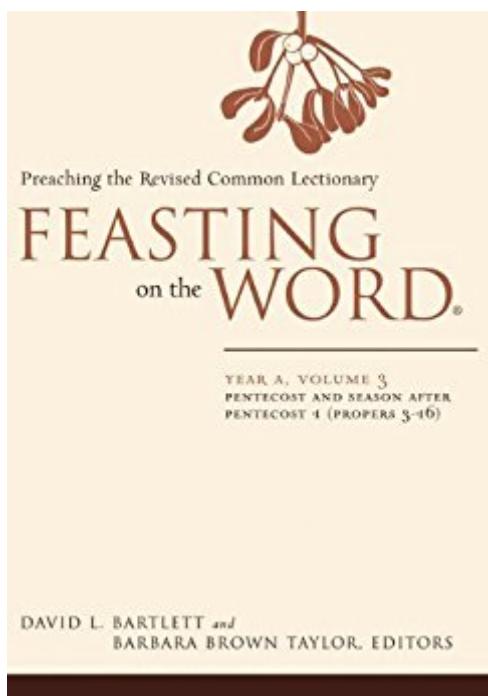


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# Feasting On The Word: Year A, Volume 3: Pentecost And Season After Pentecost 1 (Propers 3-16) (Feasting On The Word: Year A Volume)



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With the twelve-volume series Feasting on the Word, Westminster John Knox Press offers one of the most extensive and well-respected resources for preaching on the market today. When complete, the twelve volumes will cover all of the Sundays in the three-year lectionary cycle, along with moveable occasions. The page layout is truly unique. For each lectionary text, preachers will find brief essays— one each on the exegetical, theological, pastoral, and homiletical challenges of the text. Each volume will also contain an index of biblical passages so that nonlectionary preachers may make use of its contents. The printed volumes for Ordinary Time include the complementary stream during Year A, the complementary stream during the first half of Year B, the semicontinuous stream during the second half of Year B, and the semicontinuous stream during Year C. Beginning with the season after Pentecost in Year C, the alternate lections for Ordinary Time not in the print volumes will be available online at [feastingontheword.net](http://feastingontheword.net).

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Best commentaries for preaching that have come out in years. I especially appreciate the four approaches on each text...well worth the purchase...I plan to buy the whole 3 year series.

Feasting on the Word, Year A Volume 1. What a resource. Each of the texts form a self contained section with the texts printed at the start of the section. Then there is a division into Theological, Pastoral, Exegetical and Homiletical Perspectives for the passage running in parallel columns down the page. These perspectives are rich and broad in perspective - brief yet packed with many ideas and facts about the particular text. The whole section provides a full "meal" (pun intended) on the text that is incredibly useful for bible studies, personal reflection and sermon preparation. I have shelves full of commentaries, many very useful, others excellent paperweights. The quality of scholarship, the multiple themes and suggestions available for each text, and the accessibility of the material make this series a great choice for layperson and clergy. The concise and insightful perspectives packed into one book gives me easy access to start my preparations, and a highly portable means to take my work with me (story of the preacher's life, I guess). My only regret is that it is not also in Kindle form - which would make it LIGHT as well as portable. Having been in the ministry nearly 40 years, I believe I have a good sense of resource quality - these books are excellent. The commentators are excellent. The usefulness of the work is excellent. Even the quality of the physical book is excellent - attractive yet designed for much handling. I highly recommend this series. I am into Year A, Volume 2 now and it is every bit as good as 1. Did I say I highly recommend this series? I DO!

I have been buying this series on Kindle for two reasons. Reason #1 - the font on the original books is too small. Reason #2 - It takes up much less space. The Kindle version, unlike the book version (which has side by side readings of the four) offers a single reading of each one. It is easy to mark up, take notes, and if I use my iPad for a screen shot, even lets me print out a bit of text I want to use. As a pastor I use this both in preparing sermons and in preparing to share in a group pastors Bible Study where we share the lectionary together. My only comment is that these use alternate texts for the second half of Year B and all of Year C. It would have been nice to have all texts available. But still, one of the best resources I have on hand.

If you are new to the Revised Common Lectionary or have been using it for years, this book, and its companion volumes, will prove to be an invaluable tool for you for many years. It explores each reading for every Sunday of the Liturgical year from four perspectives: theological, pastoral, exegitical and homiletical and in doing so provides a wealth of information for the preparation of liturgies and sermons that reflect the sense of the scriptures for that day. I have been using these volumes for 3 years now, and have recommended them to sermon study groups and to my brothers and sisters in the ordained ministry since I first opened the first volume. Many thanks to David Bartlett and Barbara Brown Taylor for their excellent editorial work and for making these books available to preachers and students.

A very clear and thoughtful approach to preaching from the lectionary. By having four different perspectives on each selection the book provides the reader with many opportunities to respond from his or her own situation, both personal and situational. This is an excellent resource to consult during the early process of message formation.

I have bought the entire series in both hard-cover and Kindle versions. I love them for good commentaries and resources to help with my sermon development. Some weeks are better than others but I always find them useful. I highly recommend the entire series.

All of the "Feasting on the Word" books are the first commentaries I reach for when preparing sermons or leading bible study. The breadth of knowledge and inspiration for each reading is more than I had ever expected in one book. Priceless.

I have used this series for over a year to prepare sermons at the recommendation of my colleagues. The more I use it, the better I like it. It follows the liturgical year, offering fresh perspectives to old themes.

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