

Wednesday digest

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- [To lectionary or not to lectionary](#): "In my newest church, I was told that past ministers have used the lectionary but the preference would be not to be glued to it, and so for the first time in my ministry I have gone "off lectionary." I have to say it is completely refreshing and reinvigorating."
- *The Devil's Double* [briefly reviewed](#): "Somewhere in this vat of depravity is a movie screaming to get out."
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