

‘THE OTHER LECTIONARY’ SUNDAYS 2019

This suggested ‘southern hemisphere’ Lectionary (with a few Resources added below) is being offered in parallel to, or even replacement of, the RCL which is in standard use by many. The idea behind it is it gives a choice on some days/Sundays of the year for the more ‘progressive’.

But perhaps more than that, it is an attempt to be ‘landscape real’.

Towards the end of his life, Westar Institute founder and New Testament scholar Robert Funk, issued a ‘call to arms’ on the Sunday Morning experience: throw the old forms out and start over again... Design a new Sunday Morning experience from the ground up... new music, new liturgy, new scriptures, new ceremonies, new rites of passage.

He admitted there were two schools of thought on such a project: One school advises us to continue to employ the old forms but understand them differently. The more progressive school would have us modify the old liturgy, music, and scriptures by cleaning them up and bringing them closer to what we really believe.

I have been trying to do some of that during my ministry - both with the Liturgy - *A Gathering Liturgy for the Celebration of Life* - and with specific bits within the liturgy - such as themes and readings. Such readings are mostly non-biblical.

The following is not all there could be, for such an ‘Other Lectionary’. But it is a sample gift for each to reshape and add to, as each sees fit.

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Children Sunday

27 January

Resources:

Gibran, K. *The Prophet*. London: Heinemann, 1926/1969

Binkley, C. G. & J. M. McKeel. *Jesus and his Kingdom of Equals. An International Curriculum on the Life and Teaching of Jesus*. Santa Rosa: Polebridge Press, 2002

Alves, R. *Tomorrow's Child: Imagination, Creativity, and the Rebirth of Culture*. Eugene. Wipf & Stock, 2011

Australia Day/Invasion Day

(26 January)

Resources:

<https://www.australiaday.org.au/>

<https://www.creativespirits.info/aboriginalculture/history/australia-day-invasion-day>

Fearless Sunday

3 February

Resources:

Grayling, A. C. *The Good Book. A Secular Bible*. London. Bloomsbury, 2011

Jim Burklo. <http://www.jimb Burklo.com/>

Miller, R. J. (ed) *The Future of the Christian Tradition*. The Jesus Seminar. Santa Rose. Polebridge Press, 2007

Hunt, R. A. E. *When Progressives Gather Together. Liturgy, Lectionary, Landscape... And Other Explorations*. Northcote: Morning Star Publishing, 2016

Treaty of Waitangi Day (NZ)

(6 February)

Resources:

<https://nzhistory.govt.nz/politics/treaty/waitangi-day>

“Waitangi Day is the national day of New Zealand, and commemorates the signing, on 6 February 1840, of the Treaty of Waitangi.”

Evolution Sunday/Weekend

10 February

Resources:

<http://theclergyletterproject.org/>

Geering, L. G. *From the Big Bang to God. Our Awe-inspiring Journey of Evolution*. Wellington. Steele Roberts/Salem. Polebridge Press, 2013

“Painting the Stars. Science, Religion and an Evolving Faith” DVD from *Living the Questions*, 2013

Sagan, C. *The Varieties of Scientific Experience: A Personal View of the Search for God*. Edited by Ann Druyan. New York. Penguin Press, 2006

Hunt, R. A. E. *Seasons and Self: Discourses on Being ‘at home’ in Nature*. Bayswater. Coventry Press, 2018

Goodenough, U. *The Sacred Depths of Nature*. New York: Oxford University Press, 1998

Sanguin, B. *Darwin, Divinity, and the Dance of the Cosmos. An Ecological Christianity*. Canada: Kelowna. CopperHouse, 2007

Peters, K. E. *Dancing with the Sacred: Evolution, Ecology, and God*. Harrisburg. Trinity Press International, 2002

Primack, J. R. & N. E. Abrams. *The View from the Centre of The Universe: Discovering our Extraordinary Place in the Cosmos*. New York. Riverhead Books, 2006

Fleischman, P. R. *Wonder: When and Why the World Appears Radiant*. Amherst. Small Batch Books, 2013

World Water Day

(24 March)

Resources:

Roberts, E. & E. Amidon. *Earth Prayers from Around the World. 365 Prayers, Poems, and Invocations for Honoring the Earth*. New York. HarperCollins, 1991

<http://worldwaterday.org/>

Transgender Day of Visibility

31 March

Resources:

<https://www.hrc.org/resources/international-transgender-day-of-visibility>

Autumn/Leaves Sunday

14 April

Resources:

Slim, H. *A Feast of Festivals. Celebrating the Spiritual Seasons of the Year*. London: Marshall Pickering, 1996

Hunt, R. A. E. *Seasons and Self: Discourses on Being ‘at home’ in Nature*. Bayswater. Coventry Press, 2018

Earth Day

(21 April)

Resources:

<https://www.earthday.org/2018/05/19/earth-day-2019-campaign-save-endangered-species/>

Roberts, E. & E. Amidon. *Earth Prayers from Around the World. 365 Prayers, Poems, and Invocations for Honoring the Earth*. New York. HarperCollins, 1991

Fox, M. et al. *Order of the Sacred Earth: An Intergenerational Vision of Love and Action*. Rhinebeck. Monkfish Book Publishing, 2018

Goodenough, U. *The Sacred Depths of Nature*. New York: Oxford University Press, 1998

Godfrey, B. C. *Wisdom For A New Era: Balancing Nature, Science, and Belief*. Houston. Strategic Book Publishing, 2014

Butler Bass, D. *Grounded: Finding God in The World*. A Spiritual Revolution. New York. HarperOne, 2015

Hunt, R. A. E. *Seasons and Self: Discourses on Being 'at home' in Nature*. Bayswater. Coventry Press, 2018

Swimme, B. T. & M. E. Tucker. *Journey of the Universe*. New Haven. Yale University Press, 2011

Tucker, M. E. & J. Grim. (ed). *Thomas Berry: Selected Writings on the Earth Community*. New York. Orbis Books, 2014

Humour Sunday

21 April

Resources:

<https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2012/03/holy-humor-sunday-resource-index.html>

Hunt, R. A. E. *Seasons and Self: Discourses on Being 'at home' in Nature*. Bayswater. Coventry Press, 2018

Pluralism Sunday

5 May

Resources:

<https://progressivechristianity.org/pluralism-sunday/>

Vosper, G. *We All Breathe. Poems and Prayers*. Toronto. PostPurgical Resources, 2012

Fox, M. *One River, Many Wells: Wisdom Springing from Global Faiths*. New York. Jeremy P. Tarcher/Penguin, 2000

Hanh, Thich Nhat. *Essential Writings*. (Ed). Robert Ellsberg. Maryknoll. Orbis Books, 2001

Mothers/Parents Day

12 May

Resources:

Ward, H.; J. Wild, & J Morley. (ed). *Celebrating Women*. New edition. London. SPCK, 1995.

Matariki (NZ)

(June)

Resources:

<https://www.kiwifamilies.co.nz/articles/matariki-maori-new-year/>

“Maori New Year. Matariki appears in the eastern sky sometime around the shortest day of the year, and is thought to determine how successful the harvest crop will be in the coming season. The brighter the stars, the more productive the crop will be.”

World Environment Day

(5 June)

Resources:

<http://worldenvironmentday.global/>

Swimme, B. T. & M. E. Tucker. *Journey of the Universe*. New Haven. Yale University Press, 2011
 Tucker, M. E. & J. Grim. (ed). *Thomas Berry: Selected Writings on the Earth Community*. New York. Orbis Books, 2014
 Roberts, E. & E. Amidon. *Earth Prayers from Around the World. 365 Prayers, Poems, and Invocations for Honoring the Earth*. New York. HarperCollins, 1991
 Hunt, R. A. E. *Seasons and Self: Discourses on Being 'at home' in Nature*. Bayswater. Coventry Press, 2018
 McKibben, B. *Earth: Making a Life on a Tough New Planet*. Melbourne. Black Inc., 2010
 Hamilton, C. *Scorcher: The Dirty Politics of Climate Change*. Melbourne. Black Inc., 2007
 "Painting the Stars. Science, Religion and an Evolving Faith" DVD from *Living the Questions*, 2013

