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P R E F A C E

Christianity—the fullness of the good news about Jesus Christ—came very early to what would eventually be called *Anglia* (England) through the witness of soldiers, sailors, merchants, and missionaries. Legend holds that the biblical tomb-giver, Joseph of Arimathea, was among the first of those scattered evangelists.

The early Christian mission in the British Isles was an encounter with pagan tribes and societies. Converts banded together, and in this context communities of common prayer, learning, and Christ-like service emerged, living under agreed rules. Thus “monasteries” became centers of the evangelization of this remote region of the Roman world, and ever more so as the empire disintegrated. Early heroes and heroines leading such communities bore names that are still remembered and celebrated, names like Patrick, Brigid, David, Columba, Cuthbert, and Hilda. Haphazardly, and without a centralized hierarchy or authority, what emerged in Britain, by God’s grace, was a Church that saw herself, in each of her local manifestations, as part of the One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church: culturally attuned and missionally adaptive, but ever committed to and always propagating “the faith that was once for all delivered to the saints” (JUDE 1:3).

Reform came in various waves, based more in the Roman systems of Diocese and parish. At the end of the sixth century, Augustine, a Benedictine monk and first Archbishop of Canterbury, was sent out from Rome by Pope Gregory the Great with instructions that encouraged preservation of local customs when they did not conflict with universal practice. Dunstan, 25th Archbishop of Canterbury, great reformer of common worship, and Anselm, 36th Archbishop, early scholastic theologian, were among notable monastic successors of this far more hierarchical Roman mission. Closer connection to the continent and distance from the Patristic era also meant that from the seventh century onward, British faith and order were increasingly shaped by efforts to create a universal western patriarchate at Rome. The Norman Conquest of the 11th century also played a role in diminishing the distinguishing peculiarities of *Ecclesia Anglicana*. Liturgy also became increasingly complicated and clericalized.

All across Europe, the sixteenth century was marked by reform of the received tradition. So great was this period of reevaluation, especially concerning the primacy of the Holy Scriptures, that the whole era is still known to us as the Reformation.

Archbishop Thomas Cranmer, 69th Archbishop of Canterbury, who was martyred at Oxford in 1556, led the English phase of this reform of Church life and Church worship. Undoubtedly Cranmer's most enduring achievement was his replacement of the numerous books of the Latin liturgy with a carefully compiled *Book of Common Prayer*. This was a Prayer Book in the vernacular, one which brilliantly maintained the traditional patterns of worship, yet which sought to purge away from

worship all that was “contrary to Holy Scripture or to the ordering of the Primitive Church.” The *Book of Common Prayer*, from the first edition of 1549, became the hallmark of a Christian way of worship and believing that was both catholic and reformed, continuous yet always renewing. According to this pattern, communities of prayer—congregations and families rather than the monasteries of the earliest centuries—would be the centers of formation and of Christ-like service to the world.

For a century, the Church of England matured and broadened as a tradition separated from the Church of Rome. Its pastoral, musical, and ascetical life flourished: Jeremy Taylor, Lancelot Andrewes, Thomas Tallis, William Byrd, and George Herbert are but a few of the names associated with this flowering. Also begun were three centuries of colonial expansion that exported the *Book of Common Prayer* to countless cultures and people-groups the world over.

The English Civil War of the seventeenth century drove the Church of England and her liturgy underground. Nevertheless, with the Restoration of the Monarchy, the *Book of Common Prayer*, authorized by Parliament and Church in 1662, became Anglicanism’s *sine qua non*. Great Awakenings and the Methodist movement of the 18th century, as well as adaptations necessary for the first Anglicans independent of the British Crown, challenged and re-shaped Prayer Book worship, as would the East African revival, charismatic renewal, and the dissolution of Empire in the 20th century. Similarly, the evangelical and anglo-catholic movements of the 19th century profoundly affected Anglican self-understanding and worship in different, often seemingly contradictory, ways; yet the *Book of Common Prayer* (1662) was common to every period of this

development. For nearly five centuries, Cranmer's Prayer Book idea had endured to shape what emerged as a global Anglican Church that is missional and adaptive as in its earliest centuries; authoritatively Scriptural and creedal as in its greatest season of reform; and evangelical, catholic, and charismatic in its apology and its worship as now globally manifest.

The liturgical movement of the 20th century and the ecumenical *rapprochement* in the second half of that century had an immense impact on the Prayer Book tradition. The *Book of Common Prayer* (1979) in the United States and various Prayer Books that appeared in Anglican Provinces from South America to Kenya to South East Asia to New Zealand were often more revolutionary than evolutionary in character. Eucharistic prayers in particular were influenced by the re-discovery of patristic texts unknown at the Reformation, and often bore little resemblance to what had for centuries been the Anglican norm. Baptismal theology, especially in North America, was affected by radical revisions to the received Christian understanding, and came perilously close to proclaiming a gospel of individual affirmation rather than of personal transformation and sanctification.

At the beginning of the 21st century, global reassessment of the *Book of Common Prayer* of 1662 as "the standard for doctrine, discipline, and worship" shapes the present volume, now presented on the bedrock of its predecessors. Among the timeless treasures offered in this Prayer Book is the Coverdale Psalter of 1535 (employed with every Prayer Book from the mid-16th to the mid-20th centuries), renewed for contemporary use through efforts that included the labors of 20th century Anglicans T. S. Eliot and C. S. Lewis, and brought to final form

here. The *Book of Common Prayer (2019)* is indisputably true to Cranmer's originating vision of a form of prayers and praises that is thoroughly Biblical, catholic in the manner of the early centuries, highly participatory in delivery, peculiarly Anglican and English in its roots, culturally adaptive and missional in a most remarkable way, utterly accessible to the people, and whose repetitions are intended to form the faithful catechetically and to give them doxological voice.

The *Book of Common Prayer (2019)* is the product of the new era of reform and restoration that has created the Anglican Church in North America. The Jerusalem Declaration of 2008 located itself within the historic confines of what is authentically the Christian Faith and the Anglican patrimony, and sought to restore their fullness and beauty. The *Book of Common Prayer (2019)* is offered to the same end.

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The Feast of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist

ANNO DOMINI MMXIX

C O N C E R N I N G
T H E D I V I N E S E R V I C E
of T H E C H U R C H

Daily Morning and Evening Prayer, the Great Litany, the Order for Holy Communion, and the Orders for Holy Baptism and Confirmation, as set forth in this Book, are the regular liturgies appointed for worship in this Church.

Daily Morning Prayer and Daily Evening Prayer are the established rites (offices) by which, both corporately and individually, God's people annually encounter the whole of the Holy Scriptures, daily confess their sins and praise Almighty God, and offer timely thanksgivings, petitions, and intercessions. The Prayer Book tradition has historically expected clergy to pray the Daily Office morning and evening each day.

The Great Litany is commonly used before the Holy Eucharist on the First Sunday of Advent and the First Sunday in Lent, and may be used on other Sundays as needed or as the Bishop directs. The Great Litany is especially appropriate for Rogation days, other days of fasting or thanksgiving, and occasions of solemn and comprehensive entreaty. It can be used as an independent rite, or at the conclusion of Morning or Evening Prayer.

The Holy Communion, commonly called the Lord's Supper or the Holy Eucharist, is a chief means of grace for sustained and nurtured life in Christ. It is normally the principal service of Christian worship on the Lord's Day and on other appointed Feasts and Holy Days. Mindful of the admonition in 1 Corinthians 11:27-29, participation in Holy Communion requires a penitent heart and lively faith.

Holy Baptism is the initiatory rite of the Church, which seals adoption in Christ and is the means of grace for new life in him. Confirmation (or Reception) through the laying on of hands by a Bishop is the rite of public profession of faith that is expected of every adult member of the Church. In it the Holy Spirit gives grace to the believer for discipleship and ministry as a mature Christian.

In addition to these liturgies and the other rites contained in this Book, the Minister, subject to the direction of the Ordinary (Diocesan Bishop), may use other forms of occasional service set forth by authority within this Church. Special devotions taken from Holy Scripture, and other services consistent with the Scriptures, may be authorized by the Bishop.

The entire Congregation participates in the conduct of public worship. Laity, Deacons, Presbyters, and Bishops fulfill the functions of their respective orders. Because divine service should give the Lord the worship due his Name, the Church expects proper training of all who lead in the liturgies of the Church.

As pastoral need arises or local circumstance requires, all services may be translated into languages other than English for the sake of those gathered for worship. Similarly, any service contained in this Book may have the contemporary idiom of speech conformed to the traditional language (*thou, thee, thy, thine, etc.*) of earlier Prayer Books. Likewise, the ordering of Communion rites may be conformed to a historic Prayer Book ordering.

When nouns, pronouns, and their verbs are italicized because of their number, singular may be changed to plural and vice versa as the situation requires. A black line in the left margin of the page indicates that the material in that section may be used at the discretion of the Minister.

Hymns, anthems, and songs of praise must be in the words of Holy Scripture, or of the *Book of Common Prayer*, or congruent with them. The local Minister is responsible for maintaining this standard. Where rubrics indicate that a part of the service is to be “said,” it must be understood to include “or sung,” and vice versa. When it is desired to use music composed for them, previously authorized liturgical texts may be used in place of the corresponding texts in this Book. Throughout this Book, asterisks (*) are used to denote the responsorial, antiphonal, or musical break points in canticles and other texts frequently sung or corporately recited.

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D A I L Y O F F I C E

DAILY MORNING PRAYER

The Officiant may begin Morning Prayer by reading an opening sentence of Scripture. One of the following, or a sentence from among those provided at the end of the Office (pages 27-29), is customary.

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord
Jesus Christ.

PHILIPPIANS 1:2

or this

I was glad when they said unto me, “We will go into the house
of the LORD.”

PSALM 122:1

or this

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
be always acceptable in your sight, O LORD, my rock and my
redeemer.

PSALM 19:14

CONFESSiON OF SiN

The Officiant says to the People

Dearly beloved, the Scriptures teach us to acknowledge our
many sins and offenses, not concealing them from our heavenly
Father, but confessing them with humble and obedient hearts
that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and

mercy. We ought at all times humbly to acknowledge our sins before Almighty God, but especially when we come together in his presence to give thanks for the great benefits we have received at his hands, to declare his most worthy praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things which are necessary for our life and our salvation. Therefore, draw near with me to the throne of heavenly grace.

or this

Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

Silence is kept. All kneeling, the Officiant and People say

Almighty and most merciful Father,
we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep.
We have followed too much the devices and desires
of our own hearts.
We have offended against your holy laws.
We have left undone those things which we ought to have done,
and we have done those things which we ought not
to have done;
and apart from your grace, there is no health in us.
O Lord, have mercy upon us.
Spare all those who confess their faults.
Restore all those who are penitent, according to your promises
declared to all people in Christ Jesus our Lord.
And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,
that we may now live a godly, righteous, and sober life,
to the glory of your holy Name. Amen.

The Priest alone stands and says

Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, desires
not the death of sinners, but that they may turn from their

wickedness and live. He has empowered and commanded his ministers to pronounce to his people, being penitent, the absolution and remission of their sins. He pardons and absolves all who truly repent and genuinely believe his holy Gospel. For this reason, we beseech him to grant us true repentance and his Holy Spirit, that our present deeds may please him, the rest of our lives may be pure and holy, and that at the last we may come to his eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

or this

The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

A Deacon or layperson remains kneeling and prays

Grant to your faithful people, merciful Lord, pardon and peace; that we may be cleansed from all our sins, and serve you with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

INVITATORY

All stand.

Officiant O Lord, open our lips;

People **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Officiant O God, make speed to save us;

People **O Lord, make haste to help us.**

Officiant Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the
Holy Spirit;

People As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. **Amen.**

Officiant Praise the Lord.

People The Lord's Name be praised.

Then follows the Venite. Alternatively, the Jubilate may be used.

One of these antiphons, or one from the seasonal antiphons provided at the end of the Office (pages 29–30), may be sung or said before and after the Invitatory Psalm.

The earth is the Lord's for he made it: *

O come, let us adore him.

or this

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness: *

O come, let us adore him.

or this

The mercy of the Lord is everlasting: *

O come, let us adore him.

VENITE
O Come

O come, let us sing unto the LORD: *

let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *

and show ourselves glad in him with psalms.

For the LORD is a great God *

and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are all the depths of the earth, *

and the heights of the hills are his also.

The sea is his, for he made it, *

and his hands prepared the dry land.

O come, let us worship and fall down, *

and kneel before the LORD our Maker.

For he is our God, *

and we are the people of his pasture,

and the sheep of his hand.

The following verses may be omitted, except in Lent.

Today, if you will hear his voice, harden not your hearts *
as in the provocation, and as in the day of temptation in
the wilderness,
When your fathers tested me, *
and put me to the proof, though they had seen my works.
Forty years long was I grieved with this generation and said, *
“It is a people that err in their hearts,
for they have not known my ways,”
Of whom I swore in my wrath *
that they should not enter into my rest.

PSALM 95:1-7, 8-11

or this

J U B I L A T E
Be Joyful

O be joyful in the LORD, all you lands; *
serve the LORD with gladness,
and come before his presence with a song.
Be assured that the LORD, he is God; *
it is he that has made us, and not we ourselves;
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.
O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving,
and into his courts with praise; *
be thankful unto him, and speak good of his Name.
For the LORD is gracious, his mercy is everlasting, *
and his truth endures from generation to generation.

PSALM 100

*During the first week of Easter, the Pascha Nostrum, without antiphons, is used
in place of the Invitatory Psalm, and it may be used throughout Eastertide.*

PASCHA NOSTRUM
Christ our Passover

Alleluia. Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us; *
 therefore let us keep the feast,
Not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, *
 but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Alleluia.
Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; *
 death no longer has dominion over him.
The death that he died, he died to sin, once for all; *
 but the life he lives, he lives to God.
So also consider yourselves dead to sin, *
 and alive to God in Jesus Christ our LORD. Alleluia.
Christ has been raised from the dead, *
 the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.
For since by a man came death, *
 by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.
For as in Adam all die, *
 so also in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia.

I CORINTHIANS 5:7-8; ROMANS 6:9-11; I CORINTHIANS 15:20-22

Then follows

THE PSALM OR PSALMS APPOINTED

At the end of the Psalms the Gloria Patri (Glory be...) is sung or said

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; *
 as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
 world without end. Amen.

THE LESSONS

One or more Lessons, as appointed, are read, the Reader first saying

A Reading from _____.

A citation giving chapter and verse may be added.

After each lesson the Reader may say

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Or the Reader may say

Here ends the Reading.

The following Canticles are normally sung or said after each of the lessons. The Officiant may also use a Canticle drawn from the Supplemental Canticles (pages 79–88) or an appropriate song of praise.

TE DEUM LAUDAMUS
We Praise You, O God

We praise you, O God; we acclaim you as Lord; *
all creation worships you, the Father everlasting.
To you all angels, all the powers of heaven, *
the cherubim and seraphim, sing in endless praise:
Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of power and might, *
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
The glorious company of apostles praise you. *
The noble fellowship of prophets praise you.
The white-robed army of martyrs praise you. *
Throughout the world the holy Church acclaims you:
Father, of majesty unbounded,
your true and only Son, worthy of all praise, *
and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.

You, Christ, are the king of glory,*
the eternal Son of the Father.
When you took our flesh to set us free*
you humbly chose the Virgin's womb.
You overcame the sting of death*
and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.
You are seated at God's right hand in glory.*
We believe that you will come to be our judge.
Come then, Lord, and help your people,*
bought with the price of your own blood,
and bring us with your saints*
to glory everlasting.

The following verses may be omitted

Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;*
govern and uphold them now and always.
Day by day we bless you;*
we praise your Name for ever.
Keep us today, Lord, from all sin;*
have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.
Lord, show us your love and mercy,*
for we have put our trust in you.
In you, Lord, is our hope;*
let us never be put to shame.

During Lent the Benedictus es, Domine usually replaces the Te Deum, and it may be used at other times.

BENEDICTUS ES, DOMINE
A Song of Praise

Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers;*
you are worthy of praise; glory to you.

Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name; *
 we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.
Glory to you in the splendor of your temple; *
 on the throne of your majesty, glory to you.
Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim; *
 we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.
Glory to you, beholding the depths; *
 in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.
Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; *
 we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

SONG OF THE THREE YOUNG MEN, 29-34

BENEDICTUS
The Song of Zechariah

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; *
 he has come to his people and set them free.
He has raised up for us a mighty savior, *
 born of the house of his servant David.
Through his holy prophets he promised of old
 that he would save us from our enemies, *
 from the hands of all who hate us.
He promised to show mercy to our fathers *
 and to remember his holy covenant.
This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, *
 to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
Free to worship him without fear, *
 holy and righteous in his sight
 all the days of our life.
You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, *
 for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,
To give his people knowledge of salvation *
 by the forgiveness of their sins.

In the tender compassion of our God *
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
To shine on those who dwell in darkness
and in the shadow of death,*
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.

LUKE I:68-79

THE APOSTLES' CREED

Officiant and People together, all standing

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE PRAYERS

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People And with your spirit.

Officiant Let us pray.

The People kneel or stand.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us. *or*

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Officiant and People

Our Father, who art in heaven,
 hallowed be thy Name,
 thy kingdom come,
 thy will be done,
 on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,
 as we forgive those
 who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,
 and the power, and the glory,
 for ever and ever. Amen.

Our Father in heaven,
 hallowed be your Name,
 your kingdom come,
 your will be done,
 on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

And forgive us our sins
 as we forgive those
 who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial,
 and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,
 and the glory are yours,
 now and for ever. Amen.

Officiant O Lord, show your mercy upon us;

People And grant us your salvation.

Officiant O Lord, guide those who govern us;

People And lead us in the way of justice and truth.

Officiant Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

People And let your people sing with joy.

Officiant O Lord, save your people;
People And bless your inheritance.
Officiant Give peace in our time, O Lord;
People And defend us by your mighty power.
Officiant Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
People Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.
Officiant Create in us clean hearts, O God;
People And take not your Holy Spirit from us.

The Officiant then prays one or more of the following Collects, always beginning with the Collect of the Day (usually the Collect of the Sunday or Principal Feast and of any of the weekdays following, or of the Holy Day being observed), found on pages 598–640. It is traditional to pray the Collects for Peace and Grace daily. Alternatively, one may pray the Collects on a weekly rotation, using the suggestions in italics.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY
From the Collects of the Christian Year

A COLLECT FOR STRENGTH TO AWAIT CHRIST'S RETURN
Sunday

O God our King, by the resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ on the first day of the week, you conquered sin, put death to flight, and gave us the hope of everlasting life: Redeem all our days by this victory; forgive our sins, banish our fears, make us bold to praise you and to do your will; and steel us to wait for the consummation of your kingdom on the last great Day; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A COLLECT FOR THE RENEWAL OF LIFE *Monday*

O God, the King eternal, whose light divides the day from the night and turns the shadow of death into the morning: Drive far from us all wrong desires, incline our hearts to keep your

law, and guide our feet into the way of peace; that, having done your will with cheerfulness during the day, we may, when night comes, rejoice to give you thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A COLLECT FOR PEACE *Tuesday*

O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know you is eternal life and to serve you is perfect freedom: Defend us, your humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in your defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries, through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A COLLECT FOR GRACE *Wednesday*

O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, you have brought us safely to the beginning of this day: Defend us by your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin nor run into any danger; and that, guided by your Spirit, we may do what is righteous in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A COLLECT FOR GUIDANCE *Thursday*

Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our being; We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A COLLECT FOR ENDURANCE *Friday*

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the Cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. Amen.

A COLLECT FOR SABBATH REST *Saturday*

Almighty God, who after the creation of the world rested from all your works and sanctified a day of rest for all your creatures: Grant that we, putting away all earthly anxieties, may be duly prepared for the service of your sanctuary, and that our rest here upon earth may be a preparation for the eternal rest promised to your people in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Unless the Great Litany or the Eucharist is to follow, one of the following prayers for mission is added. If the Great Litany is used, it follows here, or after a hymn or anthem, and concludes the Office.

PRAYER FOR MISSION

Almighty and everlasting God, who alone works great marvels: Send down upon our clergy and the congregations committed to their charge the life-giving Spirit of your grace, shower them with the continual dew of your blessing, and ignite in them a zealous love of your Gospel; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

or this

O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

or this

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the Cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that

we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. Amen.

The Officiant may invite the People to offer intercessions and thanksgivings.

A hymn or anthem may be sung.

Before the close of the Office one or both of the following prayers may be used.

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

Officiant and People

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
 we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
 for all your goodness and loving-kindness
 to us and to all whom you have made.

We bless you for our creation, preservation,
 and all the blessings of this life;
 but above all for your immeasurable love
 in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
 for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.

And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
 that with truly thankful hearts
 we may show forth your praise,
 not only with our lips, but in our lives,
 by giving up our selves to your service,
 and by walking before you
 in holiness and righteousness all our days;

Through Jesus Christ our Lord,
 to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
 be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

A PRAYER OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time, with one accord to make our common supplications to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will grant their requests: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

From Easter Day through the Day of Pentecost, "Alleluia, alleluia" may be added to the preceding versicle and response.

The Officiant says one of these concluding sentences (and the People may be invited to join)

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore.

Amen.

² CORINTHIANS 13:14^T

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen. ROMANS 15:13^T

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. Amen.

EPHESIANS 3:20-21^T

OPENING SENTENCES OF SCRIPTURE

ADVENT

In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD; make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

ISAIAH 40:3

CHRISTMAS

Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

LUKE 2:10-11

EPIPHANY

From the rising of the sun to its setting my name will be great among the nations, and in every place incense will be offered to my name, and a pure offering. For my name will be great among the nations, says the LORD of hosts.

MALACHI 1:11

LENT and OTHER PENITENTIAL OCCASIONS

Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

MATTHEW 3:2

Turn your face from my sins,
and blot out all my misdeeds.

PSALM 51:9

If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.

MARK 8:34

HOLY WEEK

Is it nothing to you, all you who pass by? Look and see if there is any sorrow like my sorrow, which was brought upon me, which the LORD inflicted on the day of his fierce anger.

LAMENTATIONS 1:12

EASTER

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things
that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand
of God.

COLOSSIANS 3:1

ASCENSION

Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through
the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our
confession. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne
of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in
time of need.

HEBREWS 4:14, 16

PENTECOST

You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon
you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea
and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.

ACTS 1:8

TRINITY SUNDAY

Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and
is to come!

REVELATION 4:8

DAYS OF THANKSGIVING

Honor the LORD with your wealth and with the firstfruits of all
your produce; then your barns will be filled with plenty, and your
vats will be bursting with wine.

PROVERBS 3:9-10

AT ANY TIME

The Lord is in his holy temple; let all the earth keep silence
before him.

HABAKKUK 2:20

O send out your light and your truth, that they may lead me, and bring me to your holy hill, and to your dwelling. PSALM 43:3

Thus says the One who is high and lifted up, who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy: “I dwell in the high and holy place, and also with him who is of a contrite and lowly spirit, to revive the spirit of the lowly, and to revive the heart of the contrite.” ISAIAH 57:15

The hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. JOHN 4:23

S E A S O N A L A N T I P H O N S

A D V E N T

Our King and Savior now draws near: *
O come, let us adore him.

C H R I S T M A S

Alleluia, to us a child is born: *
O come, let us adore him. Alleluia.

EPIPHANY, and THE FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION
The Lord has shown forth his glory: *
O come, let us adore him.

P R E S E N T A T I O N and A N N U N C I A T I O N

The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us: *
O come, let us adore him.

LENT

The Lord is full of compassion and mercy: *
O come, let us adore him.

EASTER UNTIL ASCENSION

Alleluia. The Lord is risen indeed: *
O come, let us adore him. Alleluia.

ASCENSION UNTIL PENTECOST

Alleluia. Christ the Lord has ascended into heaven: *
O come, let us adore him. Alleluia.

DAY OF PENTECOST

Alleluia. The Spirit of the Lord renews the face of the earth: *
O come, let us adore him. Alleluia.

TRINITY SUNDAY

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God: *
O come, let us adore him.

ALL SAINTS' *and* OTHER MAJOR SAINTS' DAYS

The Lord is glorious in his saints: *
O come, let us adore him.

A D D I T I O N A L D I R E C T I O N S

The Confession and Apostles' Creed may be omitted, provided each is said at least once during the course of the day.

The Gloria Patri (Glory be...) in the opening versicles may be said in unison. The following form of the Gloria Patri may alternatively be used:
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

The Officiant and People may join in saying "Alleluia" (except in Lent) as an alternative to the versicles "Praise the Lord. The Lord's Name be praised."

If an offering is to be received, it is appropriate to do so during the hymn or anthem following the Collects.

A sermon may be preached after the lessons, after the hymn or anthem following the Collects, or after the conclusion of the Office.

M I D D A Y P R A Y E R

Officiant O God, make speed to save us;

People O Lord, make haste to help us.

Officiant Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the
Holy Spirit;

People As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.

Except in Lent, add Alleluia.

A suitable hymn may be sung.

One or more of the following, or some other suitable Psalm, is sung or said.

P S A L M 1 1 9 : 1 0 5 - 1 1 2

Lucerna pedibus meis

¹⁰⁵ Your word is a lantern to my feet *
and a light upon my path.

¹⁰⁶ I have sworn and am steadfastly purposed *
to keep your righteous judgments.

¹⁰⁷ I am troubled above measure; *
revive me, O LORD, according to your word.

- ¹⁰⁸ Let the freewill offerings of my mouth please you, O LORD; *
and teach me your judgments.
- ¹⁰⁹ My life is always in my hand, *
yet I do not forget your law.
- ¹¹⁰ The ungodly have laid a snare for me, *
yet I have not strayed from your commandments.
- ¹¹¹ Your testimonies have I claimed as my heritage for ever, *
and why? They are the very joy of my heart.
- ¹¹² I have applied my heart to fulfill your statutes always, *
even unto the end.

PSALM 121

Levavi oculos

- 1 I will lift up my eyes unto the hills; *
from whence comes my help?
- 2 My help comes from the LORD, *
who has made heaven and earth.
- 3 He will not let your foot be moved, *
and he who keeps you will not sleep.
- 4 Behold, he who keeps Israel *
shall neither slumber nor sleep.
- 5 The LORD himself is your keeper; *
the LORD is your defense upon your right hand,
- 6 So that the sun shall not burn you by day, *
neither the moon by night.
- 7 The LORD shall preserve you from all evil; *
indeed, it is he who shall keep your soul.
- 8 The LORD shall preserve your going out and your coming in, *
from this time forth for evermore.

PSALM I 2 4
Nisi quia Dominus

- 1 If the LORD himself had not been on our side, now may Israel say: *
 if the LORD himself had not been on our side, when men rose up against us,
- 2 Then would they have swallowed us up alive, *
 when they were so wrathfully displeased with us;
- 3 Then the waters would have drowned us, and the torrent gone over us; *
 then the raging waters would have gone clean over us.
- 4 But praised be the LORD, *
 who has not given us over to be prey for their teeth.
- 5 We escaped like a bird out of the snare of the fowler; *
 the snare is broken, and we have been delivered.
- 6 Our help is in the Name of the LORD, *
 the maker of heaven and earth.

PSALM I 2 6
In convertendo

- 1 When the LORD overturned the captivity of Zion, *
 then were we like those who dream.
- 2 Then was our mouth filled with laughter *
 and our tongue with shouts of joy.
- 3 Then they said among the nations, *
 “The LORD has done great things for them.”
- 4 Indeed, the LORD has done great things for us already, *
 whereof we rejoice.
- 5 Overtake our captivity, O LORD, *
 as when streams refresh the deserts of the south.

- 6 Those who sow in tears ***
shall reap with songs of joy.
- 7 He who goes on his way weeping and bears good seed ***
shall doubtless come again with joy, and bring
his sheaves with him.

At the end of the Psalms the Gloria Patri (Glory be...) is sung or said

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.**

One of the following, or some other suitable passage of Scripture, is read

Jesus said, "Now is the judgment of this world; now will the ruler of this world be cast out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." JOHN 12:31-32

If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation. 2 CORINTHIANS 5:17-18

From the rising of the sun to its setting my name will be great among the nations, and in every place incense will be offered to my name, and a pure offering. For my name will be great among the nations, says the LORD of Hosts. MALACHI 1:11

At the end of the reading is said

The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

A meditation, silent or spoken, may follow.

The Officiant then begins the Prayers

Officiant I will bless the Lord at all times.

People His praise shall continually be in my mouth.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Officiant and People

Our Father, who art in heaven,
 hallowed be thy Name,
 thy kingdom come,
 thy will be done,
 on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,
 as we forgive those
 who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,
 and the power, and the glory,
 for ever and ever. Amen.

Our Father in heaven,
 hallowed be your Name,
 your kingdom come,
 your will be done,
 on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

And forgive us our sins
 as we forgive those
 who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial,
 and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,
 and the glory are yours,
 now and for ever. Amen.

Officiant O Lord, hear our prayer;

People And let our cry come to you.

Officiant Let us pray.

The Officiant then says one or more of the following Collects. Other appropriate Collects may also be used.

Blessed Savior, at this hour you hung upon the Cross, stretching out your loving arms: Grant that all the peoples of the earth may look to you and be saved; for your tender mercies' sake. **Amen.**

Almighty Savior, who at mid-day called your servant Saint Paul to be an apostle to the Gentiles: We pray you to illumine the world with the radiance of your glory, that all nations may come and worship you; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Father of all mercies, you revealed your boundless compassion to your apostle Saint Peter in a three-fold vision: Forgive our unbelief, we pray, and so strengthen our hearts and enkindle our zeal, that we may fervently desire the salvation of all people, and diligently labor in the extension of your kingdom; through him who gave himself for the life of the world, your Son our Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Pour your grace into our hearts, O Lord, that we who have known the incarnation of your Son Jesus Christ, announced by an angel to the Virgin Mary, may by his Cross and passion be brought to the glory of his resurrection; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Silence may be kept, and other intercessions and thanksgivings may be offered.

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

From Easter Day through the Day of Pentecost, "Alleluia, alleluia" may be added to the preceding versicle and response.

The Officiant may conclude with this, or one of the other concluding sentences from Morning and Evening Prayer.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore.

Amen.

2 CORINTHIANS 13:14^T

A D D I T I O N A L D I R E C T I O N S

Other suitable selections from the Psalter include Psalms 19, 67, one or more sections of Psalm 119, or a selection from Psalms 120 through 133.

Either version of the Lord's Prayer may be ended with, "deliver us from evil. Amen." omitting the concluding doxology.

DAILY EVENING PRAYER

The Officiant may begin Evening Prayer by reading an opening sentence of Scripture. One of the following, or a sentence from among those provided at the end of the Office (pages 54-56), is customary.

Jesus spoke to them, saying, “I am the light of the world.
Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have
the light of life.” JOHN 8:12

or this

LORD, I have loved the habitation of your house and the place
where your honor dwells. PSALM 26:8

or this

Let my prayer be set forth in your sight as incense, and let the
lifting up of my hands be an evening sacrifice. PSALM 141:2

CONFESSiON OF SIN

The Officiant says to the People

Dearly beloved, the Scriptures teach us to acknowledge our
many sins and offenses, not concealing them from our heavenly
Father, but confessing them with humble and obedient hearts
that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and

mercy. We ought at all times humbly to acknowledge our sins before Almighty God, but especially when we come together in his presence to give thanks for the great benefits we have received at his hands, to declare his most worthy praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things which are necessary for our life and our salvation. Therefore, draw near with me to the throne of heavenly grace.

or this

Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

Silence is kept. All kneeling, the Officiant and People say

Almighty and most merciful Father,
we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep.
We have followed too much the devices and desires
of our own hearts.

We have offended against your holy laws.

We have left undone those things which we ought to have done,
and we have done those things which we ought not
to have done;

and apart from your grace, there is no health in us.

O Lord, have mercy upon us.

Spare all those who confess their faults.

Restore all those who are penitent, according to your promises
declared to all people in Christ Jesus our Lord.

And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,
that we may now live a godly, righteous, and sober life,
to the glory of your holy Name. Amen.

The Priest alone stands and says

Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, desires
not the death of sinners, but that they may turn from their

wickedness and live. He has empowered and commanded his ministers to pronounce to his people, being penitent, the absolution and remission of their sins. He pardons and absolves all who truly repent and genuinely believe his holy Gospel. For this reason, we beseech him to grant us true repentance and his Holy Spirit, that our present deeds may please him, the rest of our lives may be pure and holy, and that at the last we may come to his eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

or this

The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

A Deacon or layperson remains kneeling and prays

Grant to your faithful people, merciful Lord, pardon and peace; that we may be cleansed from all our sins, and serve you with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE INVITATORY

All stand.

Officiant O Lord, open our lips;

People And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Officiant O God, make speed to save us;

People O Lord, make haste to help us.

Officiant Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the
Holy Spirit;

People As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. **Amen.**

Officiant Praise the Lord.

People The Lord's Name be praised.

The following or some other suitable hymn or Psalm may be sung or said.

P H O S H I L A R O N
O Gladsome Light

O gladsome light,
pure brightness of the everliving Father in heaven, *
O Jesus Christ, holy and blessed!
Now as we come to the setting of the sun,
and our eyes behold the vesper light, *
we sing your praises, O God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
You are worthy at all times to be praised by happy voices, *
O Son of God, O Giver of Life,
and to be glorified through all the worlds.

Then follows

T H E P S A L M O R P S A L M S A P P O I N T E D

At the end of the Psalms the Gloria Patri (Glory be...) is sung or said

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.

T H E L E S S O N S

One or more Lessons, as appointed, are read, the Reader first saying

A Reading from _____.

