

Series Introduction

Priming the Lectionary was created as a long-term companion for communities who want to engage Scripture with depth, imagination, and integrity. The lectionary carries us through the breadth of the biblical story year by year, inviting us to listen again, to grow, and to be shaped by the rhythm of God's unfolding work. This series takes that rhythm seriously. It offers not only week-by-week support, but a broader vision: a way of approaching the lectionary that is rooted in welcome, in justice, and in a hope that seeks the flourishing of all.

Across the three-year cycle, these volumes are designed to nurture confidence in those who lead, facilitate, or accompany others in faith. The series offers a consistent theological approach – one that is attentive to language, alive to the realities of contemporary life, and grounded in the belief that God's story is always drawing us towards liberation, compassion, and renewed imagination. As you move from season to season, volume to volume, you will find the same commitments shaping every resource: faithfulness to Scripture, sensitivity to lived experience, and an understanding that worship and reflection are places where people can encounter God with honesty and openness.

This series is not only about resourcing gatherings. It is about helping communities develop a shared language of faith that is hospitable, courageous, and clear. Over time, these books can help churches articulate who they are, how they read the Bible, and what kind of discipleship they seek to embody. They can support conversations about identity and belonging, encourage curiosity, and build confidence for speaking about faith both within and beyond the church.

While each volume can stand fully on its own, together they form a journey – a rhythm that accompanies the church through feasts and fasts, parables and prophecies, lament and celebration. Whether you are a minister, a preacher, a worship leader, a lay leader, a chaplain, an evangelist, a teacher, a small-group facilitator, or someone exploring faith for yourself, the series is offered as a companion for the long road: a set of tools and reflections that grows with you, supports your practice, and opens new pathways each time the biblical story circles back.

May these volumes help you listen deeply to Scripture across the whole sweep of the lectionary year – finding in its patterns not just familiar readings, but an invitation to encounter the God who sustains, challenges, liberates, and loves without limit.