Heretics Sunday

16 June

Resources:

"No such thing as 'orthodoxy' and 'heresy' existed for at least the first 200 years of the movements that would someday become Christianity. The supposed master narrative of a Jesus-based orthodoxy beleaguered by malicious heresies is a fantasy of a later era. In fact, these early communities were wildly diverse, promoting a variety of social and poetic experiments..." (Jesus Seminar)
 Vosper, G. *With or Without God. Why the Way We Live is More Important Than What We Believe*. Toronto. HarperCollins, 2008
 Hunt, R. A. & Smith, J. W. (ed) *Why Weren't We Told? A Handbook on 'progressive' Christianity*. Salem. Polebridge Press, 2013
 Freeman, C. *AD 381. Heretics, Pagans, and the Dawn of the Monotheistic State*. New York: The Overlook Press, 2009

Refugee Sunday

23 June

Resources:

<http://www.refugeehighway.net/world-refugee-sunday.html>

Winter Equinox (Southern Hemisphere)

(23 June)

Resources:

St Stephen's Non-Theistic Project. <http://stephen.srv.ualberta.ca/publications/non-theistic-liturgy-resources/#sthash.0Sd5KwzN.wLO2Tlw4.dpbs>

Diversity Sunday

14 July

Resources:

Kaufman, G. *God, Mystery, Diversity. Christian Theology in a Pluralistic World*. Minneapolis. Fortress Press, 1996
 Taussig, H. *A New New Testament. A Bible for the 21st Century Combining Traditional and Newly Discovered Texts*. New York. Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2013
 Bouma, G. D. *Being Faithful in Diversity*. Adelaide. ATF Press, 2011

National Tree Day

(28 July)

Resources:

<https://treeday.planetark.org/>

Sophia Sunday

11 August

Resources:

Ward, H.; J. Wild, & J Morley. (ed). *Celebrating Women*. New edition. London. SPCK, 1995
Winter, Miriam T. *Women Prayer. Women Song. Resources for Ritual*. Hartford. Meyer Stone Books, 1987
Christ, C. P. *She Who Changes. Re-imagining the Divine in the World*. New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2003
Taussig, H. *A New New Testament. A Bible for the 21st Century Combining Traditional and Newly Discovered Texts*. New York. Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2013

Endings and Beginnings Sunday

25 August

Resources:

Roberts, E. & E. Amidon. *Life Prayers from Around the World. 365 Prayers, Blessings, and Affirmations to Celebrate the Human Journey*. New York. HarperCollins, 1996
Aronson, R. *Living Without God: New Directions for Atheists, Agnostics, Secularists, and the Undecided*. Berkeley. Counterpoint, 2008
McRae-McMahon, D. *Prayers for Life's Particular Moments*. Thornbury. DesBooks, 2001
Cupitt, D. *Life, Life*. Santa Rosa. Polebridge Press, 2003

Season of Creation (Various annual 'Nature' themes)

Five Sundays in September

Resources:

<https://seasonofcreation.com/>

Habel, N. *Rainbow of Mysteries. Meeting the Sacred in Nature*. Kelowna: Copper House/Wood Lake Publishing, 2012
Habel, N. *An Inconvenient Text: Is a Green Reading of the Bible Possible?* Adelaide. ATF Press, 2009
Hunt, R. A. E. *Seasons and Self: Discourses on Being 'at home' in Nature*. Bayswater. Coventry Press, 2018
Peters, K. E. *Dancing with the Sacred: Evolution, Ecology, and God*. Harrisburg. Trinity Press International, 2002
Tucker, M. E. & J. Grim. (ed). *Thomas Berry: Selected Writings on the Earth Community*. New York. Orbis Books, 2014

International Day of Peace

(22 September)

Resources:

<https://www.awarenessdays.com/awareness-days-calendar/international-day-of-peace-2019/>

Spring Equinox (Southern Hemisphere)

(22 September)

Resources:

St Stephen's Non-Theistic Project. <http://stephen.srv.ualberta.ca/publications/non-theistic-liturg-resources/#sthash.0Sd5KwzN.wLO2Tlw4.dpbs>

Social Justice Sunday

29 September

(Check your denomination's resources)

Nelson-Pallmeyer, J. & B. Hesle. *Worship in the Spirit of Jesus. Theology, Liturgy, and Songs without Violence*. Cleveland. The Pilgrim Press, 2005

Pets/World Animal Sunday

6 October

Reformers/Progressives Sunday

27 October

Resources:

Grayling, A. C. *The Good Book. A Secular Bible*. London. Bloomsbury, 2011

Mack, B. L. *The Lost Gospel. The Book of Q and Christian Origins*. New York.