A citation giving chapter and verse may be added.

After each Lesson the Reader may say

The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Or the Reader may say

Here ends the Reading.

The following Canticles are normally sung or said after each of the lessons. The Officiant may also use a Canticle drawn from the Supplemental Canticles (pages 79–88) or an appropriate song of praise.

M A G N I F I C A T
The Song of Mary

My soul magnifies the Lord,*
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior;
For he has regarded *
the lowliness of his handmaiden.
For behold, from now on,*
all generations will call me blessed;
For he that is mighty has magnified me,*
and holy is his Name.
And his mercy is on those who fear him,*
throughout all generations.
He has shown the strength of his arm; *
he has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
He has brought down the mighty from their thrones,*
and has exalted the humble and meek.
He has filled the hungry with good things,*
and the rich he has sent empty away.
He, remembering his mercy, has helped his servant Israel,*
as he promised to our fathers, Abraham and his seed for ever.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.

LUKE 1:46–55

NUNC DIMITTIS
The Song of Simeon

Lord, now let your servant depart in peace,*
according to your word.
For my eyes have seen your salvation,*
which you have prepared before the face of all people;
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles,*
and to be the glory of your people Israel.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;*
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world
without end. Amen.

LUKE 2:29-32

THE APOSTLES' CREED

Officiant and People together, all standing

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE PRAYERS

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People And with your spirit.

Officiant Let us pray.

The People kneel or stand.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Officiant and People

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

And forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.

Then follows one of these sets of Suffrages

Officiant O Lord, show your mercy upon us;

People And grant us your salvation.

Officiant O Lord, guide those who govern us;

People And lead us in the way of justice and truth.

Officiant Clothe your ministers with righteousness;
People And let your people sing with joy.
Officiant O Lord, save your people;
People And bless your inheritance.
Officiant Give peace in our time, O Lord;
People And defend us by your mighty power.
Officiant Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
People Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.
Officiant Create in us clean hearts, O God;
People And take not your Holy Spirit from us.

or this

That this evening may be holy, good, and peaceful,
We entreat you, O Lord.

That your holy angels may lead us in paths of peace and goodwill,
We entreat you, O Lord.

That we may be pardoned and forgiven for our sins and offenses,
We entreat you, O Lord.

That there may be peace in your Church and in the whole world,
We entreat you, O Lord.

That we may depart this life in your faith and fear, and not be
condemned before the great judgment seat of Christ,
We entreat you, O Lord.

That we may be bound together by your Holy Spirit in the
communion of [_____ and] all your saints, entrusting
one another and all our life to Christ,
We entreat you, O Lord.

The Officiant then prays one or more of the following Collects, always beginning with the Collect of the Day (usually the Collect of the Sunday or Principal Feast and of any of the weekdays following, or of the Holy Day being observed) found on pages 598–640. It is traditional to pray the Collects for Peace and Aid against Perils daily. Alternatively, one may pray the Collects on a weekly rotation, using the suggestions in italics.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

From the Collects of the Christian Year

A COLLECT FOR RESURRECTION HOPE *Sunday*

Lord God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ triumphed over the powers of death and prepared for us our place in the new Jerusalem: Grant that we, who have this day given thanks for his resurrection, may praise you in that City of which he is the light, and where he lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A COLLECT FOR PEACE *Monday*

O God, the source of all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works: Give to your servants that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments, and that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

A COLLECT FOR AID AGAINST PERILS *Tuesday*

Lighten our darkness, we beseech you, O Lord; and by your great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of your only Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

A COLLECT FOR PROTECTION *Wednesday*

O God, the life of all who live, the light of the faithful, the strength of those who labor, and the repose of the dead: We thank you for the blessings of the day that is past, and humbly ask for your protection through the coming night. Bring us in safety to the morning hours; through him who died and rose again for us, your Son our Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

A COLLECT FOR THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST *Thursday*

Lord Jesus, stay with us, for evening is at hand and the day is past; be our companion in the way, kindle our hearts, and awaken hope, that we may know you as you are revealed in Scripture and the breaking of bread. Grant this for the sake of your love. **Amen.**

A COLLECT FOR FAITH *Friday*

Lord Jesus Christ, by your death you took away the sting of death: Grant to us your servants so to follow in faith where you have led the way, that we may at length fall asleep peacefully in you and wake up in your likeness; for your tender mercies' sake. **Amen.**

A COLLECT FOR THE EVE OF WORSHIP *Saturday*

O God, the source of eternal light: Shed forth your unending day upon us who watch for you, that our lips may praise you, our lives may bless you, and our worship on the morrow give you glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Unless the Great Litany or the Eucharist is to follow, one of the following prayers for mission is added. If the Great Litany is used, it follows here, or after a hymn or anthem, and concludes the Office.

PRAYER FOR MISSION

O God and Father of all, whom the whole heavens adore:
Let the whole earth also worship you, all nations obey you, all
tongues confess and bless you, and men, women, and children
everywhere love you and serve you in peace; through Jesus
Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

or this

Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep
this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep.
Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the
dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous;
and all for your love's sake. **Amen.**

or this

O God, you manifest in your servants the signs of your
presence: Send forth upon us the Spirit of love, that in
companionship with one another your abounding grace may
increase among us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Officiant may invite the People to offer intercessions and thanksgivings.

A hymn or anthem may be sung.

Before the close of the Office one or both of the following prayers may be used.

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

Officiant and People

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all whom you have made.

We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.

And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to your service,
and by walking before you
in holiness and righteousness all our days;

Through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

A PRAYER OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time, with one accord to make our common supplications to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will grant their requests: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

From Easter Day through the Day of Pentecost, "Alleluia, alleluia" may be added to the preceding versicle and response.

The Officiant says one of these concluding sentences (and the People may be invited to join)

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and
the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore.

Amen.

2 CORINTHIANS 13:14^T

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing
through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.** ROMANS 15:13^T

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely
more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation
to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and
ever. **Amen.** EPHESIANS 3:20-21^T

OPENING SENTENCES OF SCRIPTURE

ADVENT

Therefore stay awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or in the morning—lest he come suddenly and find you asleep.

MARK 13:35-36

CHRISTMAS

Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God.

REVELATION 21:3

EPIPHANY

Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising.

ISAIAH 60:3

LENT and OTHER PENITENTIAL OCCASIONS

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

1 JOHN 1:8-9

For I acknowledge my faults,
and my sin is ever before me.

PSALM 51:3

To the Lord our God belong mercy and forgiveness, for we have rebelled against him.

DANIEL 9:9

HOLY WEEK

All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

ISAIAH 53:6

EASTER

Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

1 CORINTHIANS 15:57

ASCENSION

For Christ has entered, not into holy places made with hands, which are copies of the true things, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf.

HEBREWS 9:24

PENTECOST

The Spirit and the Bride say, "Come." And let the one who hears say, "Come." And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who desires take the water of life without price.

REVELATION 22:17

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy dwelling place of the Most High.

PSALM 46:4

TRINITY SUNDAY

Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of Hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!

ISAIAH 6:3

DAYS OF THANKSGIVING

The LORD by wisdom founded the earth; by understanding he established the heavens; by his knowledge the deeps broke open, and the clouds drop down the dew.

PROVERBS 3:19-20

AT ANY TIME

O worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness;
let the whole earth stand in awe of him.

PSALM 96:9

I will thank the LORD for giving me counsel;
my heart also chastens me in the night season.

I have set the LORD always before me;
he is at my right hand, therefore I shall not fall. PSALM 16:8-9

A D D I T I O N A L D I R E C T I O N S

The Confession and Apostles' Creed may be omitted, provided each is said at least once during the course of the day.

The Gloria Patri (Glory be...) in the opening versicles may be said in unison. The following form of the Gloria Patri may alternatively be used:

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

The Officiant and People may join in saying "Alleluia" (except in Lent) as an alternative to the versicles "Praise the Lord. The Lord's Name be praised."

If an offering is to be received, it is appropriate to do so during the hymn or anthem following the Collects.

A sermon may be preached after the lessons, after the hymn or anthem following the Collects, or after the conclusion of the Office.

C O M P L I N E

The Officiant begins

The Lord Almighty grant us a peaceful night
and a perfect end. Amen.

Officiant Our help is in the Name of the Lord;
People The maker of heaven and earth.

The Officiant continues

Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

Silence may be kept. The Officiant and People then say

Almighty God and Father, we confess to you,
to one another, and to the whole company of heaven,
that we have sinned, through our own fault,
in thought, and word, and deed,
and in what we have left undone.

For the sake of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ,
have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins,
and by the power of your Holy Spirit
raise us up to serve you in newness of life,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Officiant alone says

May Almighty God grant us forgiveness of all our sins,
and the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Officiant O God, make speed to save us;

People O Lord, make haste to help us.

Officiant Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the
Holy Spirit;

People As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.

Except in Lent, add Alleluia.

One or more of the following, or some other suitable Psalm, is sung or said.

P S A L M 4

Cum invocarem

- 1 Hear me when I call, O God of my righteousness; *
you set me free when I was in trouble; have mercy upon me,
and hear my prayer.
- 2 O you children of men, how long will you blaspheme
my honor, *
and have such pleasure in vanity, and seek after falsehood?
- 3 Know this also, that the LORD has chosen for himself
the one that is godly; *
when I call upon the LORD, he will hear me.
- 4 Stand in awe, and sin not; *
commune with your own heart upon your bed, and be still.
- 5 Offer the sacrifice of righteousness *
and put your trust in the LORD.
- 6 There are many that say, “Who will show us any good?” *
LORD, lift up the light of your countenance upon us.

- 7 You have put gladness in my heart,*
more than when others' grain and wine and oil increased.
8 I will lay me down in peace, and take my rest;*
for you, LORD, only, make me dwell in safety.

PSALM 31:1-6
In te, Domine, speravi

- 1 In you, O LORD, have I put my trust;*
let me never be put to confusion;
deliver me in your righteousness.
2 Bow down your ear to me,*
make haste to deliver me,
3 And be my strong rock and house of defense,*
that you may save me.
4 For you are my strong rock and my castle;*
be also my guide, and lead me for your Name's sake.
5 Draw me out of the net that they have laid secretly for me,*
for you are my strength.
6 Into your hands I commend my spirit,*
for you have redeemed me, O LORD, O God of truth.

PSALM 91
Qui habitat

- 1 Whoever dwells under the defense of the Most High*
shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.
2 I will say unto the LORD, "You are my refuge and
my stronghold,*
my God in whom I will trust."
3 For he shall deliver you from the snare of the hunter*
and from the deadly pestilence.
4 He shall defend you under his wings, and you shall be safe
under his feathers;*
his faithfulness and truth shall be your shield and buckler.

- 5 You shall not be afraid of any terror by night,*
 nor of the arrow that flies by day,
6 Of the pestilence that walks in darkness,*
 nor of the sickness that destroys at noonday.
7 A thousand shall fall beside you, and ten thousand
at your right hand,*
 but it shall not come near you.
8 Indeed, with your eyes you shall behold *
 and see the reward of the ungodly.
9 Because you have said, “The L ORD is my refuge,”*
 and have made the Most High your stronghold,
10 There shall no evil happen to you,*
 neither shall any plague come near your dwelling.
11 For he shall give his angels charge over you,*
 to keep you in all your ways.
12 They shall bear you in their hands,*
 that you hurt not your foot against a stone.
13 You shall tread upon the lion and adder;*
 the young lion and the serpent you shall trample
 under your feet.
14 “Because he has set his love upon me, therefore I will
 deliver him; *
 I will lift him up, because he has known my Name.
15 He shall call upon me, and I will hear him; *
 indeed, I am with him in trouble; I will deliver him
 and bring him honor.
16 With long life I will satisfy him,*
 and show him my salvation.”

PSALM 134

Ecce nunc

- 1 Behold now, praise the L ORD,*
 all you servants of the L ORD,

- 2 You that stand by night in the house of the LORD,*
even in the courts of the house of our God.
- 3 Lift up your hands in the sanctuary*
and sing praises unto the LORD.
- 4 The LORD who made heaven and earth*
give you blessing out of Zion.

At the end of the Psalms the Gloria Patri (Glory be...) is sung or said

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.**

One of the following, or some other suitable passage of Scripture, is read

You, O LORD, are in the midst of us, and we are called by your name; do not leave us. JEREMIAH 14:9

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light. MATTHEW 11:28-30

Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen. HEBREWS 13:20-21

Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. Resist him, firm in your faith. 1 PETER 5:8-9

At the end of the reading is said

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

A period of silence may follow. A suitable hymn may be sung.

Officiant Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit;
People For you have redeemed me, O Lord, O God of truth.
Officiant Keep me, O Lord, as the apple of your eye;
People Hide me under the shadow of your wings.

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us. or Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy.

Officiant and People

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.	Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.	Give us today our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.	And forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.	Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.	For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

Officiant O Lord, hear our prayer;
People And let our cry come to you.
Officiant Let us pray.

The Officiant then says one or more of the following Collects. Other appropriate Collects may also be used.

Visit this place, O Lord, and drive far from it all snares of the enemy; let your holy angels dwell with us to preserve us in peace; and let your blessing be upon us always; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Lighten our darkness, we beseech you, O Lord; and by your great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of your only Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Be present, O merciful God, and protect us through the hours of this night, so that we who are wearied by the changes and chances of this life may rest in your eternal changelessness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Look down, O Lord, from your heavenly throne, illumine this night with your celestial brightness, and from the children of light banish the deeds of darkness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A COLLECT FOR SATURDAYS

We give you thanks, O God, for revealing your Son Jesus Christ to us by the light of his resurrection: Grant that as we sing your glory at the close of this day, our joy may abound in the morning as we celebrate the Paschal mystery; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

One of the following prayers may be added

Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for your love's sake. Amen.

or this

O God, your unfailing providence sustains the world we live in and the life we live: Watch over those, both night and day, who work while others sleep, and grant that we may never forget that our common life depends upon each other's toil; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Silence may be kept, and other intercessions and thanksgivings may be offered.

The Officiant and People say or sing the Song of Simeon with this Antiphon

Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping; that awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace.

In Easter Season, add Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

N U N C D I M I T T I S
The Song of Simeon

Lord, now let your servant depart in peace,*
according to your word.

For my eyes have seen your salvation,*
which you have prepared before the face of all people;
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles,*
and to be the glory of your people Israel.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;*
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.

LUKE 2:29-32

Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping; that awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace.

In Easter Season, add Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Officiant concludes with the following

The almighty and merciful Lord, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless us and keep us, this night and evermore. Amen.

A D D I T I O N A L D I R E C T I O N S

A Bishop or Priest, if present, may pronounce absolution after the confession.

For those saying Compline every day, particularly in families or other communities, additional short Scriptural readings may be desired. Some appropriate readings include:

ISAIAH 26:3-4

ISAIAH 30:15

MATTHEW 6:31-34

2 CORINTHIANS 4:6

1 THESSALONIANS 5:9-10

1 THESSALONIANS 5:23

EPHESIANS 4:26-27

Either version of the Lord's Prayer may be ended with, "deliver us from evil. Amen." omitting the concluding doxology.

C O N C E R N I N G F A M I L Y P R A Y E R

These devotions follow the basic structure of the Daily Office of the Church and are particularly appropriate for families with young children.

The Reading and the Collect may be read by one person, and the other parts said in unison, or in some other convenient manner.

Appropriate Opening Sentences, Psalms, Readings, and Collects are provided in each service. When desired, however, the Collect of the Day, or any of the Collects appointed in the Daily Office, may be used instead. The Opening Sentences may be replaced by those appointed for various seasons in the liturgies for Morning and Evening Prayer.

The Psalms and Readings may be replaced by those appointed in:
the Sunday, Holy Days and Commemoration Lectionary; or
the Daily Office Lectionary; or
some other manual of devotion which provides daily selections for the Church Year.

A concluding sentence from Morning or Evening Prayer may be used at the end of any of these devotions.

FAMILY PRAYER IN THE MORNING

The following or some other verse of Scripture is said

O Lord, open my lips,
and my mouth shall show forth your praise.

PSALM 51:15

PSALM 51:10-12

- ¹⁰ Create in me a clean heart, O God,*
and renew a right spirit within me.
- ¹¹ Cast me not away from your presence,*
and take not your holy Spirit from me.
- ¹² O give me the comfort of your help again,*
and sustain me with your willing Spirit.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world
without end. Amen.

Alternatively, Psalm 5:1-3 may be used.

A READING FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!
According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again

to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from
the dead.

I PETER I:3

or this

Give thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in
the inheritance of the saints in light. He has delivered us from
the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of
his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness
of sins.

COLOSSIANS I:12-14

or this

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that
are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set
your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on
earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in
God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will
appear with him in glory.

COLOSSIANS 3:1-4

A period of silence may follow.

A hymn or canticle may be used; the Apostles' Creed (page 75) may be said.

Prayers may be offered for ourselves and others.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE COLLECT

O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, you
have brought us safely to the beginning of this day: Defend us
by your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin nor run into
any danger; and that, guided by your Spirit, we may do what is
righteous in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A T M I D D A Y

The following or some other verse of Scripture is said

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places.

EPHESIANS 1:3

P S A L M I I 3 : I - 4

Laudate, pueri

- 1 Praise the LORD. Sing praises, you servants of the LORD; *
O praise the Name of the LORD.
- 2 Blessed be the Name of the LORD, *
from this time forth for evermore.
- 3 The LORD's Name be praised *
from the rising up of the sun to the going down
of the same.
- 4 The LORD is high above all nations, *
and his glory above the heavens.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world
without end. Amen.

A READING FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE

Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.

JOHN 15:4-5

or this

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

PHILIPPIANS 4:6-7

A period of silence may follow.

Prayers may be offered for ourselves and others.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE COLLECT

Blessed Savior, at this hour you hung upon the Cross, stretching out your loving arms: Grant that all the peoples of the earth may look to you and be saved; for your tender mercies' sake.
Amen.

IN THE EARLY EVENING

This devotion may be used before or after the evening meal.

The following or some other verse of Scripture is said

How excellent is your mercy, O God!

The children of men shall take refuge under the shadow
of your wings.

For with you is the well of life,

and in your light shall we see light.

PSALM 36:7, 9

PHOS HILARON

O Gladsome Light

O gladsome light,

pure brightness of the everliving Father in heaven,*

O Jesus Christ, holy and blessed!

Now as we come to the setting of the sun,

and our eyes behold the vesper light,*

we sing your praises, O God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

You are worthy at all times to be praised by happy voices,*

O Son of God, O Giver of Life,

and to be glorified through all the worlds.

A READING FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE

For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord,
with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. For God, who
said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts,
to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the
face of Jesus Christ.

2 CORINTHIANS 4:5-6

or this

Jesus spoke to them, saying, “I am the light of the world.
Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the
light of life.”

JOHN 8:12

or this

Jesus said, “Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone
hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and
eat with him, and he with me.”

REVELATION 3:20

A period of silence may follow.

A hymn or canticle may be used; the Apostles' Creed (page 75) may be said.

Prayers may be offered for ourselves and others.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE COLLECT

Lord Jesus, stay with us, for evening is at hand and the day
is past; be our companion in the way, kindle our hearts, and
awaken hope, that we may know you as you are revealed in
Scripture and the breaking of bread. Grant this for the sake of
your love. Amen.

AT THE CLOSE OF DAY

The following or some other verse of Scripture is said

I will lay me down in peace, and take my rest;
for you, Lord, only, make me dwell in safety.

PSALM 4:8

PSALM 134

Ecce nunc

- 1 Behold now, praise the LORD,*
all you servants of the LORD,
- 2 You that stand by night in the house of the LORD,*
even in the courts of the house of our God.
- 3 Lift up your hands in the sanctuary*
and sing praises unto the LORD.
- 4 The LORD who made heaven and earth*
give you blessing out of Zion.

A READING FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE

You keep them in perfect peace whose minds are stayed on you,
because they trust in you. Trust in the LORD for ever, for the
LORD God is an everlasting rock.

ISAIAH 26:3-4^T

or this

Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely,
and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless
at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. I THESSALONIANS 5:23

A period of silence may follow.

A hymn or canticle may be used.

Prayers may be offered for ourselves and others. It is appropriate that prayers of thanksgiving for the blessings of the day, and penitence for our sins, be included.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE COLLECT

Visit this place, O Lord, and drive far from it all snares of the enemy; let your holy angels dwell with us to preserve us in peace; and let your blessing be upon us always; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

NUNC DIMITTIS

The Song of Simeon

Lord, now let your servant depart in peace,*
according to your word.

For my eyes have seen your salvation,*
which you have prepared before the face of all people;
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles,*
and to be the glory of your people Israel.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;*
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world
without end. **Amen.**

LUKE 2:29-32

CONCLUDING SENTENCE

The almighty and merciful Lord, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless us and keep us, this night and evermore. **Amen.**

When the Apostles Creed is included in Family Prayer, the text is as follows:

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
 creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

 He was conceived by the Holy Spirit
 and born of the Virgin Mary.

 He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, died, and was buried.

 He descended to the dead.

 On the third day he rose again.

 He ascended into heaven,
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

 He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the holy catholic Church,
 the communion of saints,
 the forgiveness of sins,
 the resurrection of the body,
 and the life everlasting. Amen.

A D D I T I O N A L P R A Y E R S

FOR THE SPIRIT OF PRAYER

O Almighty God, you pour out on all who desire it the spirit of grace and of supplication: Deliver us, when we draw near to you, from coldness of heart and wanderings of mind, that with steadfast thoughts and kindled affections we may worship you in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

FOR THOSE WE LOVE

Almighty God, we entrust all who are dear to us to your never-failing care and love, for this life and the life to come, knowing that you are doing for them better things than we can desire or pray for; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

FOR THE FAMILY

Merciful Savior, you loved Martha and Mary and Lazarus, hallowing their home with your sacred presence: Bless our home, we pray, that your love may rest upon us, and that your presence may dwell with us. May we all grow in grace and in the knowledge of you, our Lord and Savior. Teach us to love one another as you have commanded. Help us to bear one another's burdens in fulfillment of your law, O blessed Jesus, who with the Father and the Holy Spirit live and reign, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

FOR RELATIVES AND FRIENDS

O Loving Father, we commend to your gracious keeping all who are near and dear to us. Have mercy upon any who are sick, and comfort those who are in pain, anxiety, or sorrow. Awaken all who are careless about eternal things. Bless those who

are young and in health, that they may give the days of their strength to you. Comfort the aged and infirm, that your peace may rest upon them. Hallow the ties of kindred, that we may help and not hinder one another in all the good works that you have prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

FOR CHILDREN

O Lord Jesus Christ, who took little children into your arms and blessed them: Bless the children of this family, that they may grow up in godly fear and love. Give them your strength and guidance day by day, that they may continue in your love and service to their lives' end. Grant this, O blessed Savior, for your own Name's sake. **Amen.**

IN THE MORNING

O God, the King eternal, whose light divides the day from the night and turns the shadow of death into the morning: Drive far from us all wrong desires, incline our hearts to keep your law, and guide our feet into the way of peace; that, having done your will with cheerfulness during the day, we may, when night comes, rejoice to give you thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

AT NIGHT

O Lord, support us all the day long through this trouble-filled life, until the shadows lengthen, and the evening comes, and the busy world is hushed, and the fever of life is over, and our work is done. Then in your mercy grant us a safe lodging, and a holy rest, and peace at the last. **Amen.**

FOR QUIET CONFIDENCE

O God of peace, who hast taught us that in returning and rest we shall be saved, in quietness and in confidence shall be our strength: By the might of thy Spirit lift us, we pray thee, to thy presence, where we may be still and know that thou art God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FAMILY RESPONSES BEFORE MEALS

Traditional

The eyes of all wait upon thee, O Lord;
And thou givest them their meat in due season.
Thou openest thine hand;
And fillest all things living with plenteousness.
Bless us, O Lord, and these thy gifts, which we are about to receive from thy bounty, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

A GRACE BEFORE MEALS

Bless, O Lord, these gifts to our use, and us to your service, and make us ever mindful of the needs of others, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ADVENT ANTIPHONS

In Advent, using the Antiphons found in the Calendar of Holy Days and Commemorations (page 712), families might consider singing the appropriate verse of the hymn “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” each night beginning on December 16.

S U P P L E M E N T A L C A N T I C L E S

for W O R S H I P

1

MAGNA ET MIRABILIA
The Song of the Redeemed

Especially suitable for use in Advent and Easter

O ruler of the universe, Lord God,
great deeds are they that you have done,*

surpassing human understanding.

Your ways are ways of righteousness and truth,*

O King of all the ages.

Who can fail to do you homage, Lord,
and sing the praises of your Name?*

For you only are the Holy One.

All nations will draw near and fall down before you,*

because your just and holy works have been revealed.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;*
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.

REVELATION 15:3-4

2

SURGE, ILLUMINARE
Arise, shine, for your light has come

Especially suitable for use during the season after Epiphany

Arise, shine, for your light has come,*
and the glory of the LORD has dawned upon you.
For behold, darkness covers the land;*
deep gloom enshrouds the peoples.
But over you the LORD will rise,*
and his glory will appear upon you.
Nations will stream to your light,*
and kings to the brightness of your dawning.
Your gates will always be open;*
by day or night they will never be shut.
They will call you, The City of the LORD,*
the Zion of the Holy One of Israel.
Violence will no more be heard in your land,*
ruin or destruction within your borders.
You will call your walls, Salvation,*
and all your portals, Praise.
The sun will no more be your light by day;*
by night you will not need the brightness of the moon.
The LORD will be your everlasting light,*
and your God will be your glory.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;*
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.

ISAIAH 60:1-3, 11, 14, 18-19

3

KYRIE PANTOKRATOR
A Song of Penitence

Especially suitable for use during Lent

O Lord and Ruler of the hosts of heaven,*

God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob,

and of all their righteous offspring:

You made the heavens and the earth,*

with all their vast array.

All things quake with fear at your presence;*

they tremble because of your power.

But your merciful promise is beyond all measure;*

it surpasses all that our minds can fathom.

O Lord, you are full of compassion,*

long-suffering, and abounding in mercy.

You hold back your hand;*

you do not punish as we deserve.

In your great goodness, Lord,

you have promised forgiveness to sinners,*

that they may repent of their sin and be saved.

And now, O Lord, I bend the knee of my heart,*

and make my appeal, sure of your gracious goodness.

I have sinned, O Lord, I have sinned,*

and I know my wickedness only too well.

Therefore I make this prayer to you:*

Forgive me, Lord, forgive me.

Do not let me perish in my sin,*

nor condemn me to the depths of the earth.

For you, O Lord, are the God of those who repent,*

and in me you will show forth your goodness.

Unworthy as I am, you will save me,
in accordance with your great mercy, *
and I will praise you without ceasing all the days of my life.
For all the powers of heaven sing your praises, *
and yours is the glory to ages of ages. Amen.

PRAYER OF MANASSEH, 1-2, 4, 6-7, 11-15

4

QUAERITE DOMINUM

Seek the Lord while he wills to be found

Especially suitable for use during Lent

Seek the LORD while he wills to be found; *
call upon him when he draws near.
Let the wicked forsake their ways *
and the evil ones their thoughts;
And let them turn to the LORD, and he will have compassion, *
and to our God, for he will richly pardon.
For my thoughts are not your thoughts, *
nor your ways my ways, says the LORD.
For as the heavens are higher than the earth, *
so are my ways higher than your ways,
and my thoughts than your thoughts.
For as rain and snow fall from the heavens *
and return not again, but water the earth,
Bringing forth life and giving growth, *
seed for sowing and bread for eating,
So is my word that goes forth from my mouth; *
it will not return to me empty;
But it will accomplish that which I have purposed, *
and prosper in that for which I sent it.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.

ISAIAH 55:6-11

5

CANTEMUS DOMINO
The Song of Moses

Especially suitable for use in Easter

I will sing to the Lord, for he is lofty and uplifted; *
 the horse and its rider has he hurled into the sea.

The LORD is my strength and my refuge; *
 the LORD has become my Savior.

This is my God and I will praise him, *
 the God of my people and I will exalt him.

The LORD is a mighty warrior; *
 The LORD is his Name.

The chariots of Pharaoh and his army has he hurled into the sea; *
 the finest of those who bear armor
 have been drowned in the Red Sea.

The fathomless deep has overwhelmed them; *
 they sank into the depths like a stone.

Your right hand, O LORD, is glorious in might; *
 your right hand, O LORD, has overthrown the enemy.
 Who can be compared with you, O LORD, among the gods? *

Who is like you, glorious in holiness,
 awesome in renown, and worker of wonders?

You stretched forth your right hand; *
 the earth swallowed them up.

With your constant love you led the people you redeemed; *
 you brought them in safety to your holy dwelling.

You will bring them in and plant them *
 on the mount of your possession,

The resting-place you have made for yourself, O LORD, *
 the sanctuary, O LORD, that your hand has established.

The LORD shall reign *
 for ever and for ever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.

EXODUS 15:1-6, 11-13, 17-18

6

DIGNUS ES *A Song to the Lamb*

Especially suitable for use after Ascension and in Easter Season

Splendor and honor and kingly power *
are yours by right, O Lord our God,
For you created everything that is,*
and by your will they were created and have their being;
And yours by right, O Lamb that was slain,*
for with your blood you have redeemed for God,
From every family, language, people, and nation,*
a kingdom of priests to serve our God.
And so, to him who sits upon the throne,*
and to Christ the Lamb,
Be worship and praise, dominion and splendor,*
for ever and for evermore. Amen.

REVELATION 4:11; 5:9-10, 13, 14

7

CANTATE DOMINO *Sing unto the Lord*

Especially suitable for use in Easter and at any time outside penitential seasons

O sing unto the LORD a new song,*
for he has done marvelous things.
With his own right hand, and with his holy arm,*
he has won for himself the victory.
The LORD declared his salvation; *
his righteousness he has openly shown in the sight of the nations.

He has remembered his mercy and truth toward the house of Israel,*
and all the ends of the world have seen the salvation of our God.
Show yourselves joyful unto the LORD, all you lands; *
sing, rejoice, and give thanks.
Praise the LORD with the harp; *
sing with the harp a psalm of thanksgiving.
With trumpets also and horns, *
O show yourselves joyful before the LORD, the King.
Let the sea make a noise, and all that is in it, *
the round world, and those that dwell therein.
Let the rivers clap their hands, and let the hills be joyful
together before the LORD, *
for he has come to judge the earth.
With righteousness shall he judge the world *
and the peoples with equity.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.

PSALM 98

8

ECCE, DEUS

Surely, it is God who saves me

Suitable for use at any time

Surely, it is God who saves me; *
I will trust in him and not be afraid.
For the LORD is my stronghold and my sure defense, *
and he will be my Savior.
Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing *
from the springs of salvation.
And on that day you shall say, *
Give thanks to the LORD and call upon his Name;

Make his deeds known among the peoples; *
see that they remember that his Name is exalted.
Sing the praises of the LORD, for he has done great things, *
and this is known in all the world.
Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, *
for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.

ISAIAH 12:2-6

9

D E U S M I S E R E A T U R
God be merciful

Suitable for use at any time

May God be merciful unto us, and bless us, *
and show us the light of his countenance, and be merciful
unto us.
Let your way be known upon earth, *
your saving health among all nations.
Let the peoples praise you, O God; *
indeed, let all the peoples praise you.
O let the nations rejoice and be glad, *
for you shall judge the peoples righteously, and govern
the nations upon earth.
Let the peoples praise you, O God; *
let all the peoples praise you.
Then shall the earth bring forth her increase, *
and God, even our own God, shall give us his blessing.
God shall bless us, *
and all the ends of the world shall fear him.

PSALM 67

10

BENEDICITE, OMNIA OPERA DOMINI *A Song of Creation*

Especially suitable for use on Saturday

INVOCATION

Glorify the Lord, all you works of the Lord, *
 praise him and highly exalt him for ever.
In the firmament of his power, glorify the Lord, *
 praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

I. THE COSMIC ORDER

Glorify the Lord, you angels and all powers of the Lord, *
 O heavens and all waters above the heavens.
Sun and moon and stars of the sky, glorify the Lord, *
 praise him and highly exalt him for ever.
Glorify the Lord, every shower of rain and fall of dew, *
 all winds and fire and heat.
Winter and summer, glorify the Lord, *
 praise him and highly exalt him for ever.
Glorify the Lord, O chill and cold, *
 drops of dew and flakes of snow.
Frost and cold, ice and sleet, glorify the Lord, *
 praise him and highly exalt him for ever.
Glorify the Lord, O nights and days, *
 O shining light and enfolding dark.
Storm clouds and thunderbolts, glorify the Lord, *
 praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

II. THE EARTH AND ITS CREATURES

Let the earth glorify the Lord, *
 praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

Glorify the Lord, O mountains and hills,
and all that grows upon the earth, *
 praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

Glorify the Lord, O springs of water, seas, and streams, *
 O whales and all that move in the waters.

All birds of the air, glorify the Lord, *
 praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

Glorify the Lord, O beasts of the wild, *
 and all you flocks and herds.

O men and women everywhere, glorify the Lord, *
 praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

III. THE PEOPLE OF GOD

Let the people of God glorify the Lord, *
 praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

Glorify the Lord, O priests and servants of the Lord, *
 praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

Glorify the Lord, O spirits and souls of the righteous, *
 praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

You that are holy and humble of heart, glorify the Lord, *
 praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

DOXOLOGY

Let us glorify the Lord: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit; *
 praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

In the firmament of his power, glorify the Lord, *
 praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

SONG OF THE THREE YOUNG MEN, 35-65

G R E A T L I T A N Y
& D E C A L O G U E

T H E G R E A T L I T A N Y

To be said or sung, kneeling, standing, or in procession.

