your people	Farrell	SATB	E	C, GBU, SPR	

FIVE OR MORE PARTS					
Christ is the morning star	Carter	SSAATTBB	D		OUP
If ye love me	Aston	SSATB	M		Encore
If ye love me	Chilcott	SSATB unacc	M	WFC, BCA	OUP
Open thou mine eyes	Rutter	SSATBB unacc	M		OUP
Sing joyfully	Byrd	SAATB unacc	M/D	OBTA	OUP
Teach me, O Lord	Byrd	SAATB	M	OBTA	CMS/OUP

Children's songs

Father, your word	JP2 338, KS58
Give me a heart of compassion	KS65
He's the man who calmed the sea	KS2 509
I'm going to set my heart	JP2 382
May your loving Spirit	BBP45
People think, to be free	SB75
We need to grow	JP2 484, KS359

Taizé, Iona and world music

Que j'exulte et jubile (I delight and rejoice)	CLM
The Lord is my light	TI, SPT
Your word, O Lord, is a light	TSFP
Before the world began	HSNW
Come and let us worship God	OITB
First-born of Mary	TIOAU
God's Spirit is here	OITB
Happy is the one	PPP
Listen to the word which God has spoken	WWHW
May the words of my mouth	PPP

Praise God for this holy ground	OITB
Send out your light	CAYP, C
The Word was with God in the beginning	HSNW
We will take what you offer	TIOAU
Word of the Father	CAYP, TCSN, WGIR
All who are thirsty	WP, IECS
If you believe	SBTL, CG, IECS, C
Jesus the Lord said	WP, LOL, IECS
Mayenziwe (Your will be done)	WP, MAG, TIOAU, CG, SFL2, C, LOL
Rakana vhangeri (Listen now for/Come and hear now the Gospel!)	OITB, C, A, IECS
Sent by the Lord am I	WP, SBTL, CG, IECS, BC, SFL2
We are on the Lord's road (Sizohamba naye)	SFLI, VFLSI, WP, IECS

Organ music

Composer	Title	Source	Level of difficulty
BEFORE or DURING			
Anon	Erhalt uns, Herr, bei deinem Wort	In <i>120 Chorale Preludes of the 17C & 18C</i> (Peters)	E/M
J.S.Bach	Erhalt uns, Herr, bei deinem Wort Anh.50 or Emans 63	Both in <i>Chorals from Miscellaneous Sources</i> (Bärenreiter)	E/M* & M
J.S.Bach	Erhalt uns, Herr, bei deinem Wort BWV 1103	In <i>Neumeister Chorale Preludes</i> (Bärenreiter)	E*
J.S.Bach	Gottes Sohn ist kommen ('Ravenshaw') BWV 600	From the <i>Orgelbüchlein</i> (many editions)	M

J.S.Bach	Gottes Sohn ist kommen (‘Ravenshaw’) BWV 703	In Novello Vol.18, Bärenreiter Vol.3, Peters Vol.5	E*
J.S.Bach	Gottes Sohn ist kommen (‘Ravenshaw’) BWV 724	In Novello Vol.18, Bärenreiter Vol.3, Peters Vol.6	E/M
J.S.Bach	Herr Jesu Christ, dich zu uns wend BWV 632	From the <i>Orgelbüchlein</i> (many editions)	M
Böhm	Erhalt uns, Herr, bei deinem Wort	In <i>Complete Works</i> (Breitkopf)	E/M
Buxtehude	Erhalt uns, Herr, bei deinem Wort BuxWV 185	In <i>Complete Works</i> Vol.4 (Bärenreiter)	E/M
Dyson	O Word Immortal	In <i>Variations on Old Psalm Tunes</i> Bk.3 (Novello)	E/M
Karg-Elert	Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier	No.11 of <i>20 Preludes and Postludes</i> Op.78 (Breitkopf)	E/M
Near	Moscow	In <i>Choraleworks</i> Set 1 (Aureole)	E/M
Pachelbel	Es spricht der Unweisen Mund wohl	No.10 in <i>Orgelwerke</i> Vol.2 (Peters)	E/M*
Peeters	Lord, keep us steadfast in thy word	In <i>Ten Chorale Preludes</i> Op.68 (Peters)	E/M
Piutti	Gottes Sohn ist kommen (‘Ravenshaw’)	In <i>Choralsvorspiele</i> Op.34 Vol.1 (Bärenreiter)	E
Rinck	Gottes Sohn ist kommen (‘Ravenshaw’)	In <i>Hier Preisen auf der Erd</i> Vol.1 (Breitkopf)	E
Telemann	Herr Jesu Christ, dich zu uns wend	In <i>Twelve Easy Chorale Preludes</i> (Kalmus, Peters)	E/M

Thomas	Ravenshaw	In <i>100 Hymn Preludes and Hymn Preludes for the Church Year Bk.2</i> (both Mayhew)	E
Walther	Herr Jesu Christ, dich zu uns wend	In <i>The Progressive Organist Bk.5</i> (Novello)	E/M
Willan	Gardiner (aka 'Fulda')	In <i>36 Short Preludes and Postludes Set 2</i> (Peters)	E
AFTER			
J.C.Bach	Erhalt uns, Herr, bei deinem Wort	In <i>120 Chorale Preludes of the 17C & 18C</i> (Peters)	E(*)
J.S.Bach	Herr Jesu Christ, dich zu uns wend BWV 655	In Novello Vol.17, Bärenreiter Vol.2, Peters Vol.6	D
J.S.Bach	Herr Jesu Christ, dich zu uns wend BWV 709	In Novello Vol.18, Bärenreiter Vol.3, Peters Vol.5	E/M
J.S.Bach	Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier BWV 633 or 634	From the <i>Orgelbüchlein</i> (many editions)	E/M
Buttstedt	Gottes Sohn ist kommen ('Ravenshaw')	In <i>120 Chorale Preludes of the 17C & 18C</i> (Peters)	E/M
Buxtehude	Es spricht der Unweisen Mund wohl BuxWV 187	In <i>Complete Works Vol.4</i> (Bärenreiter)	M
Karg-Elert	Herr Jesu Christ, dich zu uns wend'	No.9 of <i>Twenty Preludes and Postludes Op.78</i> (Breitkopf)	E/M
Karg-Elert	O Ewigkeit, du Donnerwort	No.42 from <i>Choral-Improvisationen Op.65</i> and in the anthology <i>14 Choral-Improvisationen</i> (Breitkopf)	E/M
Near	Erhalt uns, Herr, bei deinem Wort	In <i>Choraleworks Set 1</i> (Aureole)	E/M
Nixon	Ravenshaw	In <i>Hymn Tune Preludes</i> (Fagus)	E/M
Pachelbel	Es spricht der Unweisen Mund wohl	No.10 in <i>Orgelwerke Vol.2</i> (Peters)	E/M*

Roe	Eden	In <i>The Organist's Liturgical Year</i> (Mayhew)	E
Thiman	Trumpet Tune on 'Moscow'	In <i>Five Hymn Tune Variants</i> (Curwen)	E/M
Walther	Erhalt uns, Herr, bei deinem Wort	No. 11 in <i>Orgelchoräle</i> (Barenreiter), in <i>80 Chorale Preludes</i> (Peters) and <i>120 Chorale Preludes of the 17C & 18C</i> (Peters)	E
Walther	Herr Jesu Christ, dich zu uns wend	In <i>A Graded Anthology for Organ Bk.5</i> (Cramer)	M*
Movements from Partita 'Herr Jesu Christ, dich zu uns wend' E-M(*) in Georg Böhm <i>The Complete Works</i> (Breitkopf) would be suitable before, during and after.			

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