

Revised Common Lectionary Daily Readings

a devotional lectionary based on the Sunday three year cycle of The Revised Common Lectionary

Rites and Prayers Supplemental to The Book of Alternative Services Of The Anglican Church of Canada

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The Consultation on Common Texts (<u>www.commontexts.org</u>) is the multilateral ecumenical liturgical roundtable that created the Revised Common Lectionary in the late 1980s. The Anglican Church of Canada adopted the RCL in 1993.

The schema for the lectionary can be found here:

https://www.commontexts.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/11/RCLDailyReadings_YearA.pdf

https://www.commontexts.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/11/DailyreadingsB.pdf

https://www.commontexts.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/11/RCLDailyReadings YearC.pdf

The Consultation on Common Texts has published this as a book of daily readings for purchase from Augsburg Fortress. It can be seen and ordered here, where there are also links to the Rich Text format of each year's schema: https://www.commontexts.org/publications/

With respect to the Daily lectionaries, the Consultation on Common Texts had already at the time of the publication of the Revised Common Lectionary (RCL) anticipated this challenge and began work on a Daily Lectionary. Eventually they settled on a model blending from several traditions. It is characterised by:

- a structure that is based on the table of Sunday and Festival readings of the Revised Common Lectionary;
- a weekly model that is based on the paschal cycle as reflected in the triduum and immediate days after Easter: The 'week' begins on Thursday, with daily readings that thematically look forward to, anticipate, or set the stage for, the Sunday readings. The readings from Monday to Wednesday then reflect back on, or pull out themes from, the Sunday readings;
- a practice of repetitive concentration on one psalm the Psalm in the Sunday RCL is prayed for 7 days, beginning on the Thursday and through to the Wednesday.
- an intentional effort on the part of the Consultation members to work into the
 daily lectionary a wider range of bible passages than was covered in previous
 2-year cycles, and not to repeat readings that are in the Sunday RCL.

This lectionary is not intended to replace the Daily Office Lectionary of the Book of Alternative Services for Daily Office prayer. It was commended by the General Synod and may be used for personal devotion and in other contexts where appropriate for liturgical use and bible study.