O God the Father, Creator of heaven and earth,
Have mercy upon us.

O God the Son, Redeemer of the world,
Have mercy upon us.

O God the Holy Spirit, Sanctifier of the faithful,
Have mercy upon us.

O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, one God,
Have mercy upon us.

Remember not, Lord Jesus, our offenses, nor the offenses of
our forebears; neither reward us according to our sins. Spare us,
good Lord, spare your people, whom you have redeemed with
your most precious blood, and by your mercy preserve us for ever.
Spare us, good Lord.

From all evil and wickedness; from sin, from the works and assaults
of the devil; from your wrath and everlasting condemnation,
Good Lord, deliver us.

From all blindness of heart; from pride, vanity, and hypocrisy;
from envy, hatred, and malice; and from all lack of charity,
Good Lord, deliver us.

From all disordered and sinful affections; and from all the
deceits of the world, the flesh, and the devil,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From all false doctrine, heresy, and schism; from hardness of
heart, and contempt of your Word and commandments,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From lightning and tempest; from earthquake, fire, and flood;
from plague, pestilence, and famine,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From all oppression, conspiracy, and rebellion; from violence,
battle, and murder; and from dying suddenly and unprepared,

Good Lord, deliver us.

By the mystery of your holy incarnation; by your holy nativity
and submission to the Law; by your baptism, fasting, and
temptation,

Good Lord, deliver us.

By your agony and bloody sweat; by your Cross and passion;
by your precious death and burial,

Good Lord, deliver us.

By your glorious resurrection and ascension; by the sending
of the Holy Spirit; by your heavenly intercession; and by your
coming again in power and great glory,

Good Lord, deliver us.

In all times of tribulation; in all times of prosperity; in the hour
of death, and in the day of judgment,

Good Lord, deliver us.

We sinners beseech you to hear us, O Lord God: That it may
please you to rule and govern your holy Church universal in the
right way,

We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.

To illumine all Bishops, Priests, and Deacons, with true knowledge and understanding of your Word; and that, both by their preaching and living, they may show it accordingly,

We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.

To send forth laborers into your harvest; to prosper their work by your Holy Spirit; to make your saving health known unto all nations; and to hasten the coming of your kingdom,

We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.

To give all your people increase of grace to hear your Word with humility, to receive it with pure affection, and to bring forth the fruit of the Spirit,

We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.

To bring into the way of truth all who have erred and are deceived,

We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.

To give us a heart to love and fear you, and diligently to keep your commandments,

We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.

To bless and keep all your people,

We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please you to rule the hearts of your servant *N*, the *President/Sovereign/Prime Minister*, and all others in authority, that they may do justice, and show mercy, and walk humbly before you,

We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.

To bless and guide all judges, giving them grace to execute justice, and to maintain truth,

We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.

To bless and keep our armed forces by sea, and land, and air, and
to shield them in all dangers and adversities,

We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.

To bless and protect all who serve their communities by their
labor and learning,

We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.

To give and preserve for us and for others the bountiful fruits of
the earth, so that at the harvest we all may enjoy them,

We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.

To make wars to cease in all the world, and to give to all nations
unity, peace, and concord,

We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please you to show mercy on all prisoners and
captives; refugees, the homeless, and the hungry; and all those
who are desolate and oppressed,

We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.

To preserve all who are in danger by reason of their work or
travel,

We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.

To strengthen the bonds of those in Holy Matrimony; to
uphold the widowed and abandoned; and to comfort all whose
homes are torn by strife,

We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.

To protect the unborn and their parents, and to preserve all
women in childbirth;

We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.

To care for those who have lost children or face infertility, and
to provide for young children and orphans,

We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.

To visit the lonely and those who grieve; to strengthen all who suffer in mind, body, or spirit; and to comfort with your presence those who are failing and infirm,

We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.

To support, help, and deliver all who are in danger, necessity, and tribulation,

We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.

To have mercy upon all people,

We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please you to give us true repentance; to forgive us all our sin, negligence, and ignorance; and to endue us with the grace of your Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to your holy Word,

We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.

To forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers, and to turn their hearts,

We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.

To strengthen those who stand; to encourage the faint-hearted; to raise up those who fall; and finally to beat down Satan under our feet,

We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.

To grant to all the faithful departed eternal life and peace,

We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.

To grant that, in the fellowship of [_____ and] all the saints, we may attain to your heavenly kingdom,

We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.

Son of God, we beseech you to hear us.

Son of God, we beseech you to hear us.

O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
Have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
Have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
Grant us your peace.

O Christ, hear us.

O Christ, hear us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

When the Litany is sung or said immediately before the Eucharist, the Litany concludes here, and the Eucharist begins with the Salutation ("The Lord be with you") and the Collect of the Day.

On all other occasions, the Officiant and People say or sing together

Our Father, who art in heaven,
 hallowed be thy Name,
 thy kingdom come,
 thy will be done,
 on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
 as we forgive those
 who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
 and the power, and the glory,
 for ever and ever. Amen.

Our Father in heaven,
 hallowed be your Name,
 your kingdom come,
 your will be done,
 on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.
And forgive us our sins
 as we forgive those
 who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial,
 and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
 and the glory are yours,
 now and for ever. Amen.

O Lord, show us your love and mercy;
For we have put our trust in you.

The Officiant says the following

Almighty God, you have promised to hear the petitions of those who ask in the Name of your Son: Mercifully incline your ear to us who have made our prayers and supplications to you; and grant that what we have asked faithfully, according to your will, we may obtain effectually, for the relief of our necessities and the setting forth of your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Officiant may add other prayers, and may end the Litany, saying

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. Amen.

T H E S U P P L I C A T I O N

For use in the Litany in place of the Versicle and Collect which follows the Lord's Prayer; or at the end of Morning or Evening Prayer; or as a separate devotion. The Supplication is especially appropriate in times of war, or of great anxiety, or of disaster.

O Lord, arise and help us;
And deliver us for your Name's sake.

O God, we have heard with our ears, and our forebears have declared to us, the noble works that you did in their days, and in the time before them.

O Lord, arise and help us;
And deliver us for your Name's sake.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

O Lord, arise and help us;
And deliver us for your Name's sake.

From our enemies defend us, O Christ;
Graciously behold our afflictions.

With pity behold the sorrows of our hearts;
Mercifully forgive the sins of your people.

With favor hear our prayers;
O Son of David, have mercy upon us.

Be pleased to hear us, O Christ;
Graciously hear us, O Christ; graciously hear us,
O Lord Christ.

The Officiant prays

Let us pray.

Look mercifully, O Father, on our infirmities; and, for the glory of your Name, rescue us from all those evils we now endure; and grant that in all our troubles we may put our whole trust and confidence in your mercy, serving you in holiness and purity of life, to your honor and glory; through our only Mediator and Advocate, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Supplication may end here, or may conclude with the prayer of St. John Chrysostom and the Grace (page 52).

A D D I T I O N A L D I R E C T I O N S

The Great Litany may be used before the Eucharist, after the Collects of Morning or Evening Prayer, or separately.

It is particularly appropriate to use the Great Litany on the First Sunday of Advent and the First Sunday in Lent. It is also appropriate for Rogation days, other days of fasting or thanksgiving, and occasions of solemn and comprehensive entreaty.

Where local circumstance or pastoral need dictates, the Officiant may reduce the number of petitions and responses prayed.

T H E D E C A L O G U E

Celebrant God spoke these words and said:
I am the Lord your God.

You shall have no other gods but me.

People **Lord, have mercy upon us,**
and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Celebrant You shall not make for yourself any idol.
People **Lord, have mercy upon us,**
and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Celebrant You shall not take the Name of the Lord your God
in vain.

People **Lord, have mercy upon us,**
and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Celebrant Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.

People **Lord, have mercy upon us,**
and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Celebrant Honor your father and your mother.

People **Lord, have mercy upon us,**
and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Celebrant You shall not murder.

People **Lord, have mercy upon us,**
and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Celebrant You shall not commit adultery.

People **Lord, have mercy upon us,**
and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Celebrant You shall not steal.

People **Lord, have mercy upon us,**
and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Celebrant You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

People **Lord, have mercy upon us,**
and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Celebrant You shall not covet.

People **Lord, have mercy upon us,**
and write all these, your laws,
in our hearts, we beseech you.

EXODUS 20:1-17^T; DEUTERONOMY 5:6-21^T

T H E H O L Y E U C H A R I S T

CONCERNING THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Holy Communion is normally the principal service of Christian worship on the Lord's Day, and on other appointed Feasts and Holy Days. Two forms of the liturgy, commonly called the Lord's Supper or the Holy Eucharist, are provided.

The Anglican Standard Text is essentially that of the Holy Communion service of the *Book of Common Prayer* of 1662 and successor books through 1928, 1929, and 1962. The Anglican Standard Text is presented in contemporary English and in the order for Holy Communion that is common, since the late twentieth century, among ecumenical and Anglican partners worldwide. The Anglican Standard Text may be conformed to its original content and ordering, as in the 1662 or subsequent books; the Additional Directions give clear guidance on how this is to be accomplished. Similarly, there are directions given as to how the Anglican Standard Text may be abbreviated where appropriate for local mission and ministry.

The Renewed Ancient Text is drawn from liturgies of the Early Church, reflects the influence of twentieth century ecumenical consensus, and includes elements of historic Anglican piety.

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or

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THE ACCLAMATION

The People standing, the Celebrant says this or a seasonal greeting (pages 145–146)

Blessed be God: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

In the season of Lent

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Glory to God in the highest,
 and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
 we worship you, we give you thanks,
 we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
 have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
 receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
 Jesus Christ,
 with the Holy Spirit,
 in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

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People Amen.

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Celebrant and People

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maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, visible and invisible.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father [and the Son],[†]
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

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THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Almighty and everliving God, we are taught by your holy Word to offer prayers and supplications and to give thanks for all people. We humbly ask you mercifully to receive our prayers. Inspire continually the universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all who confess your holy Name may agree in the truth of your holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Silence

Reader Lord, in your mercy:

People Hear our prayer.

We pray that you will lead the nations of the world in the way of righteousness; and so guide and direct their leaders, especially *N*, our *President/Sovereign/Prime Minister*, that your people may enjoy the blessings of freedom and peace. Grant that our leaders may impartially administer justice, uphold integrity and truth, restrain wickedness and vice, and protect true religion and virtue.

Silence

Reader Lord, in your mercy:

People Hear our prayer.

Give grace, heavenly Father, to all Bishops, Priests, and Deacons, and especially to your servant(s) *N*, our *Archbishop/Bishop/Priest/Deacon, etc.*, that by their life and teaching, they may proclaim your true and life-giving Word, and rightly and duly administer

your holy Sacraments. And to all your people give your heavenly grace, especially to this Congregation, that with reverent and obedient hearts we may hear and receive your holy Word, and serve you in holiness and righteousness all the days of our lives.

Silence

Reader Lord, in your mercy:

People **Hear our prayer.**

Prosper, we pray, all those who proclaim the Gospel of your kingdom throughout the world, and strengthen us to fulfill your great commission, making disciples of all nations, baptizing them and teaching them to obey all that you have commanded.

Silence

Reader Lord, in your mercy:

People **Hear our prayer.**

We ask you in your goodness, O Lord, to comfort and sustain all who in this transitory life are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity [especially _____].

Silence

Reader Lord, in your mercy:

People **Hear our prayer.**

We remember before you all your servants who have departed this life in your faith and fear, [especially _____], that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we ask you to give us grace to follow the good examples of [N., and] all your saints, that we may share with them in your heavenly kingdom.

Silence

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Additional prayers may be added.

The Celebrant concludes with this or some other appropriate Collect.

Heavenly Father, grant these our prayers for the sake of Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Celebrant may then say the Exhortation.

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION OF SIN

The Deacon or other person appointed says the following

All who truly and earnestly repent of your sins, and seek to live in love and charity with your neighbors, and intend to lead the new life, following the commandments of God, and walking in his holy ways: draw near with faith and make your humble confession to Almighty God.

or

Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

Silence

The Deacon and People kneel as able and pray

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
maker and judge of us all:

We acknowledge and lament our many sins and offenses,
which we have committed by thought, word, and deed

against your divine majesty,
provoking most justly your righteous anger against us.
We are deeply sorry for these our transgressions;
the burden of them is more than we can bear.
Have mercy upon us,
Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
for your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,
forgive us all that is past;
and grant that we may evermore serve and please you in
newness of life,
to the honor and glory of your Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Bishop or Priest stands and says

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE COMFORTABLE WORDS

The Celebrant may then say one or more of the following sentences, first saying

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

MATTHEW 11:28

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

JOHN 3:16^t

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

I TIMOTHY 1:15

If anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. I JOHN 2:1-2^T

THE PEACE

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.
People And with your spirit.

Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the Name of the Lord.

THE OFFERTORY

The Celebrant may begin the Offertory with one of the provided sentences of Scripture.

During the Offertory a hymn, psalm, or anthem may be sung. The Deacon or Priest prepares the Holy Table for the celebration. Representatives of the Congregation may bring the People's offerings of bread and wine, and money or other gifts, to the Deacon or Priest.

The People stand while the offerings are presented. The following may be said.

Celebrant Yours, O LORD, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for everything in heaven and on earth is yours; yours is the Kingdom, O LORD, and you are exalted as Head above all. All things come from you, O LORD,
People And of your own have we given you.

I CHRONICLES 29:11, 14^T

THE SURSUM CORDA

The People remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and sings or says

The Lord be with you.

People And with your spirit.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them up to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

The Celebrant continues

It is right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Here a Proper Preface (pages 152–158) is normally sung or said.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

THE SANCTUS

Celebrant and People

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the Name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

THE PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

The People kneel or stand. The Celebrant continues

All praise and glory is yours, O God our heavenly Father, for in your tender mercy, you gave your only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the Cross for our redemption. He made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and he instituted, and in his Holy Gospel commanded us to continue, a perpetual memory of his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

So now, O merciful Father, in your great goodness, we ask you to bless and sanctify, with your Word and Holy Spirit, these gifts of bread and wine, that we, receiving them according to your Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood. †

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it, and here may break the bread; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing the wine to be consecrated.*

For on the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it,* and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my Body, which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the forgiveness of sins: Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me." ‡

† This paragraph does not occur in the 1662 Book of Common Prayer, but ecumenical consensus expects its use.

‡ In the 1662 Order, the Distribution of Communion occurs here. The Lord's Prayer is then said. The remainder of the Prayer of Consecration follows the Lord's Prayer as an alternative Post Communion Prayer.

Therefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of your dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we your humble servants celebrate and make here before your divine Majesty, with these holy gifts, the memorial your Son commanded us to make; remembering his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, and his promise to come again.

| And we earnestly desire your fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this, our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; asking you to grant that, by the merits and death of your Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his Blood, we and your whole Church may obtain forgiveness of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present to you, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice. We humbly pray that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ, be filled with your grace and heavenly benediction, and be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

| And although we are unworthy, because of our many sins, to offer you any sacrifice, yet we ask you to accept this duty and service we owe, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Celebrant then says

And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

Celebrant and People together pray

Our Father, who art in heaven,
 hallowed be thy Name,
 thy kingdom come,
 thy will be done,
 on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
 as we forgive those
 who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,
 and the power, and the glory,
 for ever and ever. Amen.

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Give us today our daily bread.
And forgive us our sins
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 who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial,
 and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,
 and the glory are yours,
 now and for ever. Amen.

THE FRACTION

*If the consecrated Bread was not broken earlier, the Celebrant breaks it now.
A period of silence is kept.*

Then may be sung or said

Celebrant [Alleluia.] Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
People Therefore let us keep the feast. [Alleluia.]

or this

Celebrant [Alleluia.] Christ our Passover Lamb has been
sacrificed, once for all upon the Cross.
People Therefore let us keep the feast. [Alleluia.]

In Lent, Alleluia is omitted, and may be omitted at other times except during Easter Season.

THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

Celebrant and People together may say

We do not presume to come to this your table, O merciful Lord,
 trusting in our own righteousness,
 but in your abundant and great mercies.

We are not worthy so much as to gather up
 the crumbs under your table;
 but you are the same Lord
 whose character is always to have mercy.

Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord,
 so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ,
 and to drink his blood,
 that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body,
 and our souls washed through his most precious blood,
 and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

THE AGNUS DEI

The following or some other suitable anthem may be sung or said here

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
 have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
 have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
 grant us your peace.

THE MINISTRATION OF COMMUNION

Facing the People, the Celebrant may say the following invitation

The gifts of God for the people of God. [Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.]

or this

Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.

JOHN 1:29^T, REVELATION 19:9

The Ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the People.

The Bread and Cup are given to the communicants with these words

The Body of our Lord Jesus Christ, [which was given for you, preserve your body and soul to everlasting life. Take and eat this in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your heart by faith, with thanksgiving.]

The Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, [which was shed for you, preserve your body and soul to everlasting life. Drink this in remembrance that Christ's Blood was shed for you, and be thankful.]

During the ministration of Communion, hymns, psalms, or anthems may be sung.

The Celebrant may offer a sentence of Scripture at the conclusion of the Communion.

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People together say the following, or the Post Communion Prayer in the Renewed Ancient Text

Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us, in these holy mysteries,
with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us, through this Sacrament, of your favor and
goodness towards us:
that we are true members of the mystical body of your Son,
the blessed company of all faithful people;
and are also heirs, through hope,
of your everlasting kingdom.
And we humbly ask you, heavenly Father,
to assist us with your grace,
that we may continue in that holy fellowship,
and do all the good works that you have prepared for us to
walk in;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

THE BLESSING

The Bishop when present, or the Priest, gives this or an alternate blessing

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your
hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his
Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and
remain with you always. Amen.

A hymn, psalm, or anthem may be sung after the Blessing (or following the Dismissal).

THE DISMISSAL

The Deacon, or the Priest, may dismiss the People with these words

Deacon Let us go forth in the Name of Christ.
People **Thanks be to God.**

or this

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

or this

Deacon Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power
of the Holy Spirit.
People **Thanks be to God.**

or this

Deacon Let us bless the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

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The People respond

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

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 Jesus Christ,
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eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
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of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
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and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

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“hear our prayer.”

For the peace of the whole world, and for the well-being and unity of the people of God.

Reader Lord, in your mercy:
People Hear our prayer.

For *N.*, our Archbishop, and *N.*, our Bishop, and for all the clergy and people of our Diocese and Congregation.

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For all those who proclaim the Gospel at home and abroad; and for all who teach and disciple others.

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by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart;

we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

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have mercy on us and forgive us;

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The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

I TIMOTHY 1:15

If anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. I JOHN 2:1-2^T

THE PEACE

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And with your spirit.

Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the Name of the Lord.

THE OFFERTORY

The Celebrant may begin the Offertory with one of the provided sentences of Scripture.

During the Offertory a hymn, psalm, or anthem may be sung. The Deacon or Priest prepares the Holy Table for the celebration. Representatives of the Congregation may bring the People's offerings of bread and wine, and money or other gifts, to the Deacon or Priest.

The People stand while the offerings are presented. The following may be said.

Celebrant Yours, O LORD, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for everything in heaven and on earth is yours; yours is the Kingdom, O LORD, and you are exalted as Head above all. All things come from you, O LORD,

People And of your own have we given you.

I CHRONICLES 29:11, 14^T

THE SURSUM CORDA

The People remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and sings or says

- People* The Lord be with you.
Celebrant And with your spirit.
People Lift up your hearts.
Celebrant We lift them up to the Lord.
People Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

The Celebrant continues

It is right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Here a Proper Preface (pages 152–158) is normally sung or said

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

THE SANCTUS

Celebrant and People

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the Name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

THE PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

The People stand or kneel. The Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and when we had sinned against you and become

subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent your only Son Jesus Christ into the world for our salvation. By the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary he became flesh and dwelt among us. In obedience to your will, he stretched out his arms upon the Cross and offered himself once for all, that by his suffering and death we might be saved. By his resurrection he broke the bonds of death, trampling Hell and Satan under his feet. As our great high priest, he ascended to your right hand in glory, that we might come with confidence before the throne of grace.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it, and here may break the bread; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing the wine to be consecrated.*

On the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it,* and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take, eat; this is my Body, which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me.”

Likewise, after supper, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, “Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the forgiveness of sins: Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me.”

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

**Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Word and Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Sanctify us also, that we may worthily receive this holy Sacrament, and be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us and we in him. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us with all your saints into the joy of your heavenly kingdom, where we shall see our Lord face to face.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Celebrant then says

And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

Celebrant and People together pray

Our Father, who art in heaven,
 hallowed be thy Name,
 thy kingdom come,
 thy will be done,
 on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
 as we forgive those
 who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
 and the power, and the glory,
 for ever and ever. Amen.

Our Father in heaven,
 hallowed be your Name,
 your kingdom come,
 your will be done,
 on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
And forgive us our sins
 as we forgive those
 who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
 and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
 and the glory are yours,
 now and for ever. Amen.

THE FRACTION

*If the consecrated Bread was not broken earlier, the Celebrant breaks it now.
A period of silence is kept.*

Then may be sung or said

Celebrant [Alleluia.] Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
People Therefore let us keep the feast. [Alleluia.]

or this

Celebrant [Alleluia.] Christ our Passover Lamb has been
sacrificed, once for all upon the Cross.
People Therefore let us keep the feast. [Alleluia.]

*In Lent, Alleluia is omitted, and may be omitted at other times except during
Easter Season.*

THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

Celebrant and People together may say

We do not presume to come to this your table, O merciful Lord,
 trusting in our own righteousness,
 but in your abundant and great mercies.
We are not worthy so much as to gather up
 the crumbs under your table;
 but you are the same Lord
 whose character is always to have mercy.
Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord,
 so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ,
 and to drink his blood,
 that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body,
 and our souls washed through his most precious blood,
 and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

THE AGNUS DEI

The following or some other suitable anthem may be sung or said here

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
grant us your peace.

THE MINISTRATION OF COMMUNION

Facing the People, the Celebrant may say the following invitation

The gifts of God for the people of God. [Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.]

or this

Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.

JOHN 1:29^T, REVELATION 19:9

The Ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the People.

The Bread and Cup are given to the communicants with these words

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven.

The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation.

During the ministration of Communion, hymns, psalms, or anthems may be sung.

The Celebrant may offer a sentence of Scripture at the conclusion of the Communion.

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People together say the following, or the Post Communion Prayer in the Anglican Standard Text

Heavenly Father,
We thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal Kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have
given us to do,
to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

THE BLESSING

The Bishop when present, or the Priest, gives this or an alternate blessing

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. Amen.

A hymn, psalm, or anthem may be sung after the Blessing (or following the Dismissal).

THE DISMISSAL

The Deacon, or the Priest, may dismiss the People with these words

Deacon Let us go forth in the Name of Christ.
People **Thanks be to God.**

or this

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

or this

Deacon Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power
of the Holy Spirit.
People **Thanks be to God.**

or this

Deacon Let us bless the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

From the Easter Vigil through the Day of Pentecost, “Alleluia, alleluia” is added to any of the dismissals. It may be added at other times, except during Lent and on other penitential occasions.

The People respond

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

A D D I T I O N A L D I R E C T I O N S C O N C E R N I N G H O L Y C O M M U N I O N

Before the celebration of Holy Communion, the Holy Table should be covered with a clean white cloth.

Rubrics indicating standing or kneeling imply “as able.”

Where the greeting “The Lord be with you” is used, the response “And also with you” may be used in place of “And with your spirit.”

A Penitential Order, for use at the opening of the liturgy, or for use on other occasions, may be arranged as follows:

The Acclamation

The Collect for Purity

Then kneeling as able:

The Decalogue or The Summary of the Law

[The Exhortation]

The Confession and Absolution [and Comfortable Words]

The Kyrie

The Collect of the Day

The Athanasian Creed (page 769) may be used in place of the Nicene Creed on Trinity Sunday and other occasions as appropriate.

The Prayers of the People in the Anglican Standard Text may be read straight through, omitting the silences and “Lord in your mercy: Hear our prayer.”

In both the Anglican Standard and Renewed Ancient Texts, other forms of the Prayers of the People may be used, provided the following concerns are included:

The universal Church, the clergy and people
The mission of the Church
The nation and all in authority
The peoples of the world
The local community
Those who suffer and those in any need or trouble
Thankful remembrance of the faithful departed and
of all the blessings of our lives.

The Exhortation is traditionally read on the First Sunday of Advent, the First Sunday in Lent, and Trinity Sunday.

The Confession from Morning Prayer, or from either Eucharistic text, may be substituted for the one provided.

As the bread and wine are placed upon the Holy Table by the Deacon, Celebrant, or other appointed person, it is customary to add a little water to the wine.

In the Anglican Standard Text, the word “offering” may be substituted for the word “oblation.”

In the Anglican Standard Text, it is permissible to replace the paragraph that begins “Therefore, O Lord and heavenly Father,” with this memorial acclamation:

Celebrant

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

In the Prayer of Humble Access, "Apart from your grace," may be inserted at the beginning of sentence: "We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table; but you are the same Lord whose character is always to have mercy."

The words used when the Bread and Cup are given to the communicants may be taken from either Eucharistic Text.

When the Priest is assisted by a Deacon or another Priest, it is customary for the presiding Priest to administer the consecrated Bread. The administration of consecrated Bread and Wine by Priests, Deacons and authorized laity shall be determined by the Ordinary.

If the consecrated Bread or Wine does not suffice for the number of communicants, the Celebrant returns to the Holy Table and consecrates more of either or both saying,

"Hear us, O heavenly Father, and with your Word and Holy Spirit bless and sanctify this Bread [Wine] that it, also, may be the Sacrament of the precious Body [Blood] of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who took Bread [the Cup] and said, "This is my Body [Blood]."

If any consecrated Bread or Wine remains after the Communion, it may be set aside in a safe place for future reception. Apart from that which is to be set aside, the Priest or Deacon, and other communicants, reverently consume the remaining consecrated Bread, either after the Ministration of Communion or after the Dismissal. The consecrated Wine shall likewise be consumed, except as authorized and directed by the Bishop.

In the Eastertide Dismissal, "Alleluia, alleluia" is customarily added to the beginning of the Deacon's verse when spoken, or to the end of the Deacon's verse when sung.

In the absence of a Priest, the Bishop may, at his discretion, authorize a Deacon to distribute Holy Communion to the Congregation from consecrated Bread and Wine. In this situation, the Deacon may say all that is appointed through the Offertory, though the Deacon may not pronounce an absolution after the Confession. After the Offertory, the Deacon reverently places the consecrated Sacrament on the Holy Table. The Deacon then leads the people in the Lord's Prayer. Omitting the breaking of the bread, the Deacon proceeds with the rest of the liturgy. There is no blessing at the end of the liturgy.

T H E O R D E R O F H O L Y C O M M U N I O N
A C C O R D I N G T O
T H E B O O K O F C O M M O N P R A Y E R 1 6 6 2

The Anglican Standard Text may be re-arranged to reflect the 1662 ordering as follows:

- The Lord's Prayer
- The Collect for Purity
- The Decalogue
- The Collect of the Day
- The Lessons
- The Nicene Creed
- The Sermon
- The Offertory
- The Prayers of the People
- The Exhortation
- The Confession and Absolution of Sin
- The Comfortable Words
- The Sursum Corda
- The Sanctus

The Prayer of Humble Access
The Prayer of Consecration and the
Ministration of Communion
(*ordered according to the footnote*)
The Lord's Prayer
The Post Communion Prayer
The Gloria in Excelsis
The Blessing

C O N C E R N I N G D I S C I P L I N E A T H O L Y C O M M U N I O N

If the Priest knows that a person who is living a notoriously evil life intends to come to Communion, the Priest shall privately instruct that person not to come to the Lord's Table until he or she has given clear proof of repentance and amendment of life. The Priest shall follow the same procedure with those who have done wrong to their neighbors and are a scandal to the other members of the Congregation, not allowing such persons to receive Communion until they have made restitution for the wrong they have done.

When the Priest sees that there is enmity between members of the Congregation, the Priest shall speak privately to each of them, telling them that they may not receive Communion until they have forgiven each other. And if the person or persons on one side truly forgive the others and desire and promise to make up for their faults, but those on the other side refuse to forgive, the Priest shall allow those who are penitent to come to Communion, but not those who are obstinate.

In all such cases, the Priest is required to notify the Bishop as soon as possible (within fourteen days at the most) giving the reasons for refusing Communion.

S U P P L E M E N T A L E U C H A R I S T I C T E X T S

S E A S O N A L G R E E T I N G S

The opening Acclamation may be replaced by a greeting appropriate to the season or the occasion, such as the following

FOR ADVENT

Celebrant Surely the Lord is coming soon.

People Amen. Come Lord Jesus!

REVELATION 22:20

FOR CHRISTMASTIDE *and* THE FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST

Celebrant For unto us a child is born,

People Unto us a son is given.

ISAIAH 9:6^T

FROM THE FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY *to* THE END OF THE EPIPHANY SEASON

Celebrant I will make you as a light for the nations,

People That my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.

ISAIAH 49:6

FROM ASH WEDNESDAY *to* THE EVE OF PALM SUNDAY
or PENITENTIAL OCCASIONS

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People His mercy endures for ever.

FOR HOLY WEEK

Celebrant Blessed be our God.

People Now and for ever. Amen.

FROM EASTER DAY *until* THE EVE OF PENTECOST

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

FOR THE DAY OF PENTECOST, *and*
OCCASIONS OF CONFIRMATION *and* ORDINATION

Celebrant The Lord will pour out his Spirit upon all flesh,

People And your sons and daughters shall prophesy.

Celebrant Your old men shall dream dreams,

People And your young men shall see visions.

Celebrant You shall know that the Lord is in the midst of his people,

People That he is the Lord and there is none else.

Celebrant And it shall come to pass

People That everyone who calls on the Name of the Lord
shall be saved.

JOEL 2:27-28, 32^T; ACTS 2:17, 21^T

FOR ALL SAINTS' DAY *and*
OTHER APPROPRIATE OCCASIONS

Celebrant Worthy is the Lord our God,

People To receive glory and honor and power.

REVELATION 4:11^T

T H E E X H O R T A T I O N

Dearly beloved in the Lord: if you intend to come to the Holy Communion of the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ, you must consider how Saint Paul, in his First Letter to the Corinthians, exhorts us all diligently to examine ourselves before we presume to eat of that Bread, and drink of that Cup. For as the benefit is great, if we receive that holy Sacrament with a truly penitent heart and lively faith, spiritually eating the Flesh of Christ and drinking his Blood, so that we might be made one with Christ and he with us; so also is the danger great, if we receive these gifts unworthily. For then we become guilty of profaning the Body and Blood of Christ our Savior, and we eat and drink to our own condemnation.

Therefore, judge yourselves lest you be judged by the Lord. First, examine your life by the rule of God's commandments. Wherever you have offended, either by thought, word, or deed, confess your sins to Almighty God, with the full intention to amend your life. Be ready to make restitution for all injuries and wrongs you have done to others; and also be ready to forgive others who have offended you: for otherwise, if you unworthily receive Holy Communion, you will increase your own condemnation. Therefore, repent of your sins, or else do not come to God's Holy Table.

If you have come here today with a troubled conscience, and you need help and counsel, come to me, or to some other Priest, and confess your sins, that you may receive godly counsel, direction, and absolution. To do so will both satisfy your conscience and remove any scruples or doubt.

Above all, each of us should give humble and hearty thanks to God for the redemption of the world by the death and passion of our Savior Jesus Christ. He humbled himself, even to death on a Cross, for us sinners who lay in darkness and in the shadow of death, that he might make us children of God, and exalt us to everlasting life.

Because of his exceedingly great love for us, our Savior Jesus Christ has instituted and ordained these holy mysteries as pledges of his love, and for a continual remembrance of his death and passion, to our great and endless comfort.

To him, therefore, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, let us give continual thanks, as is our duty and our joy, submitting ourselves entirely to his holy will and striving to serve him in holiness and righteousness all the days of our life. **Amen.**

OFFERTORY SENTENCES

Remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, “It is more blessed to give than to receive.”

ACTS 20:35

Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

MATTHEW 5:16

Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

MATTHEW 6:19-21

Not everyone who says to me, “Lord, Lord,” will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven.

MATTHEW 7:21

Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

2 CORINTHIANS 9:6-7

As we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.

GALATIANS 6:10

For God is not unjust so as to overlook your work and the love that you have shown for his name in serving the saints, as you still do.

HEBREWS 6:10

Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

HEBREWS 13:16

If anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need,
yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love
abide in him?

1 JOHN 3:17

If you have many possessions, make your gift from them in proportion; if few, do not be afraid to give according to the little you have. So you will be laying up a good treasure for yourself against the day of necessity.

TOBIT 4:8-9

And the King will answer them, "Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me."

MATTHEW 25:40

How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? And how are they to preach unless they are sent?

ROMANS 10:14-15

And Jesus said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

LUKE 10:2

They shall not appear before the LORD empty-handed. Every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the LORD your God that he has given you.

DEUTERONOMY 16:16-17

Offer unto God a sacrifice of thanksgiving,
and pay your vows unto the Most High.

PSALM 50:14

Ascribe unto the LORD the honor due unto his Name;
bring offerings and come into his courts.

PSALM 96:8

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

EPHESIANS 5:2

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.

ROMANS 12:1

For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich.

2 CORINTHIANS 8:9

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

1 PETER 2:9

P R O P E R P R E F A C E S

T H E L O R D ' S D A Y

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

A T A N Y T I M E

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is your living Word from before time and for all ages; by him you created all things, and by him you make all things new.

or this

For you are the source of light and life; you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

A D V E N T

Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great glory to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

C H R I S T M A S

Because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary his mother, was made truly man, yet without the stain of sin, that we might be cleansed from sin and given the right to become your children.

