

Compatibility

SSRA is compatible with

Common Worship Principal Service Lectionary (CW)
Revised Common Lectionary (RCL)
and *Lectionary for Mass (LFM)*

giving access to a vast range
of lectionary-based resources

both in print and online

for sermons, prayers,
children s work, and more.

There is a quick two-page overview of the lectionary at
ssra.uk/downloads/ThreeYearCycle.pdf

Variations

As more and more denominations
have adopted what is essentially the same lectionary,

each has enriched
the range of available material
by adding its own
variations and additional options.

As a result,
the various editions
of what is essentially the same lectionary
can end up being
not quite 100% compatible.

In selecting from the lectionary options and variations on offer,
SSRA consistently prioritises
the systematic reading of the gospels and epistles for the year,
reducing interruptions and omissions to a minimum.

**This is the programme followed by SSRA for
the Gospel readings in Ordinary Time**

	Year A	Year B	Year C
1	<u>Matthew 3</u> ¹³⁻¹⁷	<u>John 1</u> ²⁹⁻³⁴	<u>Luke 2</u> ²²⁻⁴⁰
2	<u>Matthew 4</u> ¹²⁻¹⁷	<u>John 1</u> ³⁵⁻⁴²	<u>Luke 2</u> ⁴¹⁻⁵²
3	<u>Matthew 4</u> ¹⁸⁻²⁵	<u>John 2</u> ¹⁻¹¹	<u>Luke 4</u> ¹⁴⁻²¹
4	<u>Matthew 5</u> ¹⁻¹²	<u>Mark 1</u> ¹⁴⁻²⁸	<u>Luke 4</u> ²¹⁻³⁰
5	Matthew 5 ¹³⁻²⁰	Mark 1 ²⁹⁻³⁹	Luke 5 ¹⁻¹¹
6	Matthew 5 ²⁰⁻³⁷	Mark 1 ⁴⁰⁻⁴⁵	Luke 6 ¹⁷⁻²⁶
7	Matthew 5 ³⁸⁻⁴⁸	Mark 2 ¹⁻¹²	Luke 6 ²⁷⁻³⁸
8	Matthew 6 ²⁴⁻³³	<u>Mark 2</u> ¹³⁻²²	Luke 6 ³⁹⁻⁴⁹
9	Matthew 7 ²¹⁻²⁹	Mark 2 ²³⁻³⁶	Luke 7 ²⁻¹⁰
10	Matthew 9 ⁹⁻¹³	Mark 3 ²⁰⁻³⁵	Luke 7 ¹¹⁻¹⁷
11	Matthew 9 ^{35-10⁸}	Mark 4 ²⁶⁻³⁴	Luke 7 ³⁶⁻⁵⁰
12	Matthew 10 ²⁸⁻³¹	Mark 4 ³⁵⁻⁴¹	<u>Luke 8</u> ^{1-3,26-39}
13	Matthew 10 ³⁴⁻⁴²	Mark 5 ²¹⁻⁴³	Luke 9 ⁵¹⁻⁶²
14	Matthew 11 ^{18-19,25-30}	Mark 6 ¹⁻⁶	Luke 10 ^{1-11,17-20,23-24}
15	Matthew 13 ^{1-8,18-23}	<u>Mark 6</u> ⁷⁻¹³	Luke 10 ²⁵⁻³⁷
16	Matthew 13 ²⁴⁻³⁰	Mark 6 ³⁰⁻³⁴	Luke 10 ³⁸⁻⁴²
17	Matthew 13 ^{31-33,44-46}	John 6 ¹⁻²¹	Luke 11 ¹⁻¹³
18	Matthew 14 ¹³⁻²¹	John 6 ²²⁻³⁵	Luke 12 ¹³⁻²¹
19	Matthew 14 ²²⁻³³	John 6 ⁴¹⁻⁵¹	<u>Luke 12</u> ²²⁻³⁶
20	Matthew 15 ²¹⁻²⁸	John 6 ⁵¹⁻⁵⁸	Luke 12 ⁴⁹⁻⁵⁶
21	Matthew 16 ¹³⁻²⁰	John 6 ⁶⁰⁻⁶⁹	<u>Luke 13</u> ¹⁰⁻¹⁷
22	Matthew 16 ²¹⁻²⁶	Mark 7 ^{1-8, 14-15, 21-23}	Luke 14 ^{1,7-14}
23	Matthew 18 ¹⁵⁻²⁰	Mark 7 ²⁴⁻³⁷	Luke 14 ²⁵⁻³³
24	Matthew 18 ²¹⁻³⁵	Mark 8 ²⁷⁻³⁶	Luke 15 ¹⁻¹⁰
25	Matthew 20 ¹⁻¹⁶	Mark 9 ³⁰⁻³⁷	Luke 16 ¹⁻¹³
26	Matthew 21 ²³⁻³²	Mark 9 ³⁸⁻⁵⁰	Luke 16 ^{13b-15,19-31}
27	Matthew 21 ^{33-41,43}	Mark 10 ¹³⁻¹⁶	Luke 17 ⁵⁻¹⁰
28	Matthew 22 ¹⁻¹⁴	Mark 10 ¹⁷⁻³¹	Luke 17 ¹¹⁻¹⁹
29	Matthew 22 ¹⁵⁻²²	Mark 10 ³⁵⁻⁴⁵	Luke 18 ^{1-8a}
30	Matthew 22 ³⁵⁻⁴⁰	Mark 10 ^{46b-52}	Luke 18 ⁹⁻¹⁴
31	Matthew 23 ²⁻¹²	Mark 12 ^{28-34a}	Luke 19 ¹⁻¹⁰
32	Matthew 25 ¹⁻¹³	<u>Mark 12</u> ³⁸⁻⁴⁴	<u>Luke 19</u> ⁴¹⁻⁴⁸
33	Matthew 25 ¹⁴⁻²⁹	<u>Mark 13</u> ¹⁻¹³	Luke 21 ⁵⁻¹⁹
34	Matthew 25 ³¹⁻⁴⁶	John 18 ^{33b-37}	Luke 23 ³³⁻⁴³