HarperSanFrancisco, 1993

Taussig, H. (ed). *A New New Testament. A Bible for the 21st Century Combining Traditional and Newly Discovered Texts*. New York. Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2013

Taussig, H. *A New Spiritual Home. Progressive Christianity at the Grassroots*. Santa Rosa.

Polebridge Press, 2006

Hunt, R. A. E. *When Progressives Gather Together. Liturgy, Lectionary, Landscape... And Other Explorations*. Northcote: Morning Star Publishing, 2016

Freeman, C. *AD 381. Heretics, Pagans, and the Dawn of the Monotheistic State*. New York: The Overlook Press, 2009

Webb, V. *Testing Tradition and Liberating Theology*. Finding Your Own Voice. Northcote.

Morning Star Publishing, 2015

Parkinson, L. *Made on Earth: How Gospel Writers Created the Christ*. Richmond. Spectrum Publications, 2015

Taussig, H. *A New New Testament. A Bible for the 21st Century Combining Traditional and Newly Discovered Texts*. New York. Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2013

Butcher, J. B. *An Uncommon Lectionary: A Companion to Common Lectionaries*. Santa Rosa, 2002

"Painting the Stars. Science, Religion and an Evolving Faith" DVD from *Living the Questions*, 2013

Blue Knot Day: Survivors of Child Sexual Abuse

(28 October)

Resources:

<https://www.blueknot.org.au/GET-INVOLVED/Blue-Knot-Day/Get-Involved>

Halloween

(31 October)

Resources:

<https://www.timeanddate.com/holidays/australia/halloween>

Parihaka Day (NZ)

(3 November)

Resources:

<https://nzhistory.govt.nz/keyword/parihaka>

Transgender Day of Remembrance

17 November

Resources:

<https://www.hrc.org/campaigns/transgender-day-remembrance>

Religious Literacy Sunday

17 November

Resources:

<https://rlp.hds.harvard.edu/our-approach/what-is-religious-literacy>

<https://www.westarinstitute.org/>

Mack, B. L. *The Lost Gospel. The Book of Q and Christian Origins*. New York.

HarperSanFrancisco, 1993

Taussig, H. *A New Spiritual Home. Progressive Christianity at the Grassroots*. Santa Rosa.

Polebridge Press, 2006

Galston, D. *Embracing the Human Jesus: A Wisdom Path for Contemporary Christianity*. Salem.

Polebridge Press, 2012

Hunt, R. A. E. *Against the Stream: Progressive Christianity Between Pulpit and Pew*. Northcote.

Morning Star Publishing, 2013

Parkinson, L. *Made on Earth: How Gospel Writers Created the Christ*. Richmond. Spectrum

Publications, 2015

Armstrong, K. *On the Bible*. Crows Nest. Allen & Unwin, 2007

Cupitt, D. *A New Great Story*. Salem. Polebridge Press, 2010

Taussig, H. *A New New Testament. A Bible for the 21st Century Combining Traditional and Newly Discovered Texts*. New York. Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2013

Jenks, G. C. (ed). *The Once and Future Scriptures. Exploring the Role of the Bible in the Contemporary Church*. Salem. Polebridge Press, 2013

Jesus Nobodies Sunday

24 November

Resources:

Galston, D. *Embracing the Human Jesus: A Wisdom Path for Contemporary Christianity*. Salem. Polebridge Press, 2012

Hedrick, C. W. *The Wisdom of Jesus: Between the Sages of Israel and the Apostles of the Church*. Eugene. Cascade Books, 2014

Crossan, J. D. *God and Empire: Jesus Against Rome, Then and Now*. New York. HarperSanFrancisco, 2007