EPIPHANY

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who took on our mortal flesh to reveal his glory; that he might bring us out of darkness and into his own glorious light.

PRESENTATION, ANNUNCIATION, *and* TRANFIGURATION

Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

LENT

You bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by your Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which you have prepared for those who love you.

HOLY WEEK

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. For our sins he was lifted high upon the Cross, that he might draw the whole world to himself; and by his suffering and death he became the author of eternal salvation for all who put their trust in him.

MAUNDY THURSDAY

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; and on the night before he suffered, he instituted these holy mysteries; that we, receiving the benefits of his passion and resurrection, might be made partakers of his divine nature.

EASTER

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was offered for us, and has taken away the sin of the world; who by his death has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again has won for us everlasting life.

ASCENSION

Through your dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who after his most glorious resurrection appeared to his Apostles, and in their sight ascended into heaven to prepare a place for us; that where he is, there we might also ascend, and reign with him in glory.

PENTECOST

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; according to whose most true promise, the Holy Spirit came down from heaven, lighting upon the disciples, to teach them and to lead them into all truth, giving them boldness and fervent zeal constantly to preach the Gospel to all nations; by which we have been brought out of darkness and error into the clear light and true knowledge of you, and of your Son Jesus Christ.

TRINITY SUNDAY

Who, with your co-eternal Son and Holy Spirit, are one God, one Lord, in Trinity of Persons and in Unity of Substance. For that which we believe of your glory, O Father, we believe the same of your Son, and of the Holy Spirit, without any difference or inequality.

ALL SAINTS'

For in the multitude of your saints, you have surrounded us with so great a cloud of witnesses that we, rejoicing in their fellowship, may run with patience the race that is set before us, and, together with them, may receive the unfading crown of glory.

CHRIST THE KING

Through your only begotten Son Jesus Christ, the King of kings and Lord of lords; for you have seated him at your right hand in glory, and put all things in subjection under his feet, that he may present them to you, O Father, perfectly restored in beauty, truth, and love.

APOSTLES *and* ORDINATIONS

Through the great shepherd of your flock, Jesus Christ our Lord, who after his resurrection sent forth his apostles to preach the Gospel and to teach all nations, and promised to be with them always, even to the end of the ages.

DEDICATION OF A CHURCH

Through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, in whom we are built up as living stones of a holy temple, that we might offer before you a sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving which is holy and pleasing in your sight.

BAPTISM

Because in Jesus Christ our Lord, you have received us as your sons and daughters, made us citizens of your kingdom, and given us the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth.

HOLY MATRIMONY

Because in the love of wife and husband, you have given us an image of the heavenly Jerusalem, adorned as a bride for her bridegroom, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who loves her and gave himself for her, that he might make the whole creation new.

BURIAL

or COMMEMORATION OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who rose victorious from the dead and comforts us with the blessed hope of everlasting life. For to your faithful people, O Lord, life is changed, not ended; and when our mortal body lies in death, there is prepared for us a dwelling place eternal in the heavens.

PENITENTIAL OCCASIONS

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.

ROGATION DAYS *or THANKSGIVING DAY*

Because the wonders of your Creation reflect your goodness and beauty; and your gifts of sun and rain, seed-time and harvest, manifest your constant love and care for all that you have made.

CANADA DAY *or INDEPENDENCE DAY*

Because you have made us in your image, that we might serve you on earth in freedom, justice, and peace; and have given us the hope of our eternal citizenship with you in your heavenly kingdom.

REMEMBRANCE DAY *or* MEMORIAL DAY

For by the sacrifice of your Son on the Cross, all who turn to him in the tribulation of war will find their peace with him in paradise.

COMMON OF A MARTYR

For the witness of your martyrs, who took up their cross and followed you even unto death, and revealed your power made perfect in human weakness.

COMMON OF A MISSIONARY OR EVANGELIST

For the gifts of your Holy Spirit poured out upon prophets and evangelists, to proclaim the Gospel to the ends of the earth, and to bring all peoples under the reign of Jesus Christ our Lord.

COMMON OF A PASTOR

Through Jesus Christ, the great shepherd of the sheep; in him you call faithful pastors and anoint them with your Holy Spirit, to feed your flock by Word and Sacrament, and to lead them in the way of everlasting life.

COMMON OF A TEACHER OF THE FAITH

For you have imparted gifts of wisdom and knowledge to those who teach the Gospel in word and deed, to build up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God.

COMMON OF A MONASTIC OR RELIGIOUS

For calling to the consecrated life those who leave everything for the sake of your kingdom, and who show forth in this world an anticipation of the abundant life you promise in the age to come.

COMMON OF AN ECUMENIST

Through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; in him you bring us to the knowledge of your truth, and unite us by the bond of one Faith and one Baptism, that we might love one another and manifest your love to the world.

COMMON OF A RENEWER OF SOCIETY

For you never turn away from us, and continually send among us those who seek justice, defend the oppressed, feed the poor, and bind up the brokenhearted.

COMMON OF A REFORMER OF THE CHURCH

For you, the master builder, never abandon your Church, which you have built of living stones; you call your faithful servants to restore its ancient walls and reunite its broken ramparts, that it may be a holy temple of your presence.

COMMON OF ANY COMMEMORATION

For the grace and virtue manifest in [N. and all] your saints, who have been the chosen vessels of your love, and the lights of the world in their generations.

BAPTISM &
CONFIRMATION

C O N C E R N I N G H O L Y B A P T I S M

In Holy Baptism, the outward and visible sign is water, in which candidates are baptized “in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit” (MATTHEW 28:19). The inward and spiritual grace is death to sin and new birth to righteousness, through union with Christ in his death and resurrection (ROMANS 6:1-11).

Holy Baptism is appropriately administered within the Eucharist as the chief service on Sunday or other Holy Day. In this way the Congregation may welcome the newly baptized into Christ’s Church, and may be reminded of the benefits which they themselves received and the profession which they made in Holy Baptism.

The Bishop, when present, is normally the celebrant.

Each candidate for Holy Baptism is to be sponsored by one or more baptized persons, who are themselves committed to Christ and commended by the example of their own holy living. Sponsors of adults and older children present their candidates and thereby signify their endorsement of the candidates and their intention to support them by prayer and encouragement in the Christian life. Sponsors of infants, commonly called godparents, present their candidates, make promises in their own names, and also take vows on behalf of their candidates.

Adults and older children are to be instructed in the meaning of Baptism and the Christian faith. Godparents and sponsoring parents are likewise to be instructed in the meaning of Baptism, in their duties to help new Christians grow in the knowledge and love of God, and in their responsibilities as members of the Church.

The minister shall encourage parents not to defer the Baptism of their children.

H O L Y B A P T I S M

Baptism should be administered as part of the Holy Eucharist on a Sunday or other Holy Day. The most appropriate days for Baptism are the Easter Vigil, the Baptism of Our Lord, Pentecost, and All Saints' Day (or the Sunday after All Saints' Day). The Bishop is the appropriate Celebrant, if present.

A hymn, psalm, or anthem may be sung.

The People standing, the Celebrant says this or a seasonal greeting (pages 145–146)

Blessed be God: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

The Celebrant then continues

There is one Body and one Spirit;

People There is one hope in God's call to us;

Celebrant One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

People One God and Father of all.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And with your spirit.

Celebrant Let us pray.

The Celebrant prays the Collect of the Day.

People Amen.

The liturgy continues with the appointed Lessons. Following the Sermon, the Candidates with their Sponsors stand before the Celebrant.

THE EXHORTATION

The Celebrant then says to the People

Dearly beloved, Scripture teaches that we were all dead in our sins and trespasses, but by grace we may be saved through faith. Our Savior Jesus Christ said, “Unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God”; and he commissioned the Church to “make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.” Here we ask our heavenly Father that *these Candidates*, being baptized with water, may be filled with the Holy Spirit, born again, and received into the Church as *living members* of Christ’s body. Therefore, I urge you to call upon God the Father, through our Lord Jesus Christ, that of his abundant mercy he will grant to *these Candidates* that which by nature *they* cannot have.

THE PRESENTATION

The Celebrant says

The Candidate(s) for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

ADULTS AND OLDER CHILDREN

The Candidates who are able to answer for themselves are presented individually by their Sponsors, using full names as follows

I present N.N. to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

The Celebrant asks Candidates the following

Celebrant Have you already been baptized?

Candidate No.

Celebrant Do you desire to be baptized?

Candidate I do.

INFANTS AND YOUNGER CHILDREN

Then the Candidates who are unable to answer for themselves are presented individually by their Godparents and Sponsoring Parents, using full names, as follows

I present N.N. to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

When the following promises are made by Godparents and Sponsoring Parents of infants or young children, the Celebrant addresses them

Today, on behalf of *this child*, you shall make vows to renounce the devil and all his works, to trust God wholeheartedly, and to serve him faithfully. It is your task to see that *this child is taught*, as soon as *he is able to learn*, the meaning of all these vows, and of the Faith that you will profess as revealed in the Holy Scriptures. *He must come to put his faith in Jesus Christ, and learn the Creeds, the Lord's Prayer, the Ten Commandments, and all other things that a Christian ought to know, believe, and do for the welfare of his soul.* When *he has* embraced all these, *he is to come to the Bishop to be confirmed, that he may publicly claim the Faith for his own and be further strengthened by the Holy Spirit to serve Christ and his kingdom.*

Are you willing and ready to undertake this?

Godparents and Sponsoring Parents

I am, the Lord being my helper.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

The Celebrant then examines the Candidates who can speak for themselves, and the Godparents and Sponsoring Parents who will speak on behalf of infants or young children, saying

Question Do you renounce the devil and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Answer **I renounce them.**

Question Do you renounce the empty promises and deadly deceits of this world that corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Answer **I renounce them.**

Question Do you renounce the sinful desires of the flesh that draw you from the love of God?

Answer **I renounce them.**

The Celebrant prays over the Candidate(s) and may anoint each Candidate with the Oil of Exorcism, saying

Almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness and evil, and lead you into the light and obedience of the kingdom of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Celebrant continues

Question Do you turn to Jesus Christ and confess him as your Lord and Savior?

Answer **I do.**

Question Do you joyfully receive the Christian Faith, as revealed in the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments?

Answer **I do.**

Question Will you obediently keep God's holy will and commandments, and walk in them all the days of your life?

Answer I will, the Lord being my helper.

The Celebrant then addresses the Congregation, first inviting them to stand.

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support *these persons* in *their* life in Christ?

The Congregation responds

We will.

The Celebrant then says

Let us join with *these Candidates* to proclaim our faith in the words of the ancient baptismal confession, the Apostles' Creed.

Celebrant Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

People I do.

I believe in God the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Celebrant Do you believe and trust in Jesus Christ?

People I do.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Celebrant Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

People I do.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

LITANY FOR THE CANDIDATES

The Deacon, or other person appointed, may say

Let us now pray for *these Candidates* who *are* to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

| That *these children* may come to confess their faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.

We beseech you to hear us, Good Lord.

That *all these Candidates* may continue in the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers.

We beseech you to hear us, Good Lord.

That *they* may walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which *they have* been called, ever growing in faith and all heavenly virtues.

We beseech you to hear us, Good Lord.

That *they* may persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever *they fall* into sin, repent and return to the Lord.

We beseech you to hear us, Good Lord.

That *they* may proclaim by word and deed the Good News of God in Christ Jesus to a lost and broken world.

We beseech you to hear us, Good Lord.

That as *living members* of the Body of Christ, *they* may grow up in every way into him who is the head.

We beseech you to hear us, Good Lord.

That, looking to Jesus, *they* may run with endurance the race set before *them*, and at the last receive the unfading crown of glory.

We beseech you to hear us, Good Lord.

Other petitions may be added.

PRAYER FOR THE CANDIDATES

The Celebrant now prays for the Candidate(s) as follows

Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting Father, in your great mercy you saved Noah and his family in the Ark from the destruction of the flood, prefiguring the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. Look mercifully upon *these* your servants. Wash and sanctify *them* through your Holy Spirit, that *they* may be delivered from destruction and received into the Ark of Christ's Church; and being steadfast in faith, joyful through hope, and rooted in love, *they* may pass through the turbulent floods of this troublesome world and come into the land of everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

If there is a procession to the baptismal font, a psalm, anthem, or hymn may be sung.

The Deacon, or the Celebrant, pours the water for Baptism.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And with your spirit.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them up to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

The Celebrant continues

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John in the River Jordan when the Holy Spirit descended upon him as a dove.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are made regenerate by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Here the Celebrant touches the water and says

Now, Father, sanctify this water by the power of your Holy Spirit. May all who are baptized here be cleansed from sin, be born again, and continue for ever faithful in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

T H E B A P T I S M

The Celebrant may say to the Sponsors

Name this *Candidate/Child*.

Then the Celebrant immerses the Candidate or pours water upon the Candidate three times, saying

N., I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Celebrant makes the sign of the Cross upon the forehead of the newly baptized (and may use the Oil of Chrism to do so), saying

N., receive the sign of the Cross as a token of your new life in Christ, in which you shall not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified, to fight bravely under his banner against the world, the flesh, and the devil, and to continue as his faithful soldier and servant to the end of your days. Amen.

or this

N., you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. Amen.

If garments or candles are presented, they are given here.

When all have been baptized and signed the Celebrant says

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon *these* your *servants* the forgiveness of sin, received *them* as your own *children* by adoption, made *them* members of your holy Church, and raised *them* to the new life of grace. Sustain *them*, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit, that *they* may enjoy everlasting salvation through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Celebrant continues

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

Celebrant and People

We receive you into the fellowship of the Church.
Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his
resurrection, and share with us in the royal priesthood
of all his people.

The Peace is now exchanged.

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And with your spirit.

The liturgy continues with Communion, beginning at the Offertory.

A D D I T I O N A L D I R E C T I O N S

In the absence of a Bishop, a Priest is the celebrant and presides at the liturgy. If a Priest uses Chrism in signing the newly baptized, it must have been previously consecrated by the Bishop.

In the absence of a Bishop or Priest, the Bishop may specially authorize and delegate a Deacon to preside. In that case, the Deacon omits the Prayer for the Candidates, the Thanksgiving over the Water, and the anointing with Chrism. These omitted portions of the rite may be administered on some subsequent occasion of public Baptism at which a Bishop or Priest presides.

If desired, the Collect for Purity, the Summary of the Law (or the Decalogue), the *Kyrie* (or the *Trisagion*), and the *Gloria in excelsis* may be inserted immediately after the opening versicles (ending with “One God and Father of all”) and before the salutation, “The Lord be with you.” If a Confession of Sin is desired, it may be inserted after the Summary of the Law (or the Decalogue).

The Litany for the Candidates serves as the Prayers of the People.

If the Presentation of the Candidates does not take place at the font, then the ministers, candidates, and sponsors go to the font for the Thanksgiving over the Water. If the movement to the font is a formal procession, a suitable psalm (such as Psalm 42), or a hymn or anthem, may be sung.

Where practicable, the font is to be filled with clean water immediately before the Thanksgiving over the Water.

At the Thanksgiving over the Water, and at the administration of Baptism, the Celebrant, whenever possible, should face the People across the Font, and the Sponsors should be so grouped that the People may have a clear view of the action.

In the Thanksgiving over the Water, the words “made regenerate” may be replaced by the words “born again.” Regeneration is a Biblical word (“the washing of regeneration,” *TITUS 3:5*), and it appears in the Thirty-Nine Articles (IX and XXVII).

After the Baptism and signing, and prior to the giving of the candle (if there be one), a white garment may be placed upon the newly baptized. The Celebrant says, “Receive this white garment as a token of the righteousness given you by God’s grace in this Sacrament of Baptism, and as a sign that you should always give yourself to holy living for the glory of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.”

The Deacon or Celebrant may light a candle from the Paschal Candle and give it to the newly baptized, saying, “*N*, receive the light of our Lord Jesus Christ who said: ‘I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.’”

If there is no celebration of the Holy Eucharist, the liturgy continues with the Lord’s Prayer. Other appropriate prayers may be added. The liturgy concludes with a blessing or an appropriate verse of Scripture.

CONDITIONAL BAPTISM

If there is reasonable doubt that a person has been baptized with water "in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit," the person is baptized in the usual manner, but this form of words is used.

If you are not already baptized, *N.*, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

EMERGENCY BAPTISM

In case of emergency, any baptized person may administer Baptism, using the given name of the one baptized (if known), and pouring water on him or her, saying,

N., I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

The Lord's Prayer is then said. Other prayers may be added.

The person who administers emergency Baptism should inform the Priest of the appropriate Congregation, so that the fact can be properly recorded. If the baptized person recovers, the Baptism should be recognized at a public celebration of the Sacrament with a Bishop or Priest presiding, and the person baptized under emergency conditions, together with the Sponsors or Godparents, taking part in everything except the administration of the water.

P R E F A C E T O C O N F I R M A T I O N

The Anglican Church requires a public and personal profession of the Faith from every adult believer in Jesus Christ. Confirmation or Reception by a Bishop is its liturgical expression. Confirmation is clearly grounded in Scripture: the Apostles prayed for, and laid their hands on those who had already been baptized (2 TIMOTHY 1:6-7; ACTS 8:14-17; 19:6).

In Confirmation, through the Bishop's laying on of hands and prayer for daily increase in the Holy Spirit, God strengthens the believer for Christian life in the service of Christ and his kingdom. Grace is God's gift, and we pray that he will pour out his Holy Spirit on those who have already been made his children by adoption and grace in Baptism.

At the direction of the Bishop, and after public reaffirmation of their baptismal promises, those having made adult professions of faith in other Christian traditions (including those confirmed in other traditions) are *received* into the Anglican Church with prayer and the laying on of hands by a Bishop.

Confirmed believers who are already members of this Church (including those received from other traditions as above, those returning to active Christian discipleship after lapsing, and those experiencing a renewal of Christian commitment or significant life transition) may also *reaffirm* the pledges made to Christ and his Church with prayer and the laying on of hands by a Bishop.

CONFIRMATION, RECEPTION, *and* REAFFIRMATION

with the Laying on of Hands by the Bishop

A hymn, psalm, or anthem may be sung.

The People standing, the Celebrant says this or a seasonal greeting (pages 145–146)

- Bishop* The Lord will pour out his Spirit upon all flesh,
People And your sons and daughters shall prophesy.
Bishop Your old men shall dream dreams,
People And your young men shall see visions.
Bishop You shall know that the Lord is in the midst of his people,
People That he is the Lord and there is none else.
Bishop And it shall come to pass
People That everyone who calls on the Name of the Lord
shall be saved.

JOEL 2:27–28, 32T; ACTS 2:17, 21^T

- Bishop* The Lord be with you.
People And with your spirit.
Bishop Let us pray.

The Celebrant prays the Collect of the Day.

People Amen.

The liturgy continues with the Lessons as directed in the Eucharist. Following the Nicene Creed, the Candidates are presented.

THE PRESENTATION, EXHORTATION AND EXAMINATION

Only a Bishop may confirm. The Bishop customarily sits in a chair in front of the Altar Table. The Candidates and Presenters stand facing the Bishop as their Presenters say

*Presenters Reverend Father in God, we present *these persons* to receive the laying on of hands.*

Bishop Have they been adequately prepared?

Presenters They have.

The Bishop then says

Dearly beloved, it is essential that those who wish to be Confirmed or Received in this Church publicly confess Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior; become his disciples; know and affirm the Nicene Creed, the Lord's Prayer, and the Ten Commandments; and have received instruction in the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments and the Catechism of the Church. God's grace is imparted in Baptism, through which we are made God's children by adoption and given the Holy Spirit. By the power of the Spirit, manifested in gifts and fruit, we are enabled to be God's people for the sake of the world.

Now, *these Candidates desire* publicly to confess *their* faith in Jesus Christ as Savior and *their* commitment to follow him as Lord.

They also desire the strengthening of grace through the laying on of hands, that the Holy Spirit may fill *them* more and more for *their* ministry in the Church and in the world.

The Bishop then addresses the Candidates

Do you, here in the presence of God and the Church, renew the solemn promises and vows made at your

Baptism and commit to keep them?

Candidates I do.

Bishop Do you renounce the devil and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Candidates I renounce them.

Bishop Do you renounce the empty promises and deadly deceits of this world that corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Candidates I renounce them.

Bishop Do you renounce the sinful desires of the flesh that draw you from the love of God?

Candidates I renounce them.

Bishop Do you turn to Jesus Christ and confess him as your Lord and Savior?

Candidates I do.

Bishop Do you joyfully receive the Christian Faith, as revealed in the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments?

Candidates I do.

Bishop Will you obediently keep God's holy will and commandments, and walk in them all the days of your life?

Candidates I will, the Lord being my helper.

The Bishop addresses the Congregation, saying

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

The Congregation responds

We will.

PRAYER AND THE LAYING ON OF HANDS

The Bishop stands and says

Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we beseech you to strengthen *these* your servants for witness and ministry through the power of your Holy Spirit. Daily increase in *them* your manifold virtues of grace: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and true godliness, and the spirit of holy fear, now and for ever. Amen.

FOR CONFIRMATION

Each Confirmand kneels in front of the Bishop. The Bishop, then laying his hands upon the person's head, prays

Defend, O Lord, this your servant *N.* with your heavenly grace, that *he* may continue yours for ever, and daily increase in your Holy Spirit more and more until *he* comes into the fullness of your everlasting kingdom.

People **Amen.**

Or this

Strengthen, O Lord, with your Holy Spirit, your servant *N.*; empower *him* for your service; and sustain *him* all the days of *his* life.

People **Amen.**

FOR RECEPTION

Those having made adult professions of faith in other Christian traditions are Received with the laying on of hands as follows.

Strengthen, O Lord, with your Holy Spirit, your servant *N.*, whom we recognize as a member of the One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church, and receive into the fellowship of this Communion. Empower *him* for your service, and sustain *him* all the days of *his* life.

People Amen.

FOR REAFFIRMATION

The Bishop may also accept with the laying on of hands the Reaffirmation of vows by a person who has previously been Confirmed or Received in this Church.

N., the Holy Spirit, who has begun a good work in you, direct and empower you by his grace, that you may continue in the service of our Lord Jesus Christ all the days of your life.

People Amen.

The Bishop may make the sign of the Cross with the Oil of Chrism on the forehead of any receiving the laying on of hands, and may say

N., I sign you with the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

CONCLUDING PRAYER AFTER THE LAYING ON OF HANDS

The Bishop then says

Almighty and everliving God, let your fatherly hand ever be upon *these* your *servants*; let your Holy Spirit ever be with *them*; and so lead *them* in the knowledge and obedience of your Holy Word, that *they* may faithfully serve you in this life, and joyfully dwell with you in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Peace is now exchanged.

Bishop The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And with your spirit.

At the conclusion of the Liturgy, the following blessing may be used.

Go forth into the world in peace, be of good courage, and fight the good fight of faith, that you may finish your course with joy; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. Amen.

A D D I T I O N A L D I R E C T I O N S

If desired, the Collect for Purity, the Summary of the Law (or the Decalogue), the *Kyrie* (or the *Trisagion*), and the *Gloria in excelsis* may be inserted immediately after the opening versicles and before the salutation, “The Lord be with you.” If a Confession of Sin is desired, it may be inserted after the Summary of the Law (or the Decalogue).

It is particularly appropriate that parents, godparents, or others of godly influence be Presenters.

The Prayers of the People are not used in this Liturgy. However, the Bishop may invite intercessions at an appropriate time.

If there is no celebration of the Holy Eucharist, the liturgy continues with the Lord’s Prayer. Other appropriate prayers may be added.

Those who have been Received with the laying on of hands according to this liturgy are considered to have been Confirmed in this Church.

H O L Y B A P T I S M
with
C O N F I R M A T I O N , R E C E P T I O N ,
and
R E A F F I R M A T I O N

This rite is used whenever Baptisms and Confirmations occur together. The Bishop is the Celebrant. Except at the Easter Vigil, the rite follows the Sermon. This form may be used at the Easter Vigil in accordance with the rubrics and Additional Directions for that service.

The Candidates with their Sponsors stand before the Bishop. The Bishop customarily sits in a chair in front of the Altar Table.

T H E P R E S E N T A T I O N

The Bishop says

The Candidate(s) for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

A D U L T S A N D O L D E R C H I L D R E N

The Candidates who are able to answer for themselves are presented individually by their Sponsors, using full names as follows

I present *N.N.* to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

The Bishop asks Candidates the following

Bishop Have you already been baptized?
Candidate No.

Bishop Do you desire to be baptized?
Candidate I do.

INFANTS AND YOUNGER CHILDREN

Then the Candidates who are unable to answer for themselves are presented individually by their Godparents and Sponsoring Parents, using full names, as follows

I present N.N. to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

When the following promises are made by Godparents and Sponsoring Parents of infants or young children, the Bishop addresses them

Today, on behalf of *this child*, you shall make vows to renounce the devil and all his works, to trust God wholeheartedly, and to serve him faithfully. It is your task to see that *this child* is taught, as soon as *he* is able to learn, the meaning of all these vows, and of the Faith that you will profess as revealed in the Holy Scriptures. *He* must come to put *his* faith in Jesus Christ, and learn the Creeds, the Lord's Prayer, the Ten Commandments, and all other things that a Christian ought to know, believe, and do for the welfare of *his soul*. When *he has* embraced all these, *he is* to come to the Bishop to be confirmed, that *he may* publicly claim the Faith for *his own* and be further strengthened by the Holy Spirit to serve Christ and his kingdom.

Are you willing and ready to undertake this?

Godparents and Sponsoring Parents

I am, the Lord being my helper.

ADULTS SEEKING THE LAYING ON OF HANDS

The Bishop says

The candidate(s) for *Confirmation, Reception and Reaffirmation* will now be presented.

The Candidate(s) and Presenters stand facing the Bishop as their Presenters say

Presenters Reverend Father in God, we present these persons to receive the laying on of hands.

Bishop Have they been adequately prepared?

Presenters They have.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

The Bishop examines all the Candidates, together with any Godparents and Sponsoring Parents, saying

Question Do you renounce the devil and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you renounce the empty promises and deadly deceptions of this world that corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you renounce the sinful desires of the flesh that draw you from the love of God?

Answer I renounce them.

The Bishop then prays over the Baptismal Candidate(s) and may anoint each Candidate with the Oil of Exorcism, saying

Almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness and evil, and lead you into the light and obedience of the kingdom of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Bishop continues

Question Do you turn to Jesus Christ and confess him as your Lord and Savior?

Answer I do.

Question Do you joyfully receive the Christian Faith, as revealed in the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments?

Answer I do.

Question Will you obediently keep God's holy will and commandments, and walk in them all the days of your life?

Answer I will, the Lord being my helper.

The Bishop addresses the Congregation, saying

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support *these persons in their* life in Christ?

We will.

The Bishop then says

Let us join with *these Candidates* to proclaim our faith in the words of the ancient baptismal confession, the Apostles' Creed.

Bishop Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

People I do.

I believe in God the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

Bishop Do you believe and trust in Jesus Christ?

People I do.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Bishop
People Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

I do.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER FOR THE CANDIDATES FOR HOLY BAPTISM

The Bishop now prays for the baptismal Candidates as follows

Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting Father, in your great mercy you saved Noah and his family in the Ark from the destruction of the flood, prefiguring the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. Look mercifully upon *these your servants*. Wash and sanctify *them* through your Holy Spirit, that *they* may be delivered from destruction and received into the Ark of Christ's Church; and being steadfast in faith, joyful through hope, and rooted in love, *they* may pass through the turbulent floods of this troublesome world and come into the land of everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

If there is a procession to the baptismal font, a psalm, anthem, or hymn may be sung.

The Deacon, or the Bishop, pours the water for Baptism.

- Bishop* The Lord be with you.
People And with your spirit.
Bishop Lift up your hearts.
People We lift them up to the Lord.
Bishop Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

The Bishop continues

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John in the River Jordan when the Holy Spirit descended upon him as a dove.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are made regenerate by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Here the Bishop touches the water and says

Now, Father, sanctify this water by the power of your Holy Spirit. May all who are baptized here be cleansed from sin, be born again, and continue for ever faithful in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE BAPTISM

The Bishop may say to the Sponsors,

Name this *Candidate/Child.*

Then the Bishop immerses the Candidate or pours water upon the Candidate three times, saying

N., I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Bishop makes the sign of the Cross upon the forehead of the newly baptized (and may use the Oil of Chrism to do so), saying

N., receive the sign of the Cross as a token of your new life in Christ, in which you shall not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified, to fight bravely under his banner against the world, the flesh, and the devil, and to continue as his faithful soldier and servant to the end of your days. Amen.

or this

N., you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. Amen.

If garments or candles are presented, they are given here.

When all have been baptized and signed the Bishop says

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon *these* your *servants* the forgiveness of sin, received *them* as your own *children* by adoption, made *them* members of your holy Church, and raised *them* to the new life of grace. Sustain *them*, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit, that *they* may enjoy everlasting salvation through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Bishop continues

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

Bishop and People

We receive you into the fellowship of the Church. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in the royal priesthood of all his people.

THE CONFIRMATIONS, RECEPTIONS AND REAFFIRMATIONS

The Bishop continues

Let us now pray for those who have made an adult profession of Faith and who seek the laying on of hands.

Almighty and everliving God, we beseech you to strengthen these your servants for witness and ministry through the power of your Holy Spirit. Daily increase in them your manifold virtues of grace: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and true godliness, and the spirit of holy fear, now and for ever. Amen.

FOR CONFIRMATION

Each confirmand kneels in front of the Bishop. The Bishop, then laying his hands upon the person's head, prays

Defend, O Lord, this your servant *N.* with your heavenly grace, that *he* may continue yours for ever, and daily increase in your Holy Spirit more and more until *he* comes into the fullness of your everlasting kingdom.

People Amen.

Or this

Strengthen, O Lord, with your Holy Spirit, your servant *N.*; empower *him* for your service; and sustain *him* all the days of *his* life.

People Amen.

FOR RECEPTION

Those having made adult professions of faith in other Christian traditions are Received with the laying on of hands as follows.

Strengthen, O Lord, with your Holy Spirit, your servant *N.*, whom we recognize as a member of the One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church, and receive into the fellowship of this Communion. Empower *him* for your service, and sustain *him* all the days of *his* life.

People Amen.

FOR REAFFIRMATION

The Bishop may also accept with the laying on of hands the Reaffirmation of vows by a person who has previously been Confirmed or Received in this Church.

N., the Holy Spirit, who has begun a good work in you, direct and empower you by his grace, that you may continue in the service of our Lord Jesus Christ all the days of your life.

People Amen.

The Bishop may make the sign of the Cross with the Oil of Chrism on the forehead of any receiving the laying on of hands, and may say

N., I sign you with the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

CONCLUDING PRAYER AFTER THE LAYING ON OF HANDS

The Bishop then says

Almighty and everliving God, let your fatherly hand ever be upon *these* your servants; let your Holy Spirit ever be with *them*; and so lead *them* in the knowledge and obedience of your Holy Word, that *they* may faithfully serve you in this life, and joyfully dwell with you in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

At a liturgy other than the Easter Vigil, the Exchange of the Peace and Offertory follow.

At the conclusion of the Liturgy, the following blessing may be used.

Go forth into the world in peace, be of good courage, and fight the good fight of faith, that you may finish your course with joy; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. Amen.

A D D I T I O N A L D I R E C T I O N S

It is particularly appropriate that parents, godparents, or others of godly influence be Presenters at Confirmation.

The Prayers of the People are not used in this Liturgy. However, the Bishop may invite intercessions at an appropriate time.

After the Baptism and signing, and prior to the giving of the candle (if there be one), a white garment may be placed upon the newly baptized. The Bishop says, "Receive this white garment as a token of the righteousness given you by God's grace in this Sacrament of Baptism, and as a sign that you should always give yourself to holy living for the glory of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."

The Deacon or Bishop may light a candle from the Paschal Candle and give it to the newly baptized, saying, "N., receive the light of our Lord Jesus Christ who said: 'I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.'"

Those who have been Received with the laying on of hands according to this liturgy are considered to have been Confirmed in this Church.

RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

If there are no baptisms or confirmations at the Easter Vigil, the Renewal of Baptismal Vows takes place after the Service of Lessons or the Sermon. On other occasions, the Renewal of Vows follows the Sermon. The Nicene Creed is not said.

The people stand. The Celebrant addresses the Congregation in these or similar words

Through the Paschal mystery, dear friends, we are buried with Christ by Baptism into his death, and raised with him to newness of life. I call upon you, therefore, [now that our Lenten observance is ended,] to renew the solemn promises and vows of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced the devil and all his works, and promised to serve God faithfully in his one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

Do you, here in the presence of God and the Church, renew the solemn promises and vows made at your Baptism and commit yourself to keep them?

People **I do.**

Celebrant Do you renounce the devil and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

People **I renounce them.**

- Celebrant* Do you renounce the empty promises and deadly deceptions of this world that corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?
- People* **I renounce them.**
- Celebrant* Do you renounce the sinful desires of the flesh that draw you from the love of God?
- People* **I renounce them.**
- Celebrant* Do you turn to Jesus Christ and confess him as your Lord and Savior?
- People* **I do.**
- Celebrant* Do you joyfully receive the Christian Faith, as revealed in the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments?
- People* **I do.**
- Celebrant* Will you obediently keep God's holy will and commandments, and walk in them all the days of your life?
- People* **I will, the Lord being my helper.**

The Celebrant continues

Let us now reaffirm our faith in the words of the ancient baptismal confession, the Apostles' Creed.

