

## Colors, Liturgical

By tradition, various colors are used for the vestments and altar hangings for the different seasons and feasts of the Church Year. In western use the tradition is:

- Red - on Pentecost, Feasts of Martyrs, and during Holy Week.
- White - on Feasts of our Lord, Feasts of Saints who were not martyrs, Feasts of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and in some places at the Burial of the Dead.
- Green - on the Sundays and Ordinary days of the Year after Epiphany and Pentecost.
- Blue -in some places used during Advent.
- Purple or Violet – for penitential occasions, during Lent, at Requiems or the Burial of the Dead, and Advent.
- Black - in some places for the Burial of the Dead and Requiems.
- Lenten Array - in some places used during Lent in place of purple

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