Levine, A-J. *The Misunderstood Jew. The Church and the Scandal of the Jewish Jesus*. New York. HarperOne, 2006

Funk, R. W. *A Credible Jesus. Fragments of a Vision*. Santa Rosa. Polebridge Press, 2002

Hoover, R. W. (ed). *Profiles of Jesus*. Santa Rosa. Polebridge Press, 2002

Human Rights Day

(10 December)

Resources:

<http://www.un.org/en/events/humanrightsday/>

Christmas

24/25 December

Resources:

White, B. A. *Something New to Say for Advent and Christmas. Words of Spirit, Faith and Celebration*. Wellington, 2017

Shea, J. *Starlight. Beholding the Christmas Miracle All Year long*. Chicago. Thomas More Press, 1993

Queripel, J. H. *Christmas. Myth, Magic and Legend. Making Sense of the Christmas Stories*. Northcote. Morning Star Publishing, 2018

Miller, R. J. *Born Divine. The Births of Jesus and Other Sons of God*. Santa Rosa. Polebridge Press, 2003

Hunt, R. A. E. *Cards, Carols & Claus. Christmas in Popular Culture and Progressive Christianity*. Northcote. Morning Star Publishing, 2014

Spong, J. S. *Born of a Woman. A Bishop Rethinks the Birth of Jesus*. New York. HarperCollins, 1992

Roll, S. K. *Toward the Origins of Christmas*. Kampen. Kok Pharos Publishing House, 1995
Ludemann, G. *Virgin Birth? The Real Story of Mary and Her Son Jesus*. Translated by John Bowden. Harrisburg. Trinity Press International, 1998
Schaberg, J. *The Illegitimacy of Jesus. A Feminist Theological Interpretation of the Infancy Narratives*. Expanded 20th Anniversary Edition. Sheffield. Sheffield Phoenix Press, 2006

Other Resources

Internet

UUA Worship Web. Boston. <www.uua.org/spirituallife/worshipweb/>
Andrew Pratt Hymns and Words blog site. UK. <<http://hymnsandbooks.blogspot.com/>>
Jim Burklo. <<http://www.jimburklo.com/>>
Rex A E Hunt. Post-Liberal Liturgies. www.rexaehuntprogressive.com>
Norman Habel Creation Liturgies. <www.seasonofcreation.com>
Bronwyn Angela White. Wellington, New Zealand. <<http://www.spirit-and-faith.com/16346232>>
The Great Story. <www.thegreatstory.org> 2003.
David Galston. **Quest Learning Centre for Religious Literacy**. <http://www.questcentre.ca/>
St Stephen's Non-Theistic Project. <http://stephen.srv.ualberta.ca/publications/non-theistic-liturg-resources/#sthash.0Sd5KwzN.wLO2Tlw4.dpbs>
The Institute on Religion in an Age of Science (IRAS) <<http://www.iras.org/>>
Thomas Berry <<http://thomasberry.org/>>
Brian Swimme <<https://storyoftheuniverse.org/>>
Mary Evelyn Tucker <<https://www.humansandnature.org/mary-evelyn-tucker>>
Creation Spirituality/Matthew Fox <<http://www.matthewfox.org/>>
Environment 360 <<https://e360.yale.edu/>>
Big History Project <<https://www.bighistoryproject.com/home>>
International Society for Science and Religion (ISSR) <<https://www.issr.org.uk/>>
Green Churches Network <<https://greenchurches.ca/>>
The Forum on Religion and Ecology at Yale <<http://fore.yale.edu/>>

Other Publications

Glennon, K. *Heartbeat of the Seasons: Earth Rituals for the Celtic Year*. Dublin: Columba Press, 2005
McIlhagga, K. *The Green Heart of the Snowdrop*. Glasgow: Wild Goose Publications, 2004
Morwood, M. *Praying a New Story*. Richmond: Spectrum Publications, 2003
Neu, D. L. *Return Blessings: Ecofeminist Liturgies Renewing the Earth*. Cleveland. Pilgrim Press, 2002
White, B. A. *You Who Delight Me. Words of Spirit and Faith*. Wellington: Steele Roberts Publishers, 2012