- Celebrant* Do you believe and trust in God the Father?
- People* **I do.**
- I believe in God the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**
- Celebrant* Do you believe and trust in Jesus Christ?
- People* **I do.**
- I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Celebrant
People Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

I do.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Celebrant concludes the Renewal of Vows as follows

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have built your Church upon the foundation of the Apostles and Prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone: Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their doctrine, that we may be made a holy temple acceptable to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.

Except in the Easter Vigil, the liturgy continues with the Prayers of the People.

P A S T O R A L R I T E S

C O N C E R N I N G P R E P A R A T I O N F O R H O L Y M A T R I M O N Y

Marriage is a lifelong covenant between a man and a woman, binding both to self-giving love and exclusive fidelity. The rite of Holy Matrimony is a worship service of the Church, in which the couple exchanges vows to uphold this covenant. They do this before God and in the presence of witnesses, who pray that God will bless their life together.

The covenantal union of man and woman in marriage signifies the communion between Christ, the heavenly bridegroom, and the Church, his holy bride (*EPHESIANS 5:32*). While all do not marry, Holy Matrimony symbolizes the union all Christians share with their Lord.

In Holy Matrimony, God establishes and blesses the covenant between husband and wife, and joins them to live together in a communion of love, faithfulness, and peace within the fellowship of Christ and his Church. God enables all married people to grow in love, wisdom, and godliness through a common life patterned on the sacrificial love of Christ.

Great care should be taken to prepare all candidates for Holy Matrimony.

In preparing couples for Holy Matrimony, the clergy should comply with their Provincial and Diocesan Canons, and any Diocesan Customaries. The canons expect that both candidates are baptized. It is also the responsibility of the clergy to understand local law and to consult with the Bishop should they believe themselves compelled by law to act in a manner contrary to the teaching or canons of this Church.

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

The ancient custom of announcing the wedding publicly at least three times, also known as the “Banns of Marriage,” bids the prayers and support of the community. This speaks to the great necessity for the whole body of Christ to support those joined in Holy Matrimony and their witness in Church and in society.

If the Banns are published, it shall be in the following form:

“I publish the Banns of Marriage between *N.N.*, and *N.N.*, and I bid your prayers on their behalf. If any of you know cause, or just impediment, why these two persons should not be joined together in Holy Matrimony, you are to declare it. This is the first [second *or* third] time of asking.”

DECLARATION OF INTENTION

The text of the Declaration of Intention, to be signed and dated by both parties prior to the marriage, reads as follows:

"We, N.N. and N.N., desiring to receive the blessing of Holy Matrimony in the Church, do solemnly declare that we hold marriage to be a lifelong union of husband and wife as it is set forth in the Book of Common Prayer. We believe it is established by God for the procreation of children, and their nurture in the knowledge and love of the Lord; for mutual joy, and for the help and comfort given one another in prosperity and adversity; to maintain purity, so that husbands and wives, with all the household of God, might serve as holy and undefiled members of the Body of Christ; and for the upbuilding of Christ's kingdom in family, church, and society, to the praise of his holy Name. We do engage ourselves, so far as in us lies, to make our utmost effort to establish this relationship and to seek God's help thereto."

It may also be appropriate to conduct the signing of the Declaration of Intention during a public liturgy, to signify that the betrothal has taken place and that both parties have agreed to be prepared by the Church for Holy Matrimony, and to bid the prayers of the Congregation.

A brief liturgy for the signing of the Declaration of Intention appears on page 213.

H O L Y M A T R I M O N Y

At the time appointed, the persons to be married, with their witnesses and guests, assemble in the church or some other authorized place.

During their entrance, a hymn, psalm, or anthem may be sung, or instrumental music may be played.

Then the Officiant, facing the people and the persons to be married, with the woman to the right and the man to the left, addresses the Congregation saying

Dearly beloved: We have gathered together in the presence of God to witness and bless the joining together of this man and this woman in Holy Matrimony.

Almighty God established the bond and covenant of marriage in creation as a sign of the mystical union between Christ and his Church. Our Lord Jesus Christ adorned this manner of life by his presence and first miracle at a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and it is commended by Holy Scripture to be held in honor among all people.

The union of husband and wife in heart, body, and mind was ordained by God: for the procreation of children and their nurture in the knowledge and love of the Lord; for mutual joy, and for the help and comfort given one another in prosperity and adversity; to maintain purity, so that husbands

and wives, with all the household of God, might serve as holy and undefiled members of the Body of Christ; and for the upbuilding of Christ's kingdom in family, church, and society, to the praise of his holy Name.

Therefore, marriage is not to be entered into unadvisedly or lightly, but reverently, deliberately, and in accordance with the purposes for which it was ordained by Almighty God.

Into this holy union *N.N.* and *N.N.* now come to be joined. If any of you can show just cause why they may not be married in accordance with God's Word, speak now; or else for ever hold your peace.

The Officiant then continues, saying to the persons to be married

I require and charge you both, in the Name of God, from whom no secrets are hid, that if either of you know any impediment why you may not be married rightly, you do now confess it; being assured that those who are joined contrary to God's Word are not truly united in Holy Matrimony.

The Officiant says to the Man

N., will you have this woman to be your wife; to live together out of reverence for Christ in the covenant of Holy Matrimony? Will you love her, honor her, comfort and keep her, in sickness and in health; and, forsaking all others, be faithful to her as long as you both shall live?

The Man answers

I will.

The Officiant says to the Woman

N., will you have this man to be your husband; to live together out of reverence for Christ in the covenant of Holy Matrimony? Will you honor him, love him, comfort and keep him, in sickness and in health; and, forsaking all others, be faithful to him as long as you both shall live?

The Woman answers

I will.

The Officiant then addresses the Congregation, saying

Will all of you witnessing these promises do all in your power to uphold this man and this woman in their marriage?

People We will.

If there is to be a Presentation, the Officiant asks the following, or some other suitable question.

Who presents *N.* [and *N.*] for Holy Matrimony?

Response We do.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Celebrant says to the People

The Lord be with you.

People And with your spirit.

Officiant Let us pray.

O gracious and everliving God, you have created us male and female in your image: Look mercifully upon this man and this woman who come to you seeking your blessing, and assist them with your grace, that with true fidelity and steadfast love they may honor and keep the promises and vows they make; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE LESSONS

One or more of the following passages is read.

GENESIS 1:26-28 (*Male and female he created them*)

GENESIS 2:4-9, 15-24 (*A man holds fast to his wife and they become one flesh*)

SONG OF SOLOMON 2:10-13; 8:6-7 (*Many waters cannot quench love*)

TOBIT 8:5B-8 (*That she and I may grow old together*)

Between the Lessons, a Psalm, hymn, or anthem may be sung or said.

Appropriate Psalms are 45, 67, 127, or 128.

1 CORINTHIANS 13:1-13 (*Love is patient and kind*)

EPHESIANS 3:14-19 (*The Father from whom every family is named*)

EPHESIANS 5:1-2, 21-33 (*Walk in love, as Christ loved us*)

COLOSSIANS 3:12-17 (*Love which binds everything together in harmony*)

1 JOHN 4:7-16 (*Let us love one another, for love is of God*)

MATTHEW 5:1-10 (*The Beatitudes*)

MATTHEW 5:13-16 (*You are the light . . . Let your light shine*)

MATTHEW 7:24-29 (*Like a wise man who built his house on the rock*)

MARK 10:6-16 (*They are no longer two but one*)

JOHN 2:1-11 (*The wedding at Cana*)

JOHN 15:9-12 (*Love one another as I have loved you*)

If Communion is to follow, a passage from the Gospels always concludes the Lessons. At a Eucharist, all stand, and the Deacon or Minister appointed says

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to _____.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

After the Gospel, the Reader says

The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

T H E S E R M O N

T H E M A R R I A G E

The Man, facing the Woman and taking her right hand in his, says

In the Name of God, I, N., take you, N., to be my wife, to have and to hold from this day forward, for better for worse, for richer for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, until we are parted by death, according to God's holy Word. This is my solemn vow.

Then they loose their hands, and the Woman, still facing the Man, takes his right hand in hers, and says

In the Name of God, I, N., take you, N., to be my husband, to have and to hold from this day forward, for better for worse, for richer for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, until we are parted by death, according to God's holy Word. This is my solemn vow.

They loose their hands. If there is to be an exchange of rings, the Bishop or Priest may ask God's blessing on a ring or rings as follows

Bless, O Lord, *this ring* to be *a sign* of the vows by which this man and this woman have bound themselves to each other; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The giver places the ring on the ring-finger of the other's left hand and says

N., I give you this ring as a symbol of my vow, and with all that I am, and all that I have, I honor you, in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Officiant then joins the right hands of the husband and wife, and says

Now that *N.* and *N.* have given themselves to each other by solemn vows, with the joining of hands [and the giving and receiving of *a ring*], I pronounce that they are husband and wife, in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Those whom God has joined together let no one put asunder.

People Amen.

THE PRAYERS

If Communion is to follow, the Lord's Prayer may be omitted here.

All standing, the Officiant says

Let us pray together in the words our Savior taught us.

People and Officiant

Our Father, who art in heaven,
 hallowed be thy Name,
 thy kingdom come,
 thy will be done,
 on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.

Our Father in heaven,
 hallowed be your Name,
 your kingdom come,
 your will be done,
 on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

And forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.

The Deacon or other person appointed reads the following or other suitable prayers.

Let us pray, saying, "Hear our prayer."

Eternal God, creator and preserver of all life, author of salvation, and giver of all grace: Look with favor upon this man and this woman whom you make one flesh in Holy Matrimony, and enable them to fulfill the vows they have made.

Reader Lord, in your mercy:

People Hear our prayer.

Grant them wisdom and devotion in the ordering of their common life, that each may be to the other a partner in prayer, a strength in need, a counselor in perplexity, a comfort in sorrow, and a companion in joy.

Reader Lord, in your mercy:

People Hear our prayer.

Grant that their wills may be so knit together in your will, and their spirits in your Spirit, that they may grow in love and devotion to you and with one another all the days of their lives.

Reader Lord, in your mercy:

People Hear our prayer.

Give them courage, when they hurt each other, to recognize and acknowledge their faults, to seek your forgiveness, and to forgive and be reconciled to one another.

Reader Lord, in your mercy:
People **Hear our prayer.**

May their union in Holy Matrimony be a sign of the love between Christ and his Church, and a joyful witness to the world.

Reader Lord, in your mercy:
People **Hear our prayer.**

Bestow upon them, if it be your will, the gift and heritage of children, and the grace to bring them up to know you, to love you, and to serve you.

Reader Lord, in your mercy:
People **Hear our prayer.**

Grant that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace.

Reader Lord, in your mercy:
People **Hear our prayer.**

Give them such grace that together they may reach out in love and concern for others; and grant that all married persons who have witnessed these vows may find their lives strengthened and their loyalties confirmed.

Reader Lord, in your mercy:
People **Hear our prayer.**

Grant these our prayers, O Father, who with your Son and the Holy Spirit live and reign in perfect unity, now and for ever.
Amen.

THE BLESSING OF THE MARRIAGE

The Husband and Wife kneel, and the Officiant says

Most gracious God, we give you thanks for your tender love in sending Jesus Christ to come among us, to be born of a human mother, and to make the way of the Cross to be the way of life. We thank you, also, for consecrating the union of man and woman in his Name. By the power of your Holy Spirit, pour out the abundance of your blessing upon this man and this woman. Defend them from every enemy. Lead them into all peace. Let their love for each other be a seal upon their hearts, a mantle about their shoulders, and a crown upon their foreheads. Bless them in their work and in their companionship; in their sleeping and in their waking; in their joys and in their sorrows; in their life and in their death. In your mercy, bring them to your heavenly banquet where your saints feast for ever at the great marriage supper of the Lamb; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Husband and Wife still kneeling, the Bishop or Priest adds this nuptial blessing.

God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit, bless, preserve, and keep you; the Lord mercifully with his favor look upon you, and fill you with all spiritual benediction and grace; that you may faithfully live together in this life, and in the age to come have life everlasting. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

The Officiant may say to the People

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.
People And with your spirit.

The newly married couple may then exchange the Kiss of Peace, after which greetings may be exchanged throughout the Congregation.

When Communion is not to follow, the wedding party leaves the church. A hymn, psalm, or anthem may be sung, or instrumental music may be played.

When there is Communion, the liturgy continues with the Offertory, at which the newly married couple, or members of their family, may present the offerings of bread and wine.

The Proper Preface of Holy Matrimony is used (page 156).

At the Communion, it is appropriate that the newly married couple receive Communion first, after the Ministers, and then be seated in a place suitable to allow others to receive Communion.

The following Post Communion Prayer is used.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

O God, the giver of all that is true and lovely and gracious: we thank you for binding us together in these holy mysteries of the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ, uniting us with him, and giving us a foretaste of the great marriage supper of the Lamb. Grant that by your Holy Spirit, *N.* and *N.*, now joined in Holy Matrimony, may become one in heart and soul, live in fidelity and peace, and obtain those eternal joys prepared for all who love you; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A D D I T I O N A L D I R E C T I O N S

The entrance of the principals at Holy Matrimony may consist of two processions, one of the groom and one of the bride, or of a single procession or gathering. The father of the bride, or another appointed family member, may serve as the representative of both families in presenting the couple for Holy Matrimony.

In place of the examination of the man and the woman given in this liturgy (on pages 202–203), the following questions based on the 1662 *Book of Common Prayer* may be substituted:

The Officiant says to the Man

N. will you have this woman to be your wedded wife, to live together after God's ordinance in the holy estate of Matrimony? Will you love her, comfort her, honor, and keep her in sickness and in health; and, forsaking all others, keep yourself unto her alone, so long as you both shall live?

The Man answers

I will.

The Officiant says to the Woman

N. will you have this man to be your wedded husband, to live together after God's ordinance in the holy estate of Matrimony? Will you obey him and serve him, love, honor, and keep him in sickness and in health; and, forsaking all others, keep yourself unto him alone, so long as you both shall live?

The Woman answers

I will.

In place of the sentence given for the exchange of rings (on page 206), the following sentence based on the 1662 *Book of Common Prayer* may be substituted:

With this ring I marry you, with my body I honor you, and with you all my worldly goods I share: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The signing of the congregational register, if done publicly, occurs immediately after the Marriage and prior to the Prayers, or, if done outside the liturgy, immediately after the rite.

At the conclusion of the liturgy, the newly married couple may be introduced with these, or similar words:

“Dearly beloved, please greet _____.”

The liturgy may end with a procession of the bridal party and their families or according to local custom.

Should a Deacon, by lawful authority, be permitted by the Bishop to officiate at Holy Matrimony, there can be no blessing of rings, nor the nuptial blessing which begins, “God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit.” Such blessings should be received at a later time from a Priest or Bishop.

A B R I E F L I T U R G Y F O R T H E S I G N I N G
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T H E D E C L A R A T I O N O F I N T E N T I O N

This liturgy is intended for public use in the context of a normal Sunday Eucharist after the Peace, or at any other public gathering.

The Officiant says

Dearly beloved, two members of the Church have announced their desire to be married to one another in the sight of God and this Congregation. The pursuit of Holy Matrimony is a good and holy ambition, which requires thorough preparation and our prayerful support.

Therefore, *N.* and *N.* have come before us to declare their intention to be married and to profess and subscribe to the Church's Declaration of Intention, which reads:

The Officiant reads the Declaration

“We, *N.N.* and *N.N.*, desiring to receive the blessing of Holy Matrimony in the Church, do solemnly declare that we hold marriage to be a lifelong union of husband and wife as it is set forth in the Book of Common Prayer. We believe it is established by God for the procreation of children, and their nurture in the knowledge and love of the Lord; for mutual joy, and for the help and comfort given one another in prosperity and adversity; to maintain purity, so that husbands and wives, with all the household of God, might serve as holy and undefiled members of the Body of Christ; and for the upbuilding of Christ's kingdom in family, church, and society, to the praise of his holy Name. We do engage ourselves, so far as in us lies, to make our utmost effort to establish this relationship and to seek God's help thereto.”

The Officiant then asks

Is this your intention?

The couple responds

It is.

The betrothed then sign the Declaration.

The Officiant says

Now that *N.* and *N.* have declared their intention for a Holy Marriage, and have begun the process of pre-marital preparation, let us pray for their relationship [and for their families].

Almighty God, we thank you for the love of *N.* and *N.*, and we ask your blessing upon them [and their families] during this time of preparation. Open their minds and hearts to one another, enable them faithfully to receive your Word and Sacrament, and help us to support them, that they may rightly prepare for their marriage. And, we pray, give us wisdom to uphold and encourage all who have been united in Holy Matrimony; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

T H A N K S G I V I N G *for the* B I R T H *or* A D O P T I O N *of a C H I L D*

The Birth or Adoption of a Child is always an occasion for thanksgiving and prayer in family and community. This rite is provided for use in a hospital or home, during public worship, or in some other appropriate place. If used in public worship, this liturgy takes place at the Peace or at the close of the Office. If used apart from public worship, a passage of Scripture is first read. Luke 18:15-17 or the Gospel appointed for the day is appropriate.

F O R T H E B I R T H O F A C H I L D

The Officiant addresses the mother and father

Dear Friends: The birth of a child is a joyous and solemn occasion in the life of a family, and an occasion for rejoicing in the Church. It has pleased Almighty God, our heavenly Father, to bless you with the gift of *N.*, your son.

F O R A N A D O P T I O N

The Officiant addresses the mother and father

Dear Friends: The adoption of a child is a joyous and solemn occasion in the life of a family, and an occasion for rejoicing in the Church. Our heavenly Father has given us the Spirit of

adoption, that we who were strangers might become members of the household of God. It has pleased Almighty God, our heavenly Father, to bless you with the gift of *N.* your son.

The service continues with the Magnificat or Psalm 116, the Officiant first saying

Let us, therefore, give thanks to God in the words of Scripture.

MAGNIFICAT

The Song of Mary

My soul magnifies the Lord,*
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior;
For he has regarded*
the lowliness of his handmaiden.
For behold, from now on,*
all generations will call me blessed;
For he that is mighty has magnified me,*
and holy is his Name.
And his mercy is on those who fear him,*
throughout all generations.
He has shown the strength of his arm;*
he has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
He has brought down the mighty from their thrones,*
and has exalted the humble and meek.
He has filled the hungry with good things,*
and the rich he has sent empty away.
He, remembering his mercy, has helped his servant Israel,*
as he promised to our fathers, Abraham and his seed for ever.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;*
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.

LUKE 1:46-55

or this

P S A L M I I 6
(vv.1-2,3b-5,11-12,16)

- ¹ I love the **LORD**, *
 because he heard the voice of my prayer,
² Because he inclined his ear to me; *
 therefore will I call upon him as long as I live.
^{3b} I suffered trouble and sorrow.
⁴ Then I called upon the Name of the **LORD**: *
 “O **LORD**, I beseech you, deliver my soul.”
⁵ Gracious is the **LORD** and righteous; *
 indeed, our God is full of compassion.
¹¹ What shall I give unto the **LORD** *
 for all the benefits that he has done unto me?
¹² I will lift up the cup of salvation *
 and call upon the Name of the **LORD**.
¹⁶ I will pay my vows unto the **LORD** in the sight of all
 his people, *
 in the courts of the **LORD**’s house, even in the midst of you,
 O Jerusalem. Praise the **LORD**.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.

The Kyrie and the Lord’s Prayer follow, unless this rite is used within public worship.

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People And with your spirit.

Officiant Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy upon us. or Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy.

Officiant and People say together

Our Father, who art in heaven,
 hallowed be thy Name,
 thy kingdom come,
 thy will be done,
 on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
 as we forgive those
 who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
 and the power, and the glory,
 for ever and ever. Amen.

Our Father in heaven,
 hallowed be your Name,
 your kingdom come,
 your will be done,
 on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
And forgive us our sins
 as we forgive those
 who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
 and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
 and the glory are yours,
 now and for ever. Amen.

If the occasion is the birth of a child, the Officiant may address the mother as follows. Otherwise, the liturgy continues with the Prayer for the Child.

N, as it has pleased Almighty God, of his goodness, to give you a safe delivery, and to preserve you in the trials of childbirth, let us give thanks to God:

Officiant O Lord, you have saved this woman, your servant,
People Who put her trust in you.
Officiant Be to her a strong tower,
People Against the face of the enemy.
Officiant O Lord, hear our prayer;
People And let our cry come to you.
Officiant Let us pray.

Almighty God, we give you humble thanks for graciously preserving, through the pain and peril of childbirth, your servant

N., who now desires to offer her praises and thanksgivings to you. Grant, we ask you, most merciful Father, that she, with your help, may faithfully live according to your will in this life, and may also partake in the everlasting glory of the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

PRAYER FOR THE CHILD

The Officiant then prays one or both of the following prayers.

Watch over your child *N.*, O Lord, as *his* days increase; bless *him* and guide *him*, and keep *him* unspotted from the world. Strengthen *him* when *he* stands; comfort *him* when discouraged or sorrowful; raise *him* up if *he* falls; and in *his* heart may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of *his* life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

O eternal God, you have promised to be a father to a thousand generations of those who love and fear you: Bless this child and preserve *his* life; receive *him* and enable *him* to receive you, that through your grace and the Sacrament of Baptism *he* may become the child of God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Officiant may add one or more of the following prayers.

FOR THE PARENTS

O God, you have taught us through your blessed Son that whoever receives a little child in the Name of Christ receives Christ himself: We give thanks for the blessing you have bestowed upon this family in giving them this child. Confirm their joy by a lively sense of your presence with them, and give them calm strength and patient wisdom as they seek to bring

this child to love all that is true and noble, just and pure, lovable and gracious, excellent and admirable, following the example of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

FOR A SIBLING

Heavenly Father, your Son our Savior took young children into his arms and blessed them: Strengthen *N.* to be a wholesome and godly example, a companion, and an encourager to *his* new brother. Keep them from strife and discord, and when they hurt one another, give them your grace readily to forgive; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

FOR THE BIRTH PARENTS OF AN ADOPTED CHILD

Heavenly Father, we ask you to bless each of the birth parents of this child. Reveal to them the fullness of your love for them and for the child entrusted to this family; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Officiant prays for the family, saying

May God the Father, who through Baptism has adopted you as his children, grant you his grace. **Amen.**

May God the Son, who sanctified a home at Nazareth, fill you with his love. **Amen.**

May God the Holy Spirit, who makes the Church one family, keep you in his peace. **Amen.**

A Priest may then bless the family, saying

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

The Peace may be exchanged.

ADDITIONAL DIRECTIONS

The minister shall encourage parents not to defer the Baptism of their children. This rite does not serve to replace Holy Baptism, but provides the opportunity for families to give thanks upon the birth or adoption of a child.

The minister of the Congregation is directed to instruct the people, from time to time, about the duty of Christian parents to make prudent provision for the well-being of their children, and the duty of all persons, as stewards of God's provision, to make a will.

This liturgy may only be adapted with the permission of the Bishop. In difficult circumstances, this service may require particular pastoral sensitivity.

In the case of a single parent, the address "N. and N." is shortened to "N." In the case of the mother dying in childbirth or some other tragic event, the Church still proclaims, even through pain, that the child is a gift from God.

CONCERNING THE RITES OF HEALING
RECONCILIATION OF PENITENTS
MINISTRY TO THE SICK
COMMUNION OF THE SICK

Healing was central to the ministry of Jesus, our incarnate Lord. Healing is central to the ministry of the Church, the Body of Christ. Spoken prayer, anointing with oil, and the laying on of hands are the principal outward means employed by the Church for its ministry to those whose health is in any way impaired. The rite of Reconciliation and the reception of Holy Communion are also gifts through which healing takes place.

All Christians are called to be agents of healing. Nevertheless, the regular forms of healing ministry set forth in this Prayer Book are expected to be coordinated and ordered under the authority of the Diocesan Bishop and the Priest having spiritual charge. Some aspects of healing ministry, most notably absolution and formal blessings, are reserved to Bishops and Priests. The use of holy oils (healing and exorcism), like the ministries of which they are a sign, may be extended to lay ministers by the Bishop and Priest having pastoral jurisdiction. Similarly, lay persons may be trained and authorized to carry the consecrated elements of Christ's Body and Blood to the sick (or those otherwise confined or kept away from regular celebrations of the Holy Communion) under provisions set forward by the Ordinary.

Because physical, emotional, and spiritual healing are often interrelated, it is particularly appropriate to encourage confession, reconciliation, and forgiveness in the context of ministry to the sick. The content of a confession is not normally a matter of subsequent discussion. The secrecy of a confession is morally binding for the confessor and is not to be broken.

These rites are foundational to the many ways that the Church ministers to those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit.

T H E R I T E S O F H E A L I N G

R E C O N C I L I A T I O N O F P E N I T E N T S

The Penitent begins

Bless me, for I have sinned.

The Priest says

The Lord be in your heart and upon your lips that you may truly and humbly confess your sins: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Penitent

I confess to Almighty God, to his Church, and to you, that I have sinned by my own fault in thought, word, and deed, in things done and left undone; especially _____. For these and all other sins that I cannot now remember, I am truly sorry. I pray God to have mercy on me. I firmly intend amendment of life, and I humbly beg forgiveness of God and his Church, and ask you for counsel, direction, and absolution.

Here the Priest may offer counsel, direction, and comfort.

The Priest then declares

Our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given power to his Church to absolve all sinners who truly repent and believe in him, of his great mercy forgive you all your offenses; and by his authority committed to me, I absolve you from all your sins: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

or

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Lord has put away all your sins.

Penitent **Thanks be to God.**

The following prayer may also be said

Let us pray.

O most loving Father, by your mercy you put away the sins of those who truly repent, and remember their sins no more. Restore and renew in your servant whatever has been corrupted by the fraud and malice of the devil, or by *his* own selfish will and weakness. Preserve and protect *him* within the fellowship of the Church; hear *his* prayers and relieve *his* pain; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Priest concludes

Go (*or abide*) in peace, and pray for me, a sinner.

M I N I S T R Y T O T H E S I C K

The Officiant begins

Savior of the world, by your Cross and precious blood you have
redeemed us;
Save us, and help us, we humbly beseech you, O Lord.

The Priest (or other authorized person) anoints the sick person's forehead with the Oil of the Sick by making the sign of the Cross. If appropriate, other parts of the body which suffer from sickness or injury may also be anointed. Others may join in the laying on of hands. The Officiant says

N., I anoint you with oil and I (*or we*) lay my (*or our*) hands
upon you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the
Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Lord Jesus Christ, heal this your servant, sustain *him* with your
presence, drive away all sickness of body, mind, and spirit, and
give to *him* that victory of life and peace which will enable *him*
to serve you both now and evermore. **Amen.**

A Priest may add the following prayer. If this rite is used with multiple persons, it is appropriate for this prayer to be used after all have received individual prayer.

As you are outwardly anointed with this holy oil, so may our
heavenly Father grant you the inward anointing of the Holy Spirit.

Of his great mercy, may he forgive you your sins, release you from suffering, and restore you to wholeness and strength. May he deliver you from all evil, preserve you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Additional prayers or intercessions may be said. Additional prayers are on pages 231–235. See also Occasional Prayers #56–63 on pages 663–665.

The Lord's Prayer is said.

Our Father, who art in heaven,
 hallowed be thy Name,
 thy kingdom come,
 thy will be done,
 on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
 as we forgive those
 who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
 and the power, and the glory,
 for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Our Father in heaven,
 hallowed be your Name,
 your kingdom come,
 your will be done,
 on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
And forgive us our sins
 as we forgive those
 who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
 and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
 and the glory are yours,
 now and for ever. **Amen**

The Officiant then prays

The Almighty Lord, who is a strong tower to all who put their trust in him, to whom all things in heaven, on earth, and under the earth bow and obey: Be now and evermore your defense, and make you know and feel that the only Name under heaven given for health and salvation is the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

A Priest may conclude the above prayer with a blessing.

C O M M U N I O N O F T H E S I C K

This rite is used when the consecrated elements are brought from an earlier celebration of Holy Communion.

The Minister says

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord
Jesus Christ.

PHILIPPIANS 1:2

The Minister continues

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A psalm may be prayed. Psalms 23, 62, 103, and 145 are particularly appropriate.

One of the following Gospel lessons is read, or the readings appropriate to the day.

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

JOHN 3:16^r

Jesus said, "I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh. For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him."

JOHN 6:51, 55-56

Reflection on the Lessons may follow. Additional prayers may be offered.

The Minister may say the Confession, and the sick person joins in as able.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word and deed,
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart;

we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,

have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

A Priest, if present, says

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Deacon or lay person prays

Grant to your faithful people, merciful Lord, pardon and peace; that we may be cleansed from all our sins, and serve you with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Minister The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And with your spirit.

Minister Let us pray.

Minister and People

Our Father, who art in heaven,
 hallowed be thy Name,
 thy kingdom come,
 thy will be done,
 on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,
 as we forgive those
 who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,
 and the power, and the glory,
 for ever and ever. Amen.

Our Father in heaven,
 hallowed be your Name,
 your kingdom come,
 your will be done,
 on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

And forgive us our sins
 as we forgive those
 who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial,
 and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,
 and the glory are yours,
 now and for ever. Amen.

Then may be said

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
 have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
 have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
 grant us your peace.

The minister may say

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The Sacrament is then distributed with the following words

The Body of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was given for you,
preserve your body and soul to everlasting life.

The Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was shed for you,
preserve your body and soul to everlasting life.

After Communion, the Minister says

Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us, in these holy mysteries,
with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us, through this Sacrament, of your favor and
goodness towards us:
that we are true members of the mystical body of your Son,
the blessed company of all faithful people;
and are also heirs, through hope,
of your everlasting kingdom.
And we humbly ask you, heavenly Father,
to assist us with your grace,
that we may continue in that holy fellowship,
and do all the good works that you have prepared for us to
walk in;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

A Priest gives this blessing

The peace of God which passes all understanding keep your
hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his
Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and
remain with you always. Amen.

A Deacon or lay person says the following

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. **Amen.**

2 CORINTHIANS 13:14^T

Minister Let us bless the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

ADDITIONAL PRAYERS

FOR A SICK PERSON

O Father of mercies and God of all comfort, our only help in time of need: We humbly beseech you to behold, visit, and relieve your sick servant *N.* for whom our prayers are desired. Look upon *him* with the eyes of your mercy; comfort *him* with a sense of your goodness; preserve *him* from the temptations of the enemy; and give *him* patience under *his* affliction. In your good time, restore *him* to health, and enable *him* to lead the remainder of *his* life in your fear, and to your glory; and grant that finally *he* may dwell with you in life everlasting; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

FOR RECOVERY FROM SICKNESS

O God, the strength of the weak and the comfort of sufferers: Mercifully accept our prayers, and grant to your servant *N.* the help of your power, that *his* sickness may be turned into health, and our sorrow into joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

or this

O God of heavenly powers, by the might of your command you drive away from our bodies all sickness and infirmity: Be present in your goodness with your servant *N.*, that *his* weakness may be banished and *his* strength restored; and that, *his* health being renewed, *he* may bless your holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

FOR A SICK CHILD

Heavenly Father, watch with us over your child *N.*, and grant that *he* may be restored to that perfect health which it is yours alone to give; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

or this

Lord Jesus Christ, Good Shepherd of the sheep, you gather the lambs in your arms and carry them in your bosom: We commend to your loving care this child *N.* Relieve *his* pain, guard *him* from all danger, restore to *him* your gifts of gladness and strength, and raise *him* up to a life of service to you. Hear us, we pray, for your dear Name's sake. **Amen.**

B E F O R E A N O P E R A T I O N

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, graciously comfort your servant *N.* in *his* suffering, and bless the means used for *his* cure. Though at times *he* may be afraid, fill *his* heart with confidence that *he* may yet put *his* trust in you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

FOR STRENGTH AND CONFIDENCE

Heavenly Father, giver of life and health: Comfort and relieve your sick servant *N.*, and give your power of healing to those

who minister to *his* needs, that *he* may be strengthened in *his* weakness and have confidence in your loving care; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FOR THE SANCTIFICATION OF ILLNESS

Sanctify, O Lord, the sickness of your servant *N.*, that the sense of *his* weakness may add strength to *his* faith and seriousness to *his* repentance; and grant that *he* may live with you in everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FOR HEALTH OF BODY AND SOUL

May God the Father bless you, God the Son heal you, God the Holy Spirit give you strength. May God the holy and undivided Trinity guard your body, save your soul, and bring you safely to his heavenly country; where he lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

THANKSGIVING FOR A BEGINNING OF RECOVERY

O Lord, your compassions never fail, and your mercies are new every morning: We give you thanks for giving our *brother N.* both relief from pain and hope of health renewed. Continue in *him*, we pray, the good work you have begun; that *he*, daily increasing in bodily strength, and rejoicing in your goodness, may so order *his* life that *he* may always think and do those things that please you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FOR A SICK PERSON WHEN THERE IS LITTLE HOPE OF RECOVERY

O Father of mercies and God of all comfort, our only help in time of need; We fly to you for aid on behalf of this your servant, here lying in great weakness of body. Look graciously

upon *him*, O Lord; that as *he* outwardly fades away, you would strengthen *him* inwardly with your grace and Holy Spirit. Give *him* true repentance for all the errors of *his* life, and steadfast faith in your Son Jesus; that *his* sins may be done away by your mercy, and *his* pardon sealed in heaven; through your Son Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. **Amen.**

P R A Y E R S F O R U S E B Y A S I C K P E R S O N

F O R T R U S T I N G O D

O God, the source of all health: So fill my heart with faith in your love, that with calm expectancy I may make room for your power to possess me, and gracefully accept your healing; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

I N P A I N

Lord Jesus Christ, by your patience in suffering you hallowed earthly pain and gave us the example of obedience to your Father's will: Be near me in my time of weakness and pain; sustain me by your grace, that my strength and courage may not fail; heal me according to your will; and help me always to believe that what happens to me here is of little account if you hold me in eternal life, my Lord and my God. **Amen.**

A P R A Y E R W H E N T A K I N G M E D I C I N E

Almighty God, in your goodness you created the earth and all its elements, and have given us skill to make medicines that heal and relieve our pain. All healing comes from you, and in you I put my trust. Grant that this medication may, in your mercy, give comfort and bring healing to my body; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

FOR SLEEP

O heavenly Father, you give your children sleep for the refreshing of soul and body: Grant me this gift, I pray; keep me in that perfect peace which you have promised to those whose minds are fixed on you; and give me such a sense of your presence, that in the hours of silence I may enjoy the blessed assurance of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

IN THE MORNING

This is another day, O Lord. I know not what it will bring forth, but make me ready, Lord, for whatever it may be. If I am to stand up, help me to stand bravely. If I am to sit still, help me to sit quietly. If I am to lie low, help me to do it patiently. And if I am to do nothing, help me to do it gallantly. Make these words more than words, and give me the Spirit of Jesus. Amen.