The underlinings above indicate those occasions where the gospel reading for the day may vary between lectionaries.

SSRA consistently prioritises the systematic reading of the gospel or gospels for the year.

This includes keeping the Second Sunday before Lent and the Last Sunday before Lent as Sundays in Ordinary Time, each complete with the gospel for the day, rather than displacing them to make way for a Creation or Transfiguration theme. The Transfiguration is observed on the Second Sunday of Lent, as in LFM and RCL.

The Gospel readings for the fifteen Sundays of the Easter series

are consistent across all lectionaries, except for the question of the Transfiguration reading on the Second Sunday of Lent (see previous paragraph), and some different options for Pentecost and Trinity Sunday.

The Gospel readings in the Christmas series

are consistent across all lectionaries through Advent and on Christmas Day, with variations limited to the two weeks between 26 December and 8 January.

SSRA handles the practical lull experienced in most churches between Christmas and the Epiphany by celebrating Saint John the Evangelist on the first Sunday after Christmas (providing a different set of readings for each year), and moving the Holy Family readings from Saint Luke (including The Presentation) into January of Year C (where they are read in sequence in Saint Luke). The Epiphany is then kept on any Sunday falling between 2 and 6 January (with different Old Testament and Epistle readings provided for each year). The main programme for the year then begins resolutely on 7 January.

Old Testament readings and Epistles

have less impact on the compatibility of lectionary-based resources, as the gospel is usually taken as the lead reading for the day; but Old Testament readings do occasionally vary, and epistle readings are occasionally out of sync - although the same epistles are always being read at the same time, with the one exception of a CW excursion into Revelation for three Sundays early in Year B.

The Acts of the Apostles

is read in all lectionaries during Eastertide, but there is wide variation in the selection and arrangement of the readings. SSRA arranges readings from Acts across three annual themes: Year A highlights the early days in Jerusalem, Year B the emerging inclusion of the Gentiles, and Year C the ministry of Saint Paul.

All Saints Sunday

is an option in CW for the Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time (the Fourth Sunday before Advent, the Sunday between 30 October and 5 November). SSRA has readings on that date in all three years of the cycle suitable for an observation of All Saints Sunday, without interrupting the sequential reading of the gospels and epistles for the year.

Remembrance Sunday

is kept in the UK on the second Sunday in November, which is either the Thirty-second or the Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time (the Third or Second Sunday before Advent). SSRA has readings on both those Sundays in all three years of the cycle suitable for an observation of Remembrance Sunday, without interrupting the sequential reading of the gospels and epistles for the year.

For Ash Wednesday and Maundy Thursday,

SSRA provides different readings for each year of the three year cycle. The Maundy Thursday readings are themed: in Year A, the Lamb of God; in Year B, service to others (the washing of the disciples' feet); and in Year C, the Bread of Life.

Finally, some lectionaries offer readings for a Mothering Sunday theme on the Fourth Sunday of Lent, a Bible Sunday theme on the Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (CW 'Last after Trinity'), plus Saints Days and other Festivals. In these cases, as elsewhere, SSRA prioritises the systematic reading of the gospels and epistles for the year, reducing interruptions and omissions to a minimum.