

FEAST OF CREATION IN CHRIST

ADOPTED BY THE REVISED COMMON LECTIONARY

The Consultation on Common Texts has added the “Feast of Creation in Christ” to the Revised Common Lectionary used by many Protestant and Anglican churches, for trial use. The step was made in coordination with the ecumenical committee facilitating the feast ecumenical [process](#) in recent years. This is the first time a new feast is adopted by the common lectionary since its 1983 release (when Baptism of the Lord and Christ the King were adopted). Lections will be reviewed after a three-year trial period (2026-2028).

Date: First Sunday of September
(or September 1, or last Sunday of August)

Title: Creation in Christ *
(or Feast of Creation)

* Regarding the theological rationale for the Christological title, see this brief [paper](#).

The formulation “Creation in Christ” will be adapted into relevant naming conventions of each denomination, such as “Feast of Creation in Christ”, “Festival of Creation in Christ”, or “Creation in Christ Sunday”.¹

Readings:

	<i>First reading</i>	<i>Psalm</i>	<i>Second reading</i>	<i>Gospel</i>
Year A	Genesis 1:1-2:3 or Genesis 2:4-25	Psalm 148:1-14	Acts 17:22a, 24-28	John 1:1-5
Year B	Proverbs 8:22-31 [32-35]	Psalm 104:1-4, 14-24 or Psalm 104:1-2a. 5-6. 10, 12. 24, 35c	Colossians 1:15-20	Matthew 6:25-33 or John 1:1-5
Year C	Job 38:1, 4-11 [12-18] or Sirach 42:15-25	Psalm 29:3-11 or Psalm 65:5-13	Romans 8:18-25	Luke 8:22-25 or John 1:1-5

Theological underpinnings:

The choice of lections was aided by the [theological report](#) of the international ecumenical committee, which proposes that the feast contains four interrelated themes: (1) God’s *act* of Creation (the feast’s core), (2) Creation as a *Christological* mystery (the entry point and [feast title](#) given the liturgical year’s theology), (3) Creation as a *Trinitarian* mystery, and (4) Creation as *sacramental* and *covenantal*.

A [methodology report](#) by CCT explains how the theological themes were translated into the lections, which will be reviewed again after a three-year trial period.²

Resources:

- [Year A readings](#) (NRSVue) for use on **6th September 2026**.
(as 2026 liturgical books were printed already, standalone “PDF-to-be-printed” resources could be created by each church for their clergy, with the relevant Bible translation and accompanying resources)
- Various resources: www.FeastOfCreation.com
(website to be updated in late May 2026 with [liturgical prayers](#), preaching resources, and more)

¹ This format mirrors the convention used in other feast titles of the RCL (e.g. Baptism of the Lord, Reign of Christ, etc), which allows each denomination to add in liturgical books the relevant accompanying word (Feast, Festival, Sunday).

² The trial period, following the three-year ABC lectionary cycle, is 2026-2028. Feedback will be sought in late 2028, informed by the lived experience of proclaiming these texts and the ongoing theological reflection about the feast.