SCRIPTURES FOR USE BY A SICK PERSON

For perseverance in suffering: ISAIAH 53, 1 PETER 2:21-25,
1 THESSALONIANS 5:16-24, 2 CORINTHIANS 12:7-10,
ROMANS 8:18-39

For hope for healing: 2 KINGS 5:1-14, JAMES 5:13-20,
LUKE 5:12-26, LUKE 13:10-17, ACTS 3:1-10

For the hope of eternity: LUKE 2:25-35, JOHN 14,
1 CORINTHIANS 15:42-58, 2 CORINTHIANS 4:7-18,
1 THESSALONIANS 4:13-18

See also the Selections of Psalms on page 269.

CONCERNING MINISTRY TO THE DYING

For Christians, death is a defeated enemy. In Christ, death has become the gateway to everlasting life. As St. Paul reminded the Church at Corinth:

'Death is swallowed up in victory.
O death, where is your victory?
O death, where is your sting?'

The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

1 CORINTHIANS 15:54-57

When a person is near death, the minister should be notified. This rite is a customary part of the Church's pastoral care.

This liturgy is intended to be prayed with one who has received Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord. The Officiant may appropriately inquire of the dying person as to his or her acceptance of the Christian faith. If the person has not been baptized, Emergency Baptism (page 173) should be administered before the use of this rite.

M I N I S T R Y *to the* D Y I N G

The Officiant begins

Peace be to this house [*or place*], and to all who dwell in it.

LUKE 10:5^T

The Officiant continues with the following prayer

Almighty God, look on this your servant, lying in great weakness, and comfort *him* with the promise of life everlasting, given in the resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

LITANY AT THE TIME OF DEATH

The following may be said. When possible, it is desirable that those present join in the responses.

O God the Father,
Have mercy on your servant.

O God the Son,
Have mercy on your servant.

O God the Holy Spirit,
Have mercy on your servant.

O Holy Trinity, one God,
Have mercy on your servant.

Lord Jesus Christ, deliver your servant from all evil, sin, and tribulation;

Good Lord, deliver *him*.

By your holy Incarnation, by your Cross and Passion, by your precious Death and Burial,

Good Lord, deliver *him*.

By your glorious Resurrection and Ascension, and by the Coming of the Holy Spirit,

Good Lord, deliver *him*.

We sinners beseech you to hear us, Lord Christ: That it may please you to deliver the soul of your servant from the power of evil, and from eternal death,

We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please you mercifully to pardon all *his* sins,

We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please you to give *him* joy and gladness in your kingdom, with your saints in light,

We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please you to raise *him* up at the last day,

We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.

The following or some other suitable anthem may be sung or said

Son of God, we beseech you to hear us.

Son of God, we beseech you to hear us.

O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;

Have mercy upon *him*.

O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
Have mercy upon *him*.

O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
Grant *him* your peace.

O Christ, hear us
O Christ, hear us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us. *or* Lord, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy.

Officiant and People say together

Our Father, who art in heaven,
 hallowed be thy Name,
 thy kingdom come,
 thy will be done,
 on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
 as we forgive those
 who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
 and the power, and the glory,
 for ever and ever. Amen.

Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Our Father in heaven,
 hallowed be your Name,
 your kingdom come,
 your will be done,
 on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
And forgive us our sins
 as we forgive those
 who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
 and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
 and the glory are yours,
 now and for ever. Amen.

Officiant O Lord, show your mercy upon us;

People As we put our trust in you.

The Officiant prays

Let us pray.

O Sovereign Lord Christ, deliver your servant, *N.*, from all evil, and set *him* free from every bond; that *he* may rest with all your saints in the eternal habitations; where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Officiant may invite those present to offer words of thanksgiving, reconciliation, or farewell. The Officiant may conclude with words of comfort.

COMMENDATION AT THE TIME OF DEATH

Here a Priest may anoint the dying person with oil.

The Priest says

Depart, O Christian soul, out of this world;
In the Name of God the Father Almighty who created you;
In the Name of Jesus Christ who redeemed you;
In the Name of the Holy Spirit who sanctifies you.
May your rest be this day in peace, and your dwelling place in
the Paradise of God.

A COMMENDATORY PRAYER

Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant *N.* Acknowledge, we humbly beseech you, a sheep of your own fold, a lamb of your own flock, a sinner of your own redeeming. Receive *him* into the arms of your mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in light. **Amen.**

The Officiant and People may say

NUNC DIMITTIS
The Song of Simeon

Lord, now let your servant depart in peace,*
according to your word.

For my eyes have seen your salvation,*
which you have prepared before the face of all people;
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles,*
and to be the glory of your people Israel.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;*
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.

LUKE 2:29-32

CLOSING PRAYER

The Officiant prays

May *his* soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through
the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

A D D I T I O N A L D I R E C T I O N S

This rite is designed to be flexible in length. It may be adjusted according to the circumstances and condition of the dying person. Different portions of the rite may be used at different times, provided the order of the various elements is retained. In cases of great urgency, the Commendation at the Time of Death may be used alone. In the absence of a member of the clergy, this service may be led by any Christian.

The minister may inquire of the dying person as to his or her desire to be reconciled to both God and neighbor. If the dying person feels troubled in conscience with any matter, the minister should offer the rite

of Reconciliation of a Penitent. On evidence of repentance, the minister shall give assurance of God's mercy and forgiveness.

If desired, Holy Communion may be administered using the rite for Communion of the Sick. It is appropriate for others present to receive the Sacrament as well. If the dying person cannot receive both the consecrated bread and wine, it is suitable to administer the Sacrament in one kind only. If he or she desires to receive, but by reason of extreme sickness is unable to consume either element, the minister is to assure the person that all the benefits of Holy Communion are conveyed, even though the elements are not received with the mouth.

P R A Y E R S *for a V I G I L*

It is appropriate that family and friends come together prior to a funeral. This rite may be used on such an occasion, whether at the church, a funeral home, or elsewhere.

The Minister says

Dear Friends: It was our Lord Jesus himself who said, “Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.” Let us pray, then, for our *brother N.*, that *he* may rest from *his* labors, and enter into God’s eternal Sabbath rest.

A psalm may be prayed. Psalms 23 and 121 are particularly appropriate.

One or more of the following Lessons is read.

But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep.

I THESSALONIANS 4:13-15

In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also.

JOHN 14:2-3

The following and other additional prayers may be said. The Litany at the Time of Death (pages 237-239) may also be used.

O God, who by the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light: Grant that your servant N., being raised with Christ, may know the strength of his presence and rejoice in his eternal glory; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Most merciful God, whose wisdom is beyond our understanding: deal graciously with those who mourn [especially _____.] Surround them with your love, that they may not be overwhelmed by their loss, but have confidence in your goodness, and strength to meet the days to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Minister says

And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray

Minister and People say together

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
 as we forgive those
 who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
 and the power, and the glory,
 for ever and ever. Amen.

The Minister says

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing
through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

ROMANS 15:13

The Minister may say

May *his* soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through
the mercy of God, rest in peace.

People And may light perpetual shine upon them. Amen.

REGARDING CHRISTIAN DEATH AND BURIAL

The burial of a Christian is an occasion of both sorrow and joy—our sorrow in the face of death, and our joy in Jesus' promise of the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. As the burial liturgy proclaims, "life is changed, not ended; and when our mortal body lies in death, there is prepared for us a dwelling place eternal in the heavens."

The Christian burial liturgy looks forward to eternal life rather than backward to past events. It does not primarily focus on the achievements or failures of the deceased; rather, it calls us to proclaim the Good News of Jesus and his triumph over death, even as we celebrate the life and witness of the deceased.

The readings should always be drawn from the Bible, and the prayers and music from the Christian tradition. A wake preceding the service and a reception following the service are appropriate places for personal remembrances. Where possible, the burial liturgy is conducted in a church, and it is often celebrated within the context of the Eucharist.

The *Book of Common Prayer* has always admonished Christians to be mindful of their mortality. It is therefore the duty of all Christians, as faithful stewards, to draw up a Last Will and Testament, making provision for the well-being of their families and not neglecting to leave bequests for the mission of the Church. In addition, it is important while in health to provide direction for one's own funeral arrangements, place of burial, and the Scripture readings and hymns of the burial liturgy, and to make them known to the Priest.

R E C E P T I O N O F T H E B O D Y

The following form may be used at whatever time the body is brought to the church.

The Officiant meets the body at the door of the church and says

With faith in Jesus Christ, we receive the body of our *brother N.* for burial. Let us pray with confidence to God, the Giver of life, that he will raise *him* to perfection in the company of the saints.

Silence may be kept; after which the Officiant says

O Sovereign Lord Christ, deliver your servant, *N.*, from all evil, and set *him* free from every bond; that *he* may rest with all your saints in the eternal habitations; where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Let us also pray for all who mourn, that they may cast their care on God, and know the consolation of his love.

Silence may be kept; after which the Officiant says

Almighty God, look with pity upon the sorrows of your servants for whom we pray. Remember them, Lord, in mercy; nourish them with patience; comfort them with a sense of your goodness; lift up your countenance upon them; and give them peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

If a funeral pall is to be used, it should be draped over the casket at this time.

CONCERNING THE BURIAL OF THE DEAD

The death of a member of the Church should be reported as soon as possible to, and arrangements for the funeral should be made in consultation with, the Minister of the Congregation.

The Baptized are properly buried from a church.

This Burial Office is intended for those who have been baptized and profess the Christian Faith. Portions of this Office may be adapted for other circumstances.

The coffin is to be closed before the liturgy, and it remains closed thereafter. It is appropriate that it be covered with a funeral pall or other suitable covering.

The Committal normally follows the burial liturgy, at the place where the remains are to be interred. If necessary, the Committal and interment may take place before the burial liturgy. The Committal may also be used prior to cremation.

A Priest normally presides at the liturgy. It is appropriate that the Bishop, when present, preside at the Eucharist and pronounce the Commendation. When the services of a Priest cannot be obtained, a Deacon or lay reader may preside at the liturgy.

It is desirable that the Lesson from the Old Testament and the Epistle be read by lay persons. At the burial of a child, the passages from Lamentations, 1 John, and John 6, together with Psalm 23, are recommended.

It is customary that the Officiant meet the body and go before it into the church (page 247) or towards the grave.

The anthems at the beginning of the liturgy are sung or said as the body is borne into the church, or during the entrance of the Ministers, or by the Officiant standing in the accustomed place.

T H E
B U R I A L *of the* D E A D

PROCESSION OF THE BODY

All stand while the following anthems are said or sung. A hymn, psalm, or some other suitable anthem may also be used.

I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord.
Whoever believes in me,
though he die, yet shall he live,
and everyone who lives and believes in me
shall never die.

JOHN 11:25-26^T

For I know that my Redeemer lives,
and at the last he will stand upon the earth.
And after my skin has been thus destroyed,
yet in my flesh I shall see God,
whom I shall see for myself,
and my eyes shall behold, and not another.

JOB 19:25-27

For none of us lives to himself,
and none of us dies to himself.
For if we live, we live to the Lord,
and if we die, we die to the Lord.
So then, whether we live or whether we die,
we are the Lord's.

ROMANS 14:7-9

For we brought nothing into the world,
and it is certain we carry nothing out.
The LORD gave, and the LORD has taken away;
blessed be the name of the LORD. I TIMOTHY 6:7^T; JOB 1:21

Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord;
Even so, says the Spirit,
for they rest from their labors.

REVELATION 14:13^T

The Officiant may greet the Congregation and briefly introduce the purpose of Christian Burial.

The Officiant then says

The Lord be with you.
People And with your spirit.
Officiant Let us pray.

AT THE BURIAL OF AN ADULT

O God, who by the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light: Grant that your servant *N.*, being raised with Christ, may know the strength of his presence and rejoice in his eternal glory; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

AT THE BURIAL OF A CHILD

O God, whose beloved Son took children into his arms and blessed them: Give us grace to entrust *N.* to your never-failing care and love, and bring us all to your heavenly kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Officiant may add the following prayer

Most merciful God, whose wisdom is beyond our understanding: deal graciously with those who mourn [especially _____]. Surround them with your love, that they may not be overwhelmed by their loss, but have confidence in your goodness, and strength to meet the days to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The People sit.

One or more of the following passages from Holy Scripture is read.

THE LESSONS

ISAIAH 25:6-9 (*He will swallow up death for ever*)

ISAIAH 61:1-3 (*To comfort all who mourn*)

LAMENTATIONS 3:22-26,31-33 (*The Lord is good to those who wait*)

WISDOM 3:1-5, 9 (*The souls of the righteous are in the hands of God*)

JOB 19:21-27A (*I know that my Redeemer lives*)

A suitable psalm, hymn, or canticle may follow. The following Psalms are appropriate: 39, 42:1-7, 46, 90:1-12, 121, 130, 139:1-11^v.

ROMANS 8:14-19,34-39 (*The glory that is to be revealed*)

1 CORINTHIANS 15:20-26,35-38,42-44,53-58 (*The imperishable body*)

2 CORINTHIANS 4:16—5:9 (*Things that are unseen are eternal*)

1 JOHN 3:1-2 (*We shall be like him*)

REVELATION 7:9-17 (*God will wipe away every tear*)

REVELATION 21:2-7 (*Behold, I am making all things new*)

A suitable psalm, hymn, or canticle may follow.

The following Psalms are appropriate: 23, 27, 106:1-5^v, 116.

JOHN 5:24-27 (*Whoever believes has eternal life*)

JOHN 6:37-40 (*All that the Father gives me will come to me*)

JOHN 10:11-16 (*I am the good shepherd*)
JOHN 11:21-27 (*I am the resurrection and the life*)
JOHN 14:1-6 (*In my Father's house are many rooms*)

If Communion is to follow, a passage from the Gospels always concludes the Lessons. At a Eucharist, all stand, and the Deacon or Minister appointed says

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to _____.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

After the Gospel, the Reader says

The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

THE APOSTLES' CREED

The Officiant invites the people to stand and says

Let us confess the Faith in the words of the Apostles' Creed:

Officiant and People

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

If Communion is not to follow, the Lord's Prayer is said here, and the liturgy continues with the Prayers of the People, or with other suitable prayers.

When there is Communion, the following form of the Prayers of the People is used.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Deacon or other person appointed says the following or other appropriate prayers.

Let us pray, saying, "Hear our prayer."

Almighty God, you knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship, in the mystical body of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord: Grant, we pray, to your whole Church in heaven and on earth, your light and peace.

Reader Lord, in your mercy:

People Hear our prayer.

Grant that all who have been baptized into Christ's death and resurrection may die to sin and rise to newness of life, that through the grave and gate of death we may pass with him to our joyful resurrection.

Reader Lord, in your mercy:
People **Hear our prayer.**

Grant to us who are still in our pilgrimage, and who walk as yet by faith, that your Holy Spirit may lead us in holiness and righteousness all our days.

Reader Lord, in your mercy:
People **Hear our prayer.**

Grant to your faithful people pardon and peace, that we may be cleansed from all our sins, and serve you in faithful obedience.

Reader Lord, in your mercy:
People **Hear our prayer.**

Grant to all who mourn a sure confidence in your fatherly care, that, casting their grief on you, they may know the consolation of your love.

Reader Lord, in your mercy:
People **Hear our prayer.**

Help us, we pray, in the midst of things we cannot understand, to believe and trust in the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, and the resurrection to life everlasting.

Reader Lord, in your mercy:
People **Hear our prayer.**

Grant us grace to entrust *N.* to your never-failing love; receive *him* into the arms of your mercy, and remember *him* according to the favor which you show to all your people.

Reader Lord, in your mercy:
People **Hear our prayer.**

Grant that, increasing in knowledge and love of you, *he* may go from strength to strength in the life of perfect service in your heavenly kingdom.

Reader Lord, in your mercy:
People Hear our prayer.

Silence may be kept.

The Officiant concludes with the following or some other prayer

Almighty God, grant us, with all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, the fullness of life in your eternal and everlasting glory, and, with all your saints, to receive the crown of life promised to all who share in the victory of your Son Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

When there is no Communion, the liturgy continues with the Commendation, or with the Commissal.

AT THE EUCHARIST

The liturgy continues with the Peace and the Offertory. An offertory hymn or anthem may be sung.

The Proper Preface of Burial is used (page 156).

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

The following Post Communion Prayer is used

Almighty God, we thank you that in your great love you have fed us with the spiritual food and drink of the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ, and have given us a foretaste of your heavenly banquet. Grant that this Sacrament may be to us a comfort in affliction, and a pledge of our inheritance in that kingdom where there is no death, neither sorrow nor crying, but the fullness of joy with all your saints; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

If the body is not present, the liturgy continues with the blessing and dismissal; otherwise, the following Commendation is used.

T H E C O M M E N D A T I O N

The Officiant and other ministers take their places at the body.

Officiant Give rest, O Christ, to your servant with your saints,
All Where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing,
but life everlasting.

Officiant You only are immortal, the creator and maker of
mankind; and we are mortal, formed of the earth, and
to earth shall we return. For so did you decree, saying,
“You are dust, and to dust you shall return.” All of us
go down to the dust; yet even at the grave we make
our song:

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

All Give rest, O Christ, to your servant with your saints,
where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing,
but life everlasting.

The Officiant, facing the body, says

Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant
N. Acknowledge, we humbly beseech you, a sheep of your own
fold, a lamb of your own flock, a sinner of your own redeeming.
Receive *him* into the arms of your mercy, into the blessed rest of
everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in
light. Amen.

*The Priest, or the Bishop if present, may then bless the people, and a Deacon or
other Minister may dismiss them, saying*

Alleluia, alleluia. Let us go forth in the Name of Christ.
People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia

As the body is borne from the church, a hymn, or one or more of these anthems, may be sung or said

Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death,
and giving life to those in the tomb.

The Sun of Righteousness is gloriously risen,
giving light to those who sat in darkness
and in the shadow of death.

The Lord will guide our feet into the way of peace,
having taken away the sin of the world.

Christ will open the kingdom of heaven
to all who believe in his Name, saying,
Come, O blessed of my Father;
inherit the kingdom prepared for you.

Into paradise may the angels lead you.
At your coming may the martyrs receive you,
and bring you into the holy city Jerusalem.

or one of the following Canticles

B E N E D I C T U S
The Song of Zechariah

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; *
he has come to his people and set them free.
He has raised up for us a mighty savior, *
born of the house of his servant David.
Through his holy prophets he promised of old
that he would save us from our enemies, *
from the hands of all who hate us.
He promised to show mercy to our fathers *
and to remember his holy covenant.

This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham,*
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
Free to worship him without fear,*
 holy and righteous in his sight
 all the days of our life.
You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High,*
 for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,
To give his people knowledge of salvation *
 by the forgiveness of their sins.
In the tender compassion of our God *
 the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
To shine on those who dwell in darkness
and in the shadow of death,*
 and to guide our feet into the way of peace.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;*
 as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.

LUKE 1:68-79

NUNC DIMITTIS
The Song of Simeon

Lord, now let your servant depart in peace,*
 according to your word.
For my eyes have seen your salvation,*
 which you have prepared before the face of all people;
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles,*
 and to be the glory of your people Israel.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;*
 as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.

LUKE 2:29-32

PASCHA NOSTRUM
Christ our Passover

Alleluia. Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us; *
 therefore let us keep the feast,
Not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, *
 but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Alleluia.
Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; *
 death no longer has dominion over him.
The death that he died, he died to sin, once for all; *
 but the life he lives, he lives to God.
So also consider yourselves dead to sin, *
 and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord. Alleluia.
Christ has been raised from the dead, *
 the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.
For since by a man came death, *
 by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.
For as in Adam all die, *
 so also in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia.

I CORINTHIANS 5:7-8; ROMANS 6:9-11; I CORINTHIANS 15:20-22

T H E C O M M I T T A L

The following anthems may be said

Man born of woman has but a short time to live, and is full of misery. He springs up, and is cut down like a flower; he flees like a shadow, and never continues the same.

In the midst of life we are in death; of whom may we seek for help, but you, O Lord, who for our sins are justly displeased?

Yet, O Lord God most holy, O Lord most mighty, O holy and most merciful Savior, deliver us not into the pains of eternal death.

You know, O Lord, the secrets of our hearts; shut not your ears to our prayer; but spare us, Lord most holy, O God most mighty, O holy and merciful Savior, most worthy Judge eternal; do not let us, in our final hour, through the pains of death, fall away from you.

or this

All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out. JOHN 6:37

He who raised Jesus Christ from the dead will also give new life to our mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells within us. ROMANS 8:11^T

Therefore my heart is glad and my soul rejoices. My flesh also shall rest in hope. PSALM 16:10

You shall show me the path of life; in your presence is the fullness of joy, and at your right hand there is pleasure for evermore. PSALM 16:12

The grave may be blessed. The Priest may use the following prayer here, or before the liturgy of Committal, or at some other convenient time.

O God, whose blessed Son was laid in a tomb in the garden:
Bless, we pray, this grave, set apart for the repose of your servant
N., that *he* whose body is buried here may rest from *his* labors
in peace and quietness, until the resurrection on the last day,
when the New Jerusalem comes down, the dead are raised, and
the righteous are called to the marriage supper of the Lamb;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Then, while earth is cast upon the coffin, the Officiant says these words

In sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life
through our Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to Almighty God
our *brother N.*, and we commit *his* body to the ground [*or the*
deep or its resting place]; earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to
dust. The Lord bless *him* and keep *him*, the Lord make his face
to shine upon *him* and be gracious unto *him*, the Lord lift up his
countenance upon *him* and give *him* peace. Amen.

Or this

Forasmuch as it has pleased Almighty God of his great mercy
to take unto himself the soul of our dear *brother* [*or this beloved*
child], here departed, we therefore commit his body to the
ground [*or the deep or its resting place*]; earth to earth, ashes to
ashes, dust to dust; in sure and certain hope of the resurrection
to eternal life, through our Lord Jesus Christ; who shall change
our perishable body, that it may be like his own glorious body,
according to the mighty working of his Spirit, whereby he is
able to subdue all things to himself. Amen.

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People And with your spirit.

Officiant Let us pray.

Officiant and People

Our Father, who art in heaven,
 hallowed be thy Name,
 thy kingdom come,
 thy will be done,
 on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,
 as we forgive those
 who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,
 and the power, and the glory,
 for ever and ever. Amen.

Our Father in heaven,
 hallowed be your Name,
 your kingdom come,
 your will be done,
 on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

And forgive us our sins
 as we forgive those
 who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial,
 and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,
 and the glory are yours,
 now and for ever. Amen.

The following prayer or other Additional Prayers (pages 263–265) may be added.

Almighty God, with whom do live the spirits of those who depart in the Lord, and with whom the souls of the faithful are in joy and felicity: We praise and magnify your holy Name for all your servants who have finished their course and kept the faith; and committing our *brother N.* to your gracious keeping, we pray that, together with *him* and with all those who are departed in the true faith of your holy Name, we may have our perfect consummation and bliss, both in body and soul, in your eternal and everlasting glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Then may be said

Officiant Rest eternal grant to *him*, O Lord; and may *his* soul,
and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the
mercy of God, rest in peace.

People And may light perpetual shine upon them.

A Priest may bless the people saying

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.
Amen.

The Officiant may dismiss the people with these words

Alleluia, alleluia. Let us go forth in the Name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

A D D I T I O N A L P R A Y E R S

O God, the King of saints, we praise and glorify your holy Name for all your servants who have finished their course in your faith and fear: for the blessed Virgin Mary; for the holy patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs; and for all your other righteous servants, known to us and unknown; and we pray that, encouraged by their examples, and strengthened by their fellowship, we also may be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light; through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Lord Jesus Christ, by your death you took away the sting of death: Grant to us your servants so to follow in faith where you have led the way, that we may at length fall asleep peacefully in you and wake up in your likeness; for your tender mercies' sake. **Amen.**

Father of all, we pray to you for those we love, but see no longer: Grant them your peace; let light perpetual shine upon them; and, in your loving wisdom and almighty power, work in them the good purpose of your perfect will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is the resurrection and the life: Raise us, we humbly pray, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness; that when we depart this life we may rest in him, and at the resurrection on the last day we may be found acceptable in your sight, and receive that blessing which your well-beloved Son shall then pronounce to all who love and fear you: "Come, you blessed children of my Father, receive the kingdom prepared for you from the beginning of the world." Grant this, O merciful Father, through Jesus Christ, our Mediator and Redeemer. **Amen.**

Grant, O Lord, to all who are bereaved the spirit of faith and courage, that they may have strength to meet the days to come with steadfastness and patience; not sorrowing as those without hope, but in thankful remembrance of your great goodness, and in the joyful expectation of eternal life with all who love you. This we ask in the Name of Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

Almighty God, Father of mercies and giver of comfort: Deal graciously, we pray, with all who mourn; that, casting all their care on you, they may know the consolation of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

O God, whose days are without end, and whose mercies cannot be numbered: Make us, we pray, deeply aware of the shortness and uncertainty of human life; and let your Holy Spirit lead us in holiness and righteousness all our days; that, when we shall have served you in our generation, we may be gathered to our ancestors, having the testimony of a good conscience; in the communion of the Catholic Church; in the confidence of a certain faith; in the comfort of a reasonable, religious, and holy hope; in favor with you, our God; and in perfect charity with the world. All this we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For a veteran of the armed forces.

O Ruler of the universe, Lord God, by the strength of your own arm you have won for us final victory over the power of sin and death: We give you thanks for your servant *N.* who served as a (*soldier, seaman, airman, mariner, etc.*) in the armed forces of our nation, giving of *his* life for the defense of liberty and the preservation of freedom. Grant to *him* a place of eternal rest and peace in your eternal dwelling place, that with all the heavenly host, the noble army of martyrs, and all the powers of heaven *he* may praise your great and glorious Name unto the ages of ages. Amen.

A D D I T I O N A L D I R E C T I O N S

It is particularly appropriate to light the Paschal Candle for the Burial of the Dead. It may be carried in procession and placed near the body.

If the Committal is long delayed from the time of the Burial Office, one of the lessons from the Burial Office may be read at the Committal, followed by a brief homily.

AT CREMATION

At the cremation of a body, this alternate committal prayer may be used:

In sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to Almighty God our *brother N.*, and we commit *his* body to be consumed by fire; earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust. The Lord bless *him* and keep *him*, the Lord make his face to shine upon *him* and be gracious unto *him*, the Lord lift up his countenance upon *him* and give *him* peace. Amen.

THE NEW COVERDALE
PSALTER

CONCERNING THE PSALTER

The Coverdale Psalter of 1535 (employed with every Prayer Book from the mid-16th to the mid-20th centuries) is one of the timeless treasures of the *Book of Common Prayer*. It has here been renewed for contemporary use.

Recitation of the Psalms is central to daily worship throughout the Christian Tradition. Anglicanism at the time of the Reformation established that the entire Psalter should be read in the Daily Office every month. This one-month cycle is indicated within the Psalter itself. Contemporary practice sometimes lessens the number of daily psalms, so a sixty-day cycle is also printed alongside the readings in the Daily Office Lectionary on pages 738–763.

When recited in the Office, the Gloria Patri (Glory be...) may be said after each psalm, or at the conclusion of all the psalms of the Office. The Gloria Patri is not customarily said after a psalm in the Eucharist.

The manner of recitation of the psalms can be adapted to the size of the Congregation and physical setting: responsive (between leader and people), antiphonal (alternating sides of the Congregation), or in unison, and by whole or half verse. For purposes of reflective pause, half-verse recitation, or musical chant, the asterisk (*) printed in each verse indicates the place where the verse divides.

The numbering of verses in the New Coverdale Psalter in certain psalms may differ from the numbering found in other translations.

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DAY I : MORNING PRAYER

1

Beatus vir qui non abiit

- 1 Blessed is the man who has not walked in the counsel
of the ungodly, *
 nor stood in the way of sinners, and has not sat in the seat
 of the scornful;
- 2 But his delight is in the law of the **LORD**, *
 and on his law will he meditate day and night.
- 3 And he shall be like a tree planted by the waterside, *
 that will bring forth his fruit in due season.
- 4 His leaf also shall not wither; *
 and look, whatever he does, it shall prosper.
- 5 As for the ungodly, it is not so with them; *
 but they are like the chaff, which the wind scatters away
 from the face of the earth.
- 6 Therefore the ungodly shall not be able to stand
in the judgment, *
 neither the sinners in the congregation of the righteous.
- 7 For the **LORD** knows the way of the righteous, *
 but the way of the ungodly shall perish.

2

Quare fremuerunt gentes?

- 1 Why do the nations so furiously rage together? *
 And why do the peoples devise a vain thing?
- 2 The kings of the earth stand up, and the rulers
take counsel together, *
 against the **LORD** and against his Anointed:
- 3 “Let us break their bonds asunder *
 and cast away their cords from us.”

- 4 He who dwells in heaven shall laugh them to scorn; *
the Lord shall hold them in derision.
- 5 Then shall he speak to them in his wrath *
and terrify them in his great anger:
- 6 “I myself have set my King *
upon my holy hill of Zion.”
- 7 I will proclaim the decree of the LORD; *
he said to me, “You are my Son; this day have I
begotten you.
- 8 Ask of me, and I shall give you the nations
for your inheritance *
and the ends of the earth for your possession.
- 9 You shall bruise them with a rod of iron *
and break them in pieces like a potter’s vessel.”
- 10 Be wise now, O you kings; *
be warned, you judges of the earth.
- 11 Serve the LORD in fear, *
and rejoice with trembling.
- 12 Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and you perish in the way;
for his wrath is quickly kindled. *
- Blessed are all those who put their trust in him.

3

Domine, quid multiplicati?

- 1 LORD, how they are increased who trouble me; *
many are those who rise against me.
- 2 Many there are who say of my soul, *
“There is no help for him in his God.”
- 3 But you, O LORD, are my defender; *
you are my glory, and the one who lifts up my head.
- 4 I called upon the LORD with my voice, *
and he heard me from his holy hill.

- 5 I lay down and slept, and rose up again, *
 for the LORD sustained me.
- 6 I will not be afraid of ten thousands of the people *
 who have set themselves against me round about.
- 7 Rise up, O LORD, and help me, O my God; *
 for you smite all my enemies on the cheek-bone; you have
 broken the teeth of the ungodly.
- 8 Salvation belongs to the LORD; *
 may your blessing be upon your people.

4

Cum invocarem

- 1 Hear me when I call, O God of my righteousness; *
 you set me free when I was in trouble; have mercy upon me,
 and hear my prayer.
- 2 O you children of men, how long will you blaspheme
 my honor,*
 and have such pleasure in vanity, and seek after falsehood?
- 3 Know this also, that the LORD has chosen for himself
 the one that is godly; *
 when I call upon the LORD, he will hear me.
- 4 Stand in awe, and sin not;
 commune with your own heart upon your bed, and be still.
- 5 Offer the sacrifice of righteousness *
 and put your trust in the LORD.
- 6 There are many that say, “Who will show us any good?” *
 LORD, lift up the light of your countenance upon us.
- 7 You have put gladness in my heart, *
 more than when others’ grain and wine and oil increased.
- 8 I will lay me down in peace, and take my rest; *
 for you, LORD, only, make me dwell in safety.

5

Verba mea auribus

- ¹ Give ear to my words, O LORD; *
 consider my meditation.
- ² O hearken unto the voice of my calling, my King and my God,*
 for unto you will I make my prayer.
- ³ My voice shall you hear in the morning, O LORD; *
 early in the morning will I direct my prayer unto you,
 and will look up.
- ⁴ For you are not a god who has pleasure in wickedness,*
 neither shall any evil dwell with you.
- ⁵ The boastful shall not stand in your sight,*
 for you hate all those who work iniquity.
- ⁶ You shall destroy those who speak lies; *
 the LORD will abhor the bloodthirsty and the deceitful.
- ⁷ But as for me, through the multitude of your mercies I will
 come into your house,*
 and in reverence will I bow myself toward your holy temple.
- ⁸ Lead me, O LORD, in your righteousness, because
 of my enemies; *
 make your way straight before my face.
- ⁹ For there is no faithfulness in their mouth; *
 their heart is eaten up with wickedness.
- ¹⁰ Their throat is an open sepulcher; *
 they flatter with their tongue.
- ¹¹ Declare them guilty, O God; let them fall because of
 their own devices; *
 because of the multitude of their transgressions
 cast them out, for they have rebelled against you.
- ¹² But let all those who put their trust in you rejoice; *
 let them ever give thanks because you defend them;
 those who love your Name shall be joyful in you.

- ¹³ For you, LORD, will give your blessing unto the righteous,*
and with your favorable kindness you will defend him
as with a shield.

DAY I : EVENING PRAYER

6

Domine, ne in furore

- ¹ O LORD, rebuke me not in your indignation,*
neither chasten me in your displeasure.
² Have mercy upon me, O LORD, for I am weak; *
O LORD, heal me, for my bones are racked.
³ My soul also is greatly troubled; *
but, LORD, how long will you punish me?
⁴ Turn, O LORD, and deliver my soul; *
O save me for your mercy's sake.
⁵ For in death no one remembers you,*
and who will give you thanks in the grave?
⁶ I am weary with my groaning; *
every night I flood my bed and drench my couch with my
tears.
⁷ My eyes have become dim because of trouble,*
and worn away because of all my enemies.
⁸ Away from me, all you who work wickedness,*
for the LORD has heard the voice of my weeping.
⁹ The LORD has heard my petition; *
the LORD will receive my prayer.
¹⁰ All my enemies shall be confounded and greatly vexed; *
they shall be turned back and put to shame suddenly.

7

Domine, Deus meus

- 1 O LORD my God, in you have I put my trust; *
 save me from all those who persecute me, and deliver me,
- 2 Lest they devour me like a lion and tear me in pieces *
 while there is none to help.
- 3 O LORD my God, if I have done any such thing, *
 if there be any wickedness in my hands,
- 4 If I have repaid evil to him who has dealt with me as a friend, *
 or plundered him who without any cause is my enemy,
- 5 Then let my enemy pursue me and overtake me, *
 let him trample my life into the ground, and lay my honor
 in the dust.
- 6 Stand up, O LORD, in your wrath, and lift yourself up against
 the fury of my enemies; *
 rise up for me in the judgment that you have commanded.
- 7 Then shall the assembly of the peoples be gathered about you; *
 lift yourself up again, O LORD, O judge of all the nations.
- 8 Give sentence for me, O LORD, according to my righteousness, *
 and according to the innocence that is in me.
- 9 O let the wickedness of the ungodly come to an end, *
 but establish the just.
- 10 For the righteous God *
 tries the very hearts and minds.
- 11 God is my shield and my defense; *
 he preserves those who are true of heart.
- 12 God is a righteous judge, strong and patient; *
 and God is provoked every day.
- 13 If a man will not repent, God will whet his sword; *
 he will bend his bow, and make it ready.
- 14 He has prepared for him the instruments of death; *
 he makes his arrows shafts of fire.

- ¹⁵ Behold, the ungodly is in labor with mischief; *
 he has conceived wickedness and brought forth lies.
¹⁶ He has made a pit and dug it out; *
 but will himself fall into the trap that he made for others.
¹⁷ For his malice shall come upon his own head, *
 and his wickedness shall fall on his own scalp.
¹⁸ I will give thanks unto the L ORD, according to his
 righteousness, *
 and I will praise the Name of the L ORD Most High.

8

Domine, Dominus noster

- ¹ O L ORD our Governor, how excellent is your Name
in all the world; *
 you have set your glory above the heavens!
² Out of the mouth of babes and infants you have ordained
strength, because of your enemies, *
 that you might still the enemy and the avenger.
³ When I consider your heavens, even the works of your fingers, *
 the moon and the stars, which you have ordained,
⁴ What is man, that you are mindful of him, *
 the son of man, that you visit him?
⁵ You made him little lower than the angels, *
 to crown him with glory and honor.
⁶ You made him to have dominion over the works of your hands, *
 and you have put all things in subjection under his feet:
⁷ All sheep and oxen, *
 even the beasts of the field,
⁸ The birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, *
 and whatsoever walks through the paths of the seas.
⁹ O L ORD our Governor, *
 how excellent is your Name in all the world!

DAY 2 : MORNING PRAYER

9

Confitebor tibi

- 1 I will give thanks unto you, O LORD, with my whole heart; *
I will speak of all your marvelous works.
- 2 I will be glad and rejoice in you; *
indeed, my songs will I sing of your Name, O Most High.
- 3 When my enemies are driven back,*
they shall fall and perish at your presence;
- 4 For you have maintained my right and my cause; *
you sit on your throne judging right.
- 5 You have rebuked the nations and destroyed the ungodly; *
you have blotted out their name for ever and ever.
- 6 As for the enemy, their destruction has come; they are
in perpetual ruin; *
like the cities which you have destroyed, their memory
has perished with them.
- 7 But the LORD sits enthroned for ever; *
he has prepared his seat for judgment.
- 8 For he shall judge the world in righteousness, *
and minister true judgment to the peoples.
- 9 The LORD will be a defense for the oppressed, *
even a refuge in the time of trouble;
- 10 And those who know your Name will put their trust in you, *
for you, LORD, have never failed those who seek you.
- 11 O praise the LORD who dwells in Zion; *
tell the peoples what things he has done.
- 12 For when he takes vengeance for blood, he remembers them, *
and forgets not the cry of the poor.
- 13 Have mercy upon me, O LORD; consider the trouble I suffer
from those who hate me,*
O you who lift me up from the gates of death,

- ¹⁴ That I may tell of all your praises within the gates
of the daughter of Zion; *
- I will rejoice in your salvation.
- ¹⁵ The nations have sunk down in the pit that they made; *
in the same net which they hid secretly is their foot caught.
- ¹⁶ The L ORD is known to execute judgment; *
the ungodly are trapped in the works of their own hands.
- ¹⁷ The wicked shall return to the grave, *
even all the peoples that forget God.
- ¹⁸ For the poor shall not always be forgotten; *
the patient hope of the meek shall not perish for ever.
- ¹⁹ Rise up, O L ORD, and let them not have the upper hand; *
let the nations be judged in your sight.
- ²⁰ Put them in fear, O L ORD, *
that the nations may know themselves to be merely human.

10

Ut quid, Domine?

- ¹ Why do you stand so far off, O L ORD, *
and hide your face in the time of need and trouble?
- ² The ungodly in his pride persecutes the poor; *
let him be taken in the crafty schemes that he has imagined.
- ³ For the ungodly has boasted of his own heart's desire; *
the covetous holds the L ORD in contempt and blasphemous
his Name.
- ⁴ The ungodly is so proud that he cares not for God; *
neither is God in any of his thoughts.
- ⁵ His ways are always grievous; *
your judgments are far above, out of his sight, and therefore
he defies all his enemies.
- ⁶ For he has said in his heart, "I shall never be cast down; *
no harm shall happen to me."

- 7 His mouth is full of cursing, deceit, and fraud; *
under his tongue are ungodliness and vanity.
- 8 He sits lurking in the thievish corners of the streets, and in his
hiding places he murders the innocent; *
his eyes are set against the poor.
- 9 For he lies waiting secretly, even as a lion lurks in his den, *
that he may ravish the poor.
- 10 He ravishes the poor *
when he gets him into his net.
- 11 The innocent is crushed and humbled before him, *
and the weak cannot stand against his might.
- 12 He has said in his heart, “God has forgotten; *
he hides away his face, and he will never see it.”
- 13 Arise, O LORD God, and lift up your hand; *
forget not the poor.
- 14 Why should the wicked blaspheme God, *
while he says in his heart, “You, O God, do not care”?
- 15 Surely you have seen it, for you behold ungodliness and wrong,*
that you may take the matter into your hand.
- 16 The poor commits himself unto you,*
for you are the helper of the fatherless.
- 17 Break the power of the ungodly and malicious; *
search out his ungodliness until you have brought it all
to light.
- 18 The LORD is King for ever and ever,*
and the nations have perished out of the land.
- 19 O LORD, you have heard the desire of the poor; *
you prepare their heart, and your ear hearkens to it,
- 20 To help the fatherless and poor with justice, *
that the one who is of the earth may terrify no more.

11

In Domino confido

- 1 In the LORD I put my trust; *
 how then can you say to my soul, “Flee as a bird unto the hill;
- 2 For behold, the ungodly bend their bow, and make ready
 their arrow upon the string, *
 that they may secretly shoot at those who are true of heart.
- 3 For the foundations will be cast down, *
 and what can the righteous do?”
- 4 The LORD is in his holy temple; *
 the LORD’s throne is in heaven.
- 5 His eyes consider the poor, *
 and his eyelids try the children of men.
- 6 The LORD tests the righteous, *
 but the ungodly, and those who delight in wickedness,
 his soul abhors.
- 7 Upon the ungodly he shall rain snares, fire and brimstone,
 storm and tempest; *
 this shall be their portion to drink.
- 8 For the righteous LORD loves righteousness; *
 the upright shall behold his face.

DAY 2 : EVENING PRAYER

12

Salvum me fac

- 1 Help me, O LORD, for there is no godly one left; *
 for the faithful have vanished from among the children
 of men.
- 2 They speak falsely, every one with his neighbor; *
 they flatter with their lips and deceive with a double heart.

- 3 The LORD shall root out all deceitful lips *
and the tongues that speak proud things,
4 Which have said, "With our tongue will we prevail; *
our lips are our own; who is lord over us?"
5 "Now because of the trouble of the needy *
and because of the deep sighing of the poor,
6 I will rise up," says the LORD,*
"and will give help to every one who longs for it."
7 The words of the LORD are pure words, even as silver
that is tried in the furnace,*
and as gold that is purified seven times in the fire.
8 Preserve us, O Lord, and save us *
from this perverse and evil generation.
9 The ungodly walk on every side *
when wickedness is exalted among the children of men.

13

Usquequo, Domine?

- 1 How long will you utterly forget me, O LORD? *
How long will you hide your face from me?
2 How long shall I seek counsel in my soul and be so vexed
in my heart? *
How long shall my enemy triumph over me?
3 Consider and hear me, O LORD my God; *
give light to my eyes, that I sleep not in death,
4 Lest my enemy say, "I have prevailed against him"; *
for if I am cast down, those who trouble me will rejoice.
5 But my trust is in your mercy,*
and my heart is joyful in your salvation.
6 I will sing of the LORD, because he has dealt so lovingly
with me; *
indeed, I will praise the Name of the LORD Most High.

14

Dixit insipiens

- 1 The fool has said in his heart,*
“There is no God.”
- 2 They are corrupt and have become abominable in their doing;*
there is none that does good, no, not one.
- 3 The LORD looked down from heaven upon the children of men,*
to see if there were any who would understand and seek
after God.
- 4 But they have all gone astray; they have altogether become
abominable;*
there is none that does good, no, not one.
- 5 Have they no knowledge, all those workers of evil,*
who eat up my people as bread, and call not upon the LORD?
- 6 There were they brought into great fear, even where no fear was;*
for God is in the generation of the righteous.
- 7 Though you have made a mockery of the counsel of the poor,*
yet they put their trust in the LORD.
- 8 Who shall give salvation unto Israel out of Zion? *
When the LORD restores his captive people, then shall
Jacob rejoice, and Israel shall be glad.

DAY 3 : MORNING PRAYER

15

Domine, quis habitabit?

- 1 LORD, who shall dwell in your tabernacle? *
Or who shall rest upon your holy hill?
- 2 Whoever leads an uncorrupt life,*
and does that which is right, and speaks the truth
from his heart.

- ³ He has not spoken deceitfully with his tongue, nor done evil to his neighbor,*
and has not slandered his neighbor.
- ⁴ In his eyes the wicked is rejected,*
and he makes much of those who fear the LORD.
- ⁵ He swears to his neighbor and disappoints him not,*
though it were to his own hindrance.
- ⁶ He has not given his money for usury,*
nor taken a bribe against the innocent.
- ⁷ Whoever does these things*
shall never be overthrown.

16

Conserva me, Domine

- ¹ Preserve me, O God,*
for in you have I put my trust.
- ² O my soul, you have said unto the LORD,*
“You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you.”
- ³ All my delight is upon the saints who are on the earth,*
and upon those who excel in virtue.
- ⁴ But those who run after another god*
shall have great trouble.
- ⁵ Their drink offerings of blood I will not offer,*
neither make mention of their names with my lips.
- ⁶ The LORD himself is the portion of my inheritance and
of my cup;*
you shall maintain my lot.
- ⁷ The boundaries have fallen for me in pleasant places;*
indeed, I have a goodly heritage.
- ⁸ I will thank the LORD for giving me counsel;*
my heart also chastens me in the night season.

- ⁹ I have set the LORD always before me; *
 he is at my right hand; therefore I shall not fall.
¹⁰ Therefore my heart is glad and my soul rejoices.*
 My flesh also shall rest in hope.
¹¹ For you shall not leave my soul in the grave,*
 neither shall you allow your Holy One to see corruption.
¹² You shall show me the path of life; in your presence
 is the fullness of joy,*
 and at your right hand there is pleasure for evermore.

17

Exaudi, Domine

- ¹ Hear what is right, O LORD; consider my complaint; *
 hearken to my prayer, which does not come from lying lips.
² Let justice for me come forth from your presence,*
 and let your eyes look upon that which is right.
³ You have tested and visited my heart in the night season.*
 If you try me you shall find no wickedness in me;
 my mouth shall not offend.
⁴ As for the works of others,*
 because of the words of your lips, I have kept myself
 from the ways of the violent.
⁵ Hold my steps firmly in your paths,*
 that my footsteps may not slip.
⁶ I have called upon you, O God, for you will hear me; *
 incline your ear to me and hearken to my words.
⁷ Show your marvelous loving-kindness, you that are the Savior
 of those who put their trust in you *
 from the ones who resist your right hand.
⁸ Keep me as the apple of your eye; *
 hide me under the shadow of your wings,

- ⁹ From the ungodly who assault me,*
even from my enemies who encompass me to take away
my soul.
- ¹⁰ They have closed their heart to pity,*
and their mouth speaks proud things.
- ¹¹ They lie waiting in my way on every side,*
watching how they may cast me down to the ground,
- ¹² Like a lion that is greedy for its prey,*
and like a young lion lurking in secret places.
- ¹³ Rise up, O LORD, confront them and cast them down;*
deliver my soul from the ungodly by your sword
and by your hand,
- ¹⁴ From those, O LORD, from those whose portion in life
is of the world,*
whose bellies you fill with your hidden treasure.
- ¹⁵ They have children at their desire,*
and leave the rest of their abundance for their little ones.
- ¹⁶ But as for me, I will behold your presence in righteousness;*
and when I awake and see your likeness, I shall be satisfied.

DAY 3 : EVENING PRAYER

18

Diligam te, Domine

- ¹ I will love you, O LORD my strength;*
the LORD is my rock, my stronghold, and my deliverer,
- ² My Savior, my God, and my might in whom I will trust,*
my buckler, the horn of my salvation, and my refuge.
- ³ I will call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised;*
so shall I be safe from my enemies.
- ⁴ The waves of death encompassed me;*
the floods that would swallow me up made me afraid.

- 5 The cords of the grave surrounded me; *
the snares of death overtook me.
- 6 In my trouble I called upon the LORD *
and cried unto my God for help.
- 7 From his holy temple he heard my voice. *
My complaint came before him; it entered into his ears.
- 8 The earth trembled and quaked; *
the very foundations of the hills shook and were removed,
because he was angry.
- 9 There went out smoke from his nostrils and a consuming fire
out of his mouth; *
coals of fire issued from his presence.
- 10 He parted the heavens also and came down, *
and it was dark under his feet.
- 11 He rode upon the cherubim and flew; *
he came flying upon the wings of the wind.
- 12 He made darkness his secret place; *
dark waters and thick clouds were his covering
round about him.
- 13 At the brightness of his presence his clouds broke forth: *
hailstones and coals of fire.
- 14 The LORD also thundered out of heaven, and the Most High
gave forth his voice: *
hailstones and coals of fire.
- 15 He sent out his arrows and scattered them; *
he cast forth lightning and destroyed them.
- 16 The springs of water were seen, and the foundations
of the world were uncovered, *
at your rebuke, O LORD, at the blasting of the breath
of your displeasure.
- 17 He reached down from on high to grasp me, *
and he took me out of many waters.

- ¹⁸ He delivered me from my strongest enemy, and from those who hated me, *
for they were too mighty for me.
- ¹⁹ They confronted me in the day of my trouble, *
but the LORD upheld me.
- ²⁰ He brought me forth into a place of liberty; *
he delivered me, because I had found favor in his eyes.
- ²¹ The LORD rewarded me according to my righteous dealing; *
according to the cleanliness of my hands he recompensed me,
- ²² Because I had kept the ways of the LORD *
and had not forsaken my God, as the wicked do.
- ²³ For I had an eye unto all his laws *
and did not cast out his commandments from me.
- ²⁴ I was also uncorrupt before him *
and kept myself from my own wickedness.
- ²⁵ Therefore the LORD rewarded me according to my righteous dealing, *
and according to the cleanliness of my hands in his sight.
- ²⁶ With the faithful you show yourself faithful, *
and with the upright you show yourself upright.
- ²⁷ With the pure you show yourself pure, *
but with the crooked you show yourself shrewd.
- ²⁸ For you shall save the people who are in adversity, *
but shall bring down the high looks of the proud.
- ²⁹ You also shall light my lamp; *
the LORD my God shall turn my darkness into light.
- ³⁰ For with you I shall crush a host of men, *
and with the help of my God I can leap over a wall.
- ³¹ The way of God is an undefiled way; the word of the LORD
also is tried in the fire; *
he is the defender of all those who put their trust in him.
- ³² For who is God, but the LORD, *
or who is a rock, except our God?

- ³³ It is God who girds me with strength for war *
and makes my way perfect.
- ³⁴ He makes my feet like the feet of a deer *
and sets me up on high.
- ³⁵ He teaches my hands to fight,*
and my arms shall bend even a bow of bronze.
- ³⁶ You have given me the shield of your salvation; *
your right hand also shall hold me up, and your loving
correction shall make me great.
- ³⁷ You have made a broad path for my feet,*
and my footsteps shall not slip.
- ³⁸ I will follow my enemies and overtake them; *
I will not turn again until I have destroyed them.
- ³⁹ I will smite them, and they shall not be able to stand.*
They shall fall under my feet.
- ⁴⁰ You have girded me with strength for the battle; *
you shall throw down my enemies under me.
- ⁴¹ You have made my enemies turn their backs upon me,*
and I shall destroy those who hate me.
- ⁴² They shall cry, but there shall be none to help them; *
even unto the L ORD shall they cry, but he shall not
hear them.
- ⁴³ I will beat them as small as dust before the wind; *
I will tread them down as mire in the streets.
- ⁴⁴ You shall deliver me from the strivings of the peoples,*
and you shall make me the head of the nations.
- ⁴⁵ A people whom I have not known *
shall be in subjection under me.
- ⁴⁶ As soon as they hear of me, they shall obey me; *
and foreigners shall cringe before me.
- ⁴⁷ Foreigners shall lose heart,*
and, being afraid, shall come out of their strongholds.

- ⁴⁸ The LORD lives, and blessed be my rock,*
 and praised be the God of my salvation,
⁴⁹ Even the God who sees that I am avenged*
 and subdues the peoples under me.
⁵⁰ It is he who delivers me from my cruel enemies, and lifts me up
 above my adversaries;*
 you shall rid me of the wicked.
⁵¹ For this cause will I give thanks unto you, O LORD,
 among the nations,*
 and sing praises unto your Name.
⁵² Great prosperity he gives unto his King,*
 and shows loving-kindness to David his Anointed,
 and unto his seed for evermore.

DAY 4 : MORNING PRAYER

19

Cæli enarrant

- ¹ The heavens declare the glory of God,*
 and the firmament shows his handiwork.
² One day speaks to another,*
 and one night gives knowledge to another.
³ There is neither speech nor language,*
 and their voices are not heard;
⁴ But their sound has gone out into all lands,*
 and their words to the ends of the world.
⁵ In them he has set a tent for the sun,*
 which comes forth as a bridegroom out of his chamber,
 and rejoices like a strong man to run his course.
⁶ It goes forth from the uttermost part of the heavens,
 and runs about to the end of it again,*
 and there is nothing hidden from its heat.

- ⁷ The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul; *
the testimony of the LORD is sure, and gives wisdom
to the simple.
- ⁸ The statutes of the LORD are right, and rejoice the heart; *
the commandment of the LORD is pure, and gives light
to the eyes.
- ⁹ The fear of the LORD is clean, and endures for ever; *
the judgments of the LORD are true, and righteous altogether.
- ¹⁰ More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; *
sweeter also than honey, than the drippings
from the honeycomb.
- ¹¹ Moreover, by them is your servant taught, *
and in keeping them there is great reward.
- ¹² Who can tell how often he offends? *
O cleanse me from my secret faults.
- ¹³ Keep your servant also from presumptuous sins, lest they get
the dominion over me; *
so shall I be undefiled, and innocent of great offense.
- ¹⁴ Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
be always acceptable in your sight, *
O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.

20

Exaudiat te Dominus

- ¹ May the LORD hear you in the day of trouble, *
the Name of the God of Jacob defend you;
- ² Send you help from the sanctuary, *
and strengthen you out of Zion;
- ³ Remember all your offerings, *
and accept your burnt sacrifice;
- ⁴ Grant you your heart's desire, *
and accomplish all your plans.

- ⁵ We will rejoice in your salvation, and triumph in the Name
of the Lord our God; *
 may the LORD grant all your petitions.
- ⁶ Now I know that the LORD helps his Anointed, and will
answer him from his holy heaven, *
 even with the saving strength of his right hand.
- ⁷ Some put their trust in chariots, and some in horses, *
 but we put our trust in the Name of the LORD our God.
- ⁸ They are brought down and fallen, *
 but we will arise and stand upright.
- ⁹ O LORD, save the King, *
 and hear us when we call upon you.

21

Domine, in virtute tua

- ¹ The King shall rejoice in your strength, O LORD; *
 exceedingly glad shall he be of your salvation.
- ² You have given him his heart's desire, *
 and have not denied him the request of his lips.
- ³ For you shall meet him with the blessings of goodness, *
 and shall set a crown of pure gold upon his head.
- ⁴ He asked you for life, and you gave it to him: *
 length of days, for ever and ever.
- ⁵ His honor is great because of your salvation; *
 glory and majesty shall you lay upon him.
- ⁶ For you shall give him everlasting felicity *
 and make him glad with the joy of your countenance.
- ⁷ For the King puts his trust in the LORD, *
 and because of the mercy of the Most High, he shall not
 be moved.
- ⁸ All your enemies shall feel your hand; *
 your right hand shall find those who hate you.

- ⁹ You shall make them like a fiery oven in the time
of your wrath; *
 the L ORD shall destroy them in his displeasure,
 and the fire shall consume them.
- ¹⁰ Their offspring you shall root out of the earth, *
 and their seed from among the children of men.
- ¹¹ For they intended evil against you, *
 and imagined wicked schemes, which they are not able
 to perform.
- ¹² Therefore you shall put them to flight, *
 and the strings of your bow you shall aim at their faces.
- ¹³ Be exalted, O L ORD, in your own strength; *
 so we will sing and praise your power.

DAY 4 : EVENING PRAYER

22

Deus, Deus meus

- ¹ My God, my God, why have you forsaken me, *
 and are so far from my cry, and from the words
 of my complaint?
- ² O my God, I cry in the daytime, but you do not hear; *
 in the night season also, but I find no rest.
- ³ But you remain holy, *
 enthroned upon the praises of Israel.
- ⁴ Our fathers hoped in you; *
 they trusted in you, and you delivered them.
- ⁵ They called upon you, and were delivered; *
 they put their trust in you, and were not confounded.
- ⁶ But as for me, I am a worm, and no man, *
 scorned by all, and the outcast of the people.
- ⁷ All those who see me laugh me to scorn; *
 they curl their lips, and shake their heads, saying,

- 8 "He trusted in God, that he would deliver him; *
 let him deliver him, if he will have him."
- 9 But you are he that took me out of my mother's womb; *
 you were my hope, when I was yet upon my mother's breasts.
- 10 I have been cast upon you ever since I was born; *
 you are my God, even from my mother's womb.
- 11 O go not far from me, for trouble is near at hand, *
 and there is none to help me.
- 12 Many oxen have come around me; *
 fat bulls of Bashan close me in on every side.
- 13 They gape at me with their mouths, *
 like a ravening and a roaring lion.
- 14 I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint; *
 my heart also in the midst of my body is like melting wax.
- 15 My strength is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue
 cleaves to my gums, *
 and you bring me into the dust of death.
- 16 For many dogs have come about me, *
 and the council of the wicked lays siege against me.
- 17 They pierced my hands and my feet; I can count all my bones; *
 they stand staring and looking upon me.
- 18 They part my garments among them, *
 and casts lots for my clothing.
- 19 But be not far from me, O LORD. *
 You are my succor; hasten to help me.
- 20 Deliver my soul from the sword, *
 my life from the power of the dog.
- 21 Save me from the lion's mouth, *
 and my soul in misery from among the horns of wild oxen.
- 22 I will declare your Name to my brethren; *
 in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.

- ²³ O praise the LORD, you that fear him; *
magnify him, all you seed of Jacob, and fear him, all
you seed of Israel.
- ²⁴ For he has not despised nor abhorred the low estate
of the poor; *
he has not hidden his face from him, but when he called
unto him, he heard him.
- ²⁵ My praise is of you in the great congregation; *
my vows will I perform in the sight of those who fear him.
- ²⁶ The poor shall eat and be satisfied; *
those who seek after the LORD shall praise him; may your
hearts live for ever.
- ²⁷ All the ends of the world shall remember, and be turned
unto the LORD, *
and all the families of the nations shall worship before him.
- ²⁸ For the kingdom is the LORD's, *
and he is the Governor among the peoples.
- ²⁹ All those who sleep in the earth, how shall they worship him? *
All those who go down into the dust, how shall they
kneel before him?
- ³⁰ But my life shall be preserved in his sight, and my children
shall worship him; *
they shall tell of the Lord to the generations to come;
- ³¹ And to a people yet unborn shall they declare
his righteousness, *
that he has brought it to pass.

23

Dominus regit me

- 1 The LORD is my shepherd; *
therefore I can lack nothing.
- 2 He shall feed me in green
pastures *
and lead me forth beside the
waters of comfort.
- 3 He shall refresh my soul *
and bring me forth in the
paths of righteousness for his
Name's sake.
- 4 Even though I walk through
the valley of the shadow
of death, I will fear no evil; *
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff
comfort me.
- 5 You shall prepare a table before
me, in the presence
of those who trouble me; *
you have anointed my head
with oil, and my cup
shall be full.
- 6 Surely your goodness and mercy
shall follow me all the days
of my life, *
and I will dwell in the house
of the LORD for ever.

23

King James Version

- 1 *The LORD is my shepherd; **
I shall not want.
- 2 *He maketh me to lie down*
*in green pastures: **
he leadeth me beside the still
waters.
- 3 *He restoreth my soul: **
he leadeth me in the paths of
righteousness for his
Name's sake.
- 4 *Yea, though I walk through*
the valley of the shadow
*of death, I will fear no evil: **
for thou art with me;
thy rod and thy staff they
comfort me.
- 5 *Thou preparest a table before*
me in the presence of mine
*enemies: **
thou anointest my head
with oil; my cup runneth
over.
- 6 *Surely goodness and mercy*
shall follow me all the days
*of my life: **
and I will dwell in the
house of the LORD for ever.

DAY 5 : MORNING PRAYER

24

Domini est terra

- 1 The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it, *
the compass of the world and those who dwell therein.
- 2 For he has founded it upon the seas *
and established it upon the rivers of the deep.
- 3 Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD? *
Or who shall stand in his holy place?
- 4 He who has clean hands and a pure heart, *
and who has not set his mind upon vanity, nor sworn
to deceive his neighbor.
- 5 He shall receive blessing from the LORD *
and righteousness from the God of his salvation.
- 6 This is the generation of those who seek him, *
even of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.
- 7 Lift up your heads, O you gates, and be lifted up,
you everlasting doors; *
and the King of glory shall come in.
- 8 “Who is the King of glory?” *
“It is the LORD, strong and mighty, even the LORD,
mighty in battle.”
- 9 Lift up your heads, O you gates, and be lifted up,
you everlasting doors; *
and the King of glory shall come in.
- 10 “Who is the King of glory?” *
“The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory.”

25

Ad te, Domine, levavi

- 1 Unto you, O LORD, will I lift up my soul; my God, I have put my trust in you; *
O let me not be ashamed, neither let my enemies triumph over me.
- 2 For all those who hope in you shall not be ashamed, *
but those who deal untruly shall be put to confusion.
- 3 Show me your ways, O LORD, *
and teach me your paths.
- 4 Lead me forth in your truth and teach me, *
for you are the God of my salvation; in you has been my hope all the day long.
- 5 Call to remembrance, O LORD, your tender mercies, *
and your loving-kindnesses, which have been from of old.
- 6 O remember not the sins and offenses of my youth, *
but according to your mercy think on me, O LORD, in your goodness.
- 7 Gracious and righteous is the LORD; *
therefore will he teach sinners in the way.
- 8 Those who are meek shall he guide in judgment, *
and those who are gentle shall he teach his way.
- 9 All the paths of the LORD are mercy and truth *
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.
- 10 For your Name's sake, O LORD, *
forgive my sin, for it is great.
- 11 Who is the one who fears the LORD? *
He shall teach him in the way that he shall choose.
- 12 He shall dwell at ease, *
and his seed shall inherit the land.
- 13 The LORD reveals his secret counsel to those who fear him, *
and he will show them his covenant.

- ¹⁴ My eyes are ever looking to the LORD,*
 for he shall pluck my feet out of the net.
- ¹⁵ Turn to me, and have mercy on me,*
 for I am desolate and in misery.
- ¹⁶ The sorrows of my heart are enlarged;*
 O bring me out of my troubles.
- ¹⁷ Look upon my adversity and misery*
 and forgive me all my sin.
- ¹⁸ Consider my enemies, how many they are,*
 and how they bear a tyrannous hate against me.
- ¹⁹ O keep my soul and deliver me;*
 let me not be ashamed, for I have put my trust in you.
- ²⁰ Let integrity and righteous dealing preserve me,*
 for my hope has been in you.
- ²¹ Deliver Israel, O God,*
 out of all his troubles.

26

Judica me, Domine

- ¹ Be my judge, O LORD, for I have walked innocently;*
 my trust has been in the LORD; therefore I shall not fall.
- ² Test me, O LORD, and prove me;*
 examine my heart and my mind.
- ³ For your loving-kindness is ever before my eyes,*
 and I will walk in your truth.
- ⁴ I have not dwelt with evildoers,*
 neither will I have fellowship with the deceitful.
- ⁵ I have hated the company of the wicked,*
 and will not sit among the ungodly.
- ⁶ I will wash my hands in innocence, O LORD,*
 and so will I go to your altar,

- ⁷ That I may lift up the voice of thanksgiving*
and tell of all your wondrous works.
- ⁸ LORD, I have loved the habitation of your house*
and the place where your honor dwells.
- ⁹ O take not away my soul with the sinners,*
nor my life with the bloodthirsty,
- ¹⁰ Whose hands are full of wickedness,*
and their right hand full of bribes.
- ¹¹ But as for me, I will walk innocently;*
O deliver me, and be merciful unto me.
- ¹² My foot stands firm;*
I will praise the LORD in the congregations.

DAY 5 : EVENING PRAYER
27

Dominus illuminatio

- ¹ The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear?*
The LORD is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I
be afraid?
- ² When the wicked, even my enemies and my foes, came upon
me to eat up my flesh,*
they stumbled and fell.
- ³ Though a host were encamped against me, yet my heart
would not be afraid,*
and though war rose up against me, yet would I put
my trust in him.
- ⁴ One thing have I desired of the LORD; one thing I seek: *
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days
of my life,
- ⁵ To behold the fair beauty of the LORD,*
and to seek him in his temple.

- 6 For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his tabernacle; *
indeed, in the secret place of his dwelling he shall hide me,
and set me high upon a rock of stone.
- 7 And now he shall lift up my head *
above my enemies round about me.
- 8 Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation with great
gladness; *
I will sing and speak praises unto the LORD.
- 9 Hearken to my voice, O LORD, when I cry unto you; *
have mercy upon me and hear me.
- 10 You speak to my heart and say, "Seek my face." *
Your face, O LORD, will I seek.
- 11 O hide not your face from me, *
nor cast your servant away in displeasure.
- 12 You have been my helper; *
leave me not, neither forsake me, O God of my salvation.
- 13 When my father and my mother forsake me, *
the LORD takes me in.
- 14 Teach me your way, O LORD, *
and lead me in the right way, because of my enemies.
- 15 Deliver me not over to the will of my adversaries, *
for there are false witnesses who have risen up against me,
and those who speak wrong.
- 16 I would utterly have fainted, *
had I not believed that I would see the goodness of the
LORD in the land of the living.
- 17 O wait for the LORD; be strong, and he shall comfort
your heart. *
O put your trust in the LORD.

28

Ad te, Domine

- 1 Unto you will I cry, O LORD my rock; do not be deaf to my prayer; *
lest, if you do not answer, I become like those who go down into the pit.
- 2 Hear the voice of my humble petitions when I cry unto you, * when I hold up my hands toward the sanctuary of your holy temple.
- 3 O cast me not away, neither destroy me with the ungodly and evildoers, * who speak as friends to their neighbors, but imagine evil in their hearts.
- 4 Reward them according to their deeds * and according to the wickedness of their own inventions.
- 5 Recompense them according to the work of their hands; * pay them what they have deserved.
- 6 For they regard not in their mind the works of the LORD, nor the operation of his hands; * therefore he shall break them down and not build them up.
- 7 Praised be the LORD, * for he has heard the voice of my humble petitions.
- 8 The LORD is my strength and my shield; my heart has trusted in him, and I am helped; * therefore my heart dances for joy, and in my song will I praise him.
- 9 The LORD is my strength, * and he is the sure defense of his Anointed.
- 10 O save your people, and give your blessing to your inheritance; * feed them, and lift them up for ever.

29

Afferte Domino

- 1 Ascribe unto the LORD, O you mighty, *
 asccribe unto the LORD worship and strength.
- 2 Give the LORD the honor due unto his Name; *
 worship the LORD with holy worship.
- 3 It is the LORD that commands the waters; *
 it is the glorious God that makes the thunder.
- 4 It is the LORD that rules the sea; the voice of the LORD
 is mighty in its working; *
 the voice of the LORD is a glorious voice.
- 5 The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; *
 indeed, the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon.
- 6 He makes them also to skip like a calf, *
 Lebanon also, and Sirion, like a young ox.
- 7 The voice of the LORD divides the flames of fire; the voice
 of the LORD shakes the wilderness; *
 indeed, the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
- 8 The voice of the LORD makes the deer to bring forth young,
 and strips the forests bare; *
 in his temple all cry, “Glory.”
- 9 The LORD sits above the floodwaters, *
 and the LORD remains King for ever.
- 10 The LORD shall give strength to his people; *
 the LORD shall give his people the blessing of peace.

DAY 6 : MORNING PRAYER

30

Exaltabo te, Domine

- 1 I will magnify you, O LORD, for you have lifted me up, *
and have not let my foes triumph over me.
- 2 O LORD my God, I cried unto you, *
and you have made me whole.
- 3 You, LORD, have brought my soul out of the Grave; *
you have saved my life from among those who go down
to the Pit.
- 4 Sing praises unto the LORD, O you saints of his, *
and give thanks unto him for the remembrance of his holiness.
- 5 For his wrath endures but the twinkling of an eye, his pleasure
for a lifetime; *
heaviness may endure for a night, but joy comes
in the morning.
- 6 In my prosperity I said, "I shall never be moved; *
you, LORD, of your goodness, have made my hill so strong."
- 7 You turned your face from me, *
and I was distressed.
- 8 Then I cried unto you, O LORD, *
and came to my Lord most humbly.
- 9 What profit is there in my bloodshed, *
if I go down into the Pit?
- 10 Shall the dust give thanks unto you? *
Or shall it declare your faithfulness?
- 11 Hear, O LORD, and have mercy upon me. *
O LORD, be my helper.
- 12 You have turned my lamentation into dancing; *
you have put off my sackcloth and girded me with gladness.
- 13 Therefore shall my heart sing of your praise without ceasing. *
O LORD my God, I will give thanks unto you for ever.

31

In te, Domine, speravi

- 1 In you, O LORD, have I put my trust; *
let me never be put to confusion; deliver me
in your righteousness.
- 2 Bow down your ear to me, *
make haste to deliver me,
- 3 And be my strong rock and house of defense, *
that you may save me.
- 4 For you are my strong rock and my castle; *
be also my guide, and lead me for your Name's sake.
- 5 Draw me out of the net that they have laid secretly for me, *
for you are my strength.
- 6 Into your hands I commend my spirit, *
for you have redeemed me, O LORD, O God of truth.
- 7 I have hated those who hold to worthless vanities, *
and my trust has been in the LORD.
- 8 I will be glad and rejoice in your mercy, *
for you have considered my trouble, and have known
my soul in adversities.
- 9 You have not shut me up in the hand of the enemy, *
but have set my feet where they may walk at liberty.
- 10 Have mercy upon me, O LORD, for I am in trouble; *
my eye is consumed with heaviness, and also my soul
and my body.
- 11 For my life has grown old with heaviness, *
and my years with mourning.
- 12 My strength fails me because of my iniquity, *
and my bones are consumed.

- ¹³ I have become a reproof among all my enemies, but especially among my neighbors; *
my acquaintances are afraid of me, and those who see me in the street shrink from me.
- ¹⁴ I am utterly forgotten, as a dead man, out of mind; *
I have become like a broken vessel.
- ¹⁵ For I have heard the whispering of the multitude, and fear is on every side, *
while they conspire together against me and take their counsel to take away my life.
- ¹⁶ But my hope has been in you, O LORD; *
I have said, "You are my God."
- ¹⁷ My time is in your hand; *
deliver me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.
- ¹⁸ Show your servant the light of your countenance, *
and save me for your mercy's sake.
- ¹⁹ Let me not be confounded, O LORD, for I have called upon you; *
let the ungodly be put to confusion, and be put to silence in the grave.
- ²⁰ Let the lying lips be put to silence, *
which cruelly, disdainfully, and despitefully speak against the righteous.
- ²¹ Oh, how plentiful is your goodness, which you have laid up for those who fear you, *
and which you have prepared for those who put their trust in you, even before the children of men!
- ²² You hide them in the secret place of your presence
from those who conspire against them; *
you keep them in your refuge from the strife of tongues.

- ²³ Thanks be to the LORD,*
for he has shown me marvellously great kindness
in a strong city.
- ²⁴ But when I was afraid, I said in my haste,*
“I am cast out of the sight of your eyes.”
- ²⁵ Nevertheless, you heard the voice of my prayer *
when I cried unto you.
- ²⁶ O love the LORD, all you his saints,*
for the LORD preserves those who are faithful,
and plenteously repays the proud.
- ²⁷ Be strong, and he shall establish your heart,*
all you that put your trust in the LORD.

DAY 6 : EVENING PRAYER
32

Beati quorum

- ¹ Blessed is the one whose unrighteousness is forgiven,*
and whose sin is covered.
- ² Blessed is the one to whom the LORD imputes no sin,*
and in whose spirit there is no guile.
- ³ For while I held my tongue, my bones wasted away; *
I ceased not from groaning all the day long.
- ⁴ For your hand was heavy upon me day and night,*
and I was dried up and withered, as in the drought of
summer.
- ⁵ Then I acknowledged my sin unto you,*
and I did not hide my iniquity.
- ⁶ I said, “I will confess my sins unto the LORD” ; *
and so you forgave the wickedness of my sin.
- ⁷ For this reason shall all the godly make their prayers unto you
at a time when you may be found; *
when the great floodwaters rise, they shall not reach them.

- ⁸ You are my hiding-place; you shall preserve me from trouble; *
 you shall encompass me with songs of deliverance.
- ⁹ "I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go,*
 and I will guide you with my eye.
- ¹⁰ Do not be like the horse and mule, which have no
 understanding,*
 whose mouths must be held with bit and bridle,
 or else they will not come near you."
- ¹¹ Great troubles remain for the ungodly; *
 but mercy embraces those who trust in the LORD.
- ¹² Be glad, O you righteous, and rejoice in the LORD; *
 and be joyful, all who are true of heart.

33

Exultate, justi

- ¹ Rejoice in the LORD, O you righteous; *
 it is fitting for the just to be thankful.
- ² Praise the LORD with the harp; *
 sing praises unto him with the ten-stringed lute.
- ³ Sing unto him a new song; *
 make skillful melody and cry aloud with joy.
- ⁴ For the word of the LORD is true,*
 and all his works are faithful.
- ⁵ He loves righteousness and true judgment; *
 the earth is full of the goodness of the LORD.
- ⁶ By the word of the LORD were the heavens made,*
 and all the hosts of them by the breath of his mouth.
- ⁷ He gathers the waters of the sea together, as in a heap,*
 and lays up the deep, as in a treasure house.
- ⁸ Let all the earth fear the LORD; *
 stand in awe of him, all you that dwell in the world.

- 9 For he spoke, and it was done; *
 he commanded and it stood fast.
- 10 The LORD brings the counsel of the nations to naught; *
 he makes the devices of the peoples to be of no effect,
 and casts out the counsels of princes.
- 11 The counsel of the LORD shall endure for ever, *
 and the thoughts of his heart from generation to generation.
- 12 Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD,*
 and blessed are the people he has chosen for himself
 to be his inheritance.
- 13 The LORD looks down from heaven and beholds all the
 children of men; *
 from the habitation of his dwelling he considers all those
 who dwell on the earth.
- 14 He fashions all the hearts of them *
 and understands all their works.
- 15 There is no king who can be saved by a mighty host; *
 neither is any mighty man delivered by great strength.
- 16 A horse is considered a vain hope to save a man; *
 neither shall it deliver anyone by its great strength.
- 17 Behold, the eye of the LORD is upon those who fear him,*
 and upon those who put their trust in his mercy,
- 18 To deliver their soul from death,*
 and to feed them in the time of famine.
- 19 Our soul has patiently waited for the LORD,*
 for he is our help and our shield.
- 20 Our heart shall rejoice in him,*
 because we have hoped in his holy Name.
- 21 Let your merciful kindness, O LORD, be upon us,*
 as we have put our trust in you.

34

Benedicam Dominum

- 1 I will always give thanks unto the LORD; *
his praise shall ever be in my mouth.
- 2 My soul shall make its boast in the LORD; *
the humble shall hear this and be glad.
- 3 O praise the LORD with me, *
and let us magnify his Name together.
- 4 I sought the LORD, and he heard me; *
he delivered me out of all my fears.
- 5 They looked unto him, and were made glad, *
and their faces were not ashamed.
- 6 Look, the poor man cries, and the LORD hears him, *
and saves him out of all his troubles.
- 7 The angel of the LORD camps round about those who fear him, *
and delivers them in time of need.
- 8 O taste and see how gracious the LORD is; *
blessed is the one who trusts in him.
- 9 O fear the LORD, you that are his saints; *
for those who fear him lack nothing.
- 10 The lions lack and suffer hunger, *
but those who seek the LORD shall lack nothing
that is good.
- 11 Come, children, and listen to me; *
I will teach you the fear of the LORD.
- 12 Who among you desires to live, *
and longs to see good days?
- 13 Keep your tongue from evil, *
and your lips from speaking lies.
- 14 Turn from evil and do good; *
seek peace and pursue it.

- ¹⁵ The eyes of the LORD are upon the righteous,*
and his ears are open to their prayers.
- ¹⁶ The countenance of the LORD is against those who do evil,*
to root out the remembrance of them from the earth.
- ¹⁷ The righteous cry, and the LORD hears them *
and delivers them out of all their troubles.
- ¹⁸ The LORD is near to those who are brokenhearted *
and will save those who are crushed in spirit.
- ¹⁹ Great are the troubles of the righteous,*
but the LORD delivers him out of them all.
- ²⁰ He keeps all his bones,*
so that not one of them is broken.
- ²¹ But evil shall slay the ungodly,*
and those who hate the righteous shall be desolate.
- ²² The LORD delivers the souls of his servants,*
and all those who put their trust in him shall not be
destitute.

DAY 7 : MORNING PRAYER

35

Judica, Domine

- ¹ Contend, O LORD, with those who contend with me,*
and fight against those who fight against me.
- ² Take up the shield and buckler,*
and stand up to help me.
- ³ Bring forth the spear and bar the way against those
who pursue me; *
say to my soul, “I am your salvation.”
- ⁴ Let them be confounded and put to shame who seek
after my life; *
let them be turned back and brought to confusion
who imagine evil against me.

- 5 Let them be as the chaff before the wind,*
and let the angel of the LORD scatter them.
- 6 Let their way be dark and slippery,*
and let the angel of the LORD pursue them.
- 7 For they have secretly laid their net to destroy me
without a cause;*
indeed, without a cause have they made a pit
to take away my life.
- 8 Let sudden destruction come upon them unawares, and the
net, which they have laid secretly, catch themselves,*
that they may fall into their own trouble.
- 9 Then shall my soul be joyful in the LORD;*
I shall rejoice in his salvation.
- 10 All my bones shall say, “LORD, who is like you? You deliver
the poor from those who are too strong for them;*
indeed, the poor and those who are in misery from those
who rob them.”
- 11 Malicious witnesses rise up;*
they charge me with matters I know nothing about.
- 12 They repay me evil for good,*
to the great sorrow of my soul.
- 13 Nevertheless, when they were sick, I put on sackcloth
and humbled myself with fasting;*
I prayed with my whole heart, as if it had been my friend
or my brother.
- 14 I behaved myself as one who mourns for his mother;*
I was bowed down with heaviness of heart.
- 15 But in my adversity, they rejoiced and gathered themselves
together;*
indeed, those who struck me came together against me,
and I had no rest; they tore at me, and would not cease.
- 16 When I stumbled they mocked me exceedingly,*
and gnashed at me with their teeth.

- ¹⁷ Lord, how long will you look on this? *
 O deliver me from the calamities they bring upon me,
 and my life from the lions.
- ¹⁸ So will I give you thanks in the great congregation; *
 I will praise you among many people.
- ¹⁹ O let not those who are my enemies triumph over me
deceitfully; *
 neither let them wink with their eyes, those who hate me
 without a cause.
- ²⁰ For their talking is not for peace, *
 but they imagine deceitful words against those who are
 quiet in the land.
- ²¹ They open their mouths at me, and say, *
 “Aha! Aha! We saw it with our own eyes!”
- ²² This you have seen, O LORD. *
 Hold not your tongue then; be not far from me, O Lord.
- ²³ Awake, and stand up to judge my case; *
 avenge my cause, my God and my Lord.
- ²⁴ Judge me, O LORD my God, according to your righteousness, *
 and let them not triumph over me.
- ²⁵ Let them not say in their hearts, “Aha! We have what
we want!” *
 Neither let them say, “We have devoured him.”
- ²⁶ Let them be put to confusion and shame who rejoice
at my trouble; *
 let them be clothed with shame and dishonor who boast
 against me.
- ²⁷ Let them be glad and rejoice who favor my righteous cause; *
 indeed, let them say always, “Great is the LORD, who takes
 pleasure in the prosperity of his servant.”
- ²⁸ And as for my tongue, it shall be talking of your righteousness *
 and of your praise all the day long.

36

Dixit injustus

- ¹ My heart shows me the wickedness of the ungodly; *
there is no fear of God before his eyes.
- ² For he flatters himself in his own sight, *
until his abominable sin is found out.
- ³ The words of his mouth are unrighteous and full of deceit; *
he has left off behaving wisely and doing good.
- ⁴ He imagines mischief upon his bed, and has set himself
in no good way; *
neither does he abhor anything that is evil.
- ⁵ Your mercy, O LORD, reaches to the heavens, *
and your faithfulness to the clouds.
- ⁶ Your righteousness stands like the strong mountains;
your judgments are like the great deep; *
you, LORD, shall save both man and beast.
- ⁷ How excellent is your mercy, O God! *
The children of men shall take refuge under the shadow
of your wings.
- ⁸ They shall be satisfied with the plenteousness of your house, *
and you shall give them drink from your pleasures
as out of a river.
- ⁹ For with you is the well of life, *
and in your light shall we see light.
- ¹⁰ O continue your loving-kindness to those who know you, *
and your righteousness to those who are true of heart.
- ¹¹ O let not the foot of the proud come against me, *
and let not the hand of the ungodly cast me down.
- ¹² There have they fallen, all those who work wickedness; *
they are cast down, and shall not be able to rise.

DAY 7 : EVENING PRAYER

37

Noli æmulari

- 1 Fret not yourself because of the ungodly,*
neither be envious of those who are evildoers.
- 2 For they shall soon be dried up like the grass,*
and be withered even as the green herb.
- 3 Put your trust in the LORD, and do good;*
dwell in the land, and surely you shall be fed.
- 4 Delight yourself in the LORD,*
and he shall give you your heart's desire.
- 5 Commit your way unto the LORD and put your trust in him,*
and he shall bring it to pass.
- 6 He shall make your righteousness as clear as the light*
and your just dealing as the noonday.
- 7 Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for him;*
do not grieve yourself over the one whose way prospers,
over the one who carries out evil counsels.
- 8 Refrain from wrath, and let go of anger;*
fret not yourself, lest you be moved to do evil.
- 9 For evildoers shall be rooted out,*
but those who wait patiently for the LORD, they shall
inherit the land.
- 10 Yet a little while, and the ungodly shall be clean gone;*
you shall look for their place, and they shall not be there.
- 11 But the meek-spirited shall possess the land*
and shall be refreshed with an abundance of peace.
- 12 The ungodly plot against the just*
and gnash at them with their teeth.
- 13 The Lord shall laugh at them in scorn,*
for he sees that their day is coming.

- ¹⁴ The ungodly have drawn out the sword and have bent their bow *
 to cast down the poor and needy, and to slay those who walk aright.
- ¹⁵ Their sword shall go through their own heart,*
 and their bow shall be broken.
- ¹⁶ The little that the righteous has *
 is better than great riches of the ungodly.
- ¹⁷ For the arms of the ungodly shall be broken,*
 but the LORD upholds the righteous.
- ¹⁸ The LORD knows the days of the godly,*
 and their inheritance shall endure for ever.
- ¹⁹ They shall not be confounded in perilous times,*
 and in the days of famine they shall have enough.
- ²⁰ As for the ungodly, they shall perish, and the enemies of the LORD shall be consumed as in a fiery furnace; *
 even as smoke shall they vanish away.
- ²¹ The ungodly borrow and do not repay,*
 but the righteous are merciful and generous.
- ²² Those who are blessed by God shall possess the land,*
 but those who are cursed by him shall be rooted out.
- ²³ The LORD orders a man's steps; *
 he makes his footsteps sure and preserves him on his path.
- ²⁴ Though he fall, he shall not be cast down,*
 for the LORD upholds him with his hand.
- ²⁵ I have been young, and now I am old,*
 yet I never saw the righteous forsaken, nor his children begging bread.
- ²⁶ The righteous is ever merciful in lending,*
 and his seed shall be blessed.
- ²⁷ Flee from evil, and do that which is good,*
 and dwell in the land for ever.

- ²⁸ For the L^RORD loves that which is right; *
 he forsakes not those who are godly, and they are preserved
 for ever.
- ²⁹ The unrighteous shall be punished; *
 as for the seed of the ungodly, it shall be rooted out.
- ³⁰ The righteous shall inherit the land *
 and dwell therein for ever.
- ³¹ The mouth of the righteous utters wisdom, *
 and his tongue talks of judgment.
- ³² The law of his God is in his heart, *
 and his footsteps shall not falter.
- ³³ The ungodly lie in wait for the righteous *
 and seek occasion to slay him.
- ³⁴ The L^RORD will not leave him in their hand, *
 nor allow him to be condemned when he is judged.
- ³⁵ Hope in the L^RORD, and keep his way, and he shall exalt you
so that you shall possess the land; *
 when the ungodly perish, you shall see it.
- ³⁶ I myself have seen the ungodly in great power, *
 and flourishing like a tree in full leaf.
- ³⁷ I went by, and behold, they were gone; *
 I sought them, but their place could nowhere be found.
- ³⁸ Mark the blameless, and take heed of the upright, *
 for there is a future for the peaceable.
- ³⁹ As for the transgressors, they shall perish together, *
 and the end of the ungodly is that they shall be rooted out
 at the last.
- ⁴⁰ But the salvation of the righteous comes from the L^RORD, *
 who is also their strength in the time of trouble.
- ⁴¹ And the L^RORD shall stand by them and save them; *
 he shall deliver them from the ungodly and shall save them,
 because they put their trust in him.

DAY 8 : MORNING PRAYER
38

Domine, ne in furore

- 1 Rebuke me not, O LORD, in your anger,*
neither chasten me in your weighty displeasure.
- 2 For your arrows stick fast in me,*
and your hand presses me hard.
- 3 There is no health in my flesh, because of your displeasure; *
neither is there any rest in my bones, by reason of my sin.
- 4 For my iniquities have gone over my head *
and are like a heavy burden, too much for me to bear.
- 5 My wounds stink and fester,*
by reason of my foolishness.
- 6 I am brought into such great trouble and misery *
that I go about mourning all the day long.
- 7 For my loins are filled with burning,*
and there is no wholeness in my body.
- 8 I am feeble and sorely smitten; *
I have roared because of the tumult of my heart.
- 9 Lord, you know all my desire,*
and my groaning is not hidden from you.
- 10 My heart is panting, my strength has failed me,*
and the sight of my eyes is gone from me.
- 11 My friends and my neighbors turn away from my trouble,*
and my kinsmen stand afar off.
- 12 Those also who seek after my life lay snares for me,*
and those who go about to do me evil talk of wickedness
and imagine deceit all the day long.
- 13 As for me, I am like the deaf who do not hear,*
and as one who is mute, who does not open his mouth.
- 14 I have become like a man who hears not,*
and in whose mouth are no reproofs.

- ¹⁵ For in you, O LORD, have I put my trust; *
 you shall answer for me, O Lord my God.
- ¹⁶ I have said, “Let not my enemies triumph over me,”*
 for when my foot slipped, they rejoiced greatly over me.
- ¹⁷ Truly, I am about to fall,*
 and my pain is ever with me.
- ¹⁸ For I will confess my wickedness,*
 and be sorry for my sin.
- ¹⁹ But my enemies live, and are mighty,*
 and those who hate me wrongfully are many in number.
- ²⁰ Those also who repay evil for good are against me,*
 because I follow that which is good.
- ²¹ Forsake me not, O LORD my God;*
 O be not far from me.
- ²² Make haste to help me,*
 O Lord God of my salvation.

39

Dixi, Custodiam

- ¹ I said, “I will take heed to my ways,*
 that I may not offend with my tongue.
- ² I will keep my mouth as with a bridle*
 while the ungodly are in my sight.”
- ³ I held my tongue and spoke nothing;*
 I kept silence, even from good words; but it was pain
 and grief to me.
- ⁴ My heart was hot within me, and while I was thus pondering
 the fire kindled,*
 and at the last I spoke with my tongue:
- ⁵ “LORD, let me know my end and the number of my days,*
 that I may learn how short my life is.

- ⁶ Behold, you have made my days as a span in length,*
and my age is even as nothing before you; and truly,
everyone living is but a breath.
- ⁷ For everyone walks about as a shadow, and disquiets himself
in vain; *
he heaps up riches and cannot tell who shall gather them.
- ⁸ And now, Lord, what is my hope? *
Truly, my hope is in you.
- ⁹ Deliver me from all my offenses,*
and make me not a taunt of the foolish.
- ¹⁰ I became mute and opened not my mouth,*
for it was you that brought it to pass.
- ¹¹ Take your affliction from me; *
I am consumed by the blows of your heavy hand.
- ¹² When you, with rebukes, chasten someone for sin,
you consume what is dear to him, like a moth
eating a garment; *
everyone therefore is but vanity.
- ¹³ Hear my prayer, O LORD, and with your ears consider my cry; *
hold not your peace at my tears.
- ¹⁴ For I am a stranger with you,*
and a sojourner, as all my fathers were.
- ¹⁵ O turn your gaze from me, that I may again be glad,*
before I go away to be seen no more.”

40

Expectans expectavi

- ¹ I waited patiently for the LORD,*
and he inclined to me, and heard my call.
- ² He brought me out of the horrible pit, out of the mire
and clay; *
he set my feet upon the rock, and secured my footing.

- ³ He has put a new song in my mouth, *
 a song of thanksgiving unto our God.
- ⁴ Many shall see and fear, *
 and shall put their trust in the LORD.
- ⁵ Blessed is the man who has set his hope in the LORD, *
 and has not turned to the proud, or to those
 who go about lying.
- ⁶ O LORD my God, great are the wondrous works which you
 have done, and also your thoughts toward us; *
 there is none who can be compared with you.
- ⁷ If I should declare them and speak of them, *
 they would be more than I am able to express.
- ⁸ Sacrifice and offering you do not desire, *
 but my ears you have opened.
- ⁹ Burnt offerings and sin offerings you have not required, *
 and so I said, “Behold, I come;
- ¹⁰ In the volume of the book it is written of me, that I delight
 to do your will, O my God; *
 indeed, your law is within my heart.”
- ¹¹ I have declared your righteousness in the great congregation; *
 behold, I will not restrain my lips, O LORD, and that
 you know.
- ¹² I have not hidden your righteousness within my heart; *
 my talk has been of your truth and of your salvation.
- ¹³ I have not concealed your loving mercy and truth *
 from the great congregation.
- ¹⁴ Withdraw not your mercy from me, O LORD; *
 let your loving-kindness and your truth always preserve me.
- ¹⁵ For innumerable troubles have encompassed me; my sins
 have taken such hold of me that I am not able to look up; *
 indeed, they are more in number than the hairs of my head,
 and my heart has utterly failed me.

- ¹⁶ O LORD, let it be your pleasure to deliver me; *
make haste, O LORD, to help me.
- ¹⁷ Let them be ashamed and confounded who seek after my soul
to destroy it; *
let them be driven backward and rebuked who wish me evil.
- ¹⁸ Let them be desolate and rewarded with shame *
who say to me, “Aha, Aha.”
- ¹⁹ Let all those who seek you be joyful and glad in you; *
and let those who love your salvation say always, “The LORD
be praised.”
- ²⁰ As for me, I am poor and needy, *
but the Lord cares for me.
- ²¹ You are my helper and deliverer; *
do not tarry, O my God.

DAY 8 : EVENING PRAYER

41

Beatus qui intelligit

- ¹ Blessed is the one who considers the poor and needy; *
the LORD shall deliver him in the time of trouble.
- ² The LORD preserves him and keeps him alive, that he may be
blessed upon earth, *
and delivers him not over to the will of his enemies.
- ³ The LORD comforts him when he lies sick upon his bed, *
and restores him from his bed of sickness.
- ⁴ I said, “LORD, be merciful to me; *
heal my soul, for I have sinned against you.”
- ⁵ My enemies speak evil of me: *
“When shall he die, and his name perish?”
- ⁶ And if anyone comes to see me, he speaks empty words; *
his heart conceives falsehood within him, and when
he goes forth, he tells it.

- 7 All my enemies whisper together against me; *
even against me are they devising evil:
8 “A deadly thing has taken hold of him,*
and now that he lies down, he will rise up no more.”
9 Indeed, even my own familiar friend, whom I trusted,
who also ate of my bread, *
has lifted up his heel against me.
10 But be merciful to me, O LORD; *
raise me up again, and I shall repay them.
11 By this I know you favor me, *
that my enemy does not triumph over me.
12 And when I am in health, you uphold me, *
and shall set me before your face for ever.
13 Blessed be the LORD God of Israel, *
world without end. Amen.

42

Quemadmodum

- 1 As the deer desires the water brooks, *
so longs my soul for you, O God.
2 My soul is athirst for God, even for the living God; *
when shall I come to appear before the presence of God?
3 My tears have been my food day and night, *
while all day long they say to me, “Where now is your God?”
4 When I think upon these things, I pour out my heart, *
when I remember how I went with the multitude,
and brought them into the house of God,
5 With the voice of praise and thanksgiving *
among those who keep holy day.
6 Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul, *
and why are you so disquieted within me?

- ⁷ O put your trust in God, *
for I will yet give him thanks, who is the help of my
countenance, and my God.
- ⁸ My soul is heavy within me; *
therefore I will remember you from the land of Jordan, and
from Mizar among the hills of Hermon.
- ⁹ One deep calls to another in the noise of your waterfalls; *
all your waves and storms have gone over me.
- ¹⁰ The LORD will grant his loving-kindness in the daytime; *
and in the night season will I sing of him, and make my
prayer to the God of my life.
- ¹¹ I will say to God my rock, “Why have you forgotten me? *
Why am I full of heaviness, while the enemy oppresses me?”
- ¹² My bones are broken asunder, *
while my enemies mock me to my face,
- ¹³ While all day long they say to me, *
“Where now is your God?”
- ¹⁴ Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul, *
and why are you so disquieted within me?
- ¹⁵ O put your trust in God, *
for I will yet give him thanks, who is the help of my
countenance, and my God.

43

Judica me, Deus

- ¹ Give judgment for me, O God, and defend my cause
against the ungodly people; *
O deliver me from the deceitful and the wicked.
- ² For you are the God of my strength; why have you put me
far from you? *
And why do I go about with heaviness, while the enemy
oppresses me?

- ³ O send out your light and your truth, that they may lead me,*
and bring me to your holy hill, and to your dwelling;
- ⁴ That I may go to the altar of God, even to the God of my joy
and gladness; *
and on the harp will I give thanks to you, O God, my God.
- ⁵ Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul? *
and why are you so disquieted within me?
- ⁶ O put your trust in God,*
for I will yet give him thanks, who is the help
of my countenance, and my God.

DAY 9 : MORNING PRAYER

44

Deus, auribus

- ¹ We have heard with our ears, O God, our fathers have told us *
what you did in the days of old:
- ² How you drove out the nations with your hand, and planted
our fathers in the land; *
how you destroyed the nations and cast them out.
- ³ For they did not possess the land by their own sword,*
neither was it their own arm that helped them,
- ⁴ But by your right hand, and your arm, and the light
of your countenance,*
because you favored them.
- ⁵ You are my King, O God; *
you send help to Jacob.
- ⁶ Through you we will overthrow our enemies,*
and in your Name will we tread down those who rise up
against us.
- ⁷ For I will not trust in my bow; *
it is not my sword that shall help me;

- ⁸ But you save us from our enemies *
and put to shame those who hate us.
- ⁹ We make our boast in God all day long *
and will praise your Name for ever.
- ¹⁰ But now you have cast us off and put us to shame,*
and you do not go forth with our armies.
- ¹¹ You make us turn our backs upon our enemies,*
so that those who hate us plunder our goods.
- ¹² You let us be eaten up like sheep *
and have scattered us among the nations.
- ¹³ You sell your people for nothing *
and take no money for them.
- ¹⁴ You make us the reproach of our neighbors,*
to be laughed to scorn, and held in derision by those
who are round about us.
- ¹⁵ You make us a byword among the nations,*
so that the peoples shake their heads at us.
- ¹⁶ My disgrace is daily before me,*
and the shame of my face has covered me,
- ¹⁷ Because of the voice of the slanderer and blasphemer,*
because of the enemy and avenger.
- ¹⁸ And though all this has come upon us, yet we do not
forget you,*
nor have we been unfaithful to your covenant.
- ¹⁹ Our heart has not turned back,*
nor have our steps departed from your way,
- ²⁰ Though you have crushed us in the haunt of jackals,*
and covered us with the shadow of death.
- ²¹ If we have forgotten the Name of our God, and held up
our hands to any strange god,*
shall not God search it out? For he knows the very secrets
of the heart.

- ²² For your sake we are killed all the day long,*
and are counted as sheep appointed to be slain.
- ²³ Rise up, O Lord! Why are you sleeping? *
Awake, and cast us not away for ever.
- ²⁴ Why do you hide your face *
and forget our misery and trouble?
- ²⁵ For our soul is brought low, even to the dust; *
our belly cleaves to the ground.
- ²⁶ Arise, O Lord, and help us, *
and deliver us for your mercy's sake.

45

Eructavit cor meum

- ¹ My heart overflows with a noble song; *
I will sing my words to the King; my tongue is the pen
of a ready writer.
- ² You are fairer than the children of men; *
full of grace are your lips, because God has blessed you
for ever.
- ³ Gird your sword upon your thigh, most mighty one, *
according to your honor and majesty.
- ⁴ In your majesty be victorious; ride out for the sake of truth,
to bear witness to righteousness, *
and your right hand shall show you marvelous things.
- ⁵ Your arrows are very sharp in the heart of the King's enemies, *
and the peoples shall be subdued under you.
- ⁶ Your throne, O God, endures for ever; *
the scepter of your kingdom is a righteous scepter.
- ⁷ You have loved righteousness and hated iniquity; *
therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil
of gladness above your fellows.

- ⁸ All your garments smell of myrrh, aloes, and cassia; *
out of the ivory palaces, stringed instruments have made
you glad.
- ⁹ Kings' daughters are among your honorable women; *
at your right hand stands the queen in a vesture of gold,
wrought with many colors.
- ¹⁰ Harken, O daughter, and consider; incline your ear; *
forget your own people, and your father's house.
- ¹¹ So shall the King have pleasure in your beauty; *
since he is your Lord, honor him.
- ¹² And the daughter of Tyre shall bring you gifts; *
the rich also among the peoples shall seek your favor.
- ¹³ The King's daughter is all glorious within the palace; *
her clothing is of wrought gold.
- ¹⁴ She shall be brought to the king in embroidered raiment; *
the virgins who are her companions shall bring her to you.
- ¹⁵ With joy and gladness shall they bring her, *
and shall enter into the King's palace.
- ¹⁶ Instead of your fathers, you shall have sons, *
whom you shall make princes in all the land.
- ¹⁷ I will make your Name to be remembered from one
generation to another; *
therefore the peoples shall praise you, world without end.

46

Deus noster refugium

- ¹ God is our refuge and strength, *
a very present help in trouble.
- ² Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, *
and though the hills be carried into the midst of the sea;
- ³ Though its waters rage and swell, *
and though the mountains shake at its tempest.

- 4 There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,*
the holy dwelling place of the Most High.
- 5 God is in the midst of her; therefore she shall not be moved.*
God shall help her at the break of day.
- 6 The nations are in an uproar, and the kingdoms are moved,*
but God has lifted his voice, and the earth shall melt away.
- 7 The LORD of hosts is with us;*
the God of Jacob is our refuge.
- 8 O come and behold the works of the LORD,*
what devastations he has brought upon the earth.
- 9 He makes wars to cease in all the world;*
he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns
the chariots in the fire.
- 10 “Be still then and know that I am God;*
I will be exalted among the nations, and I will be exalted
in the earth.”
- 11 The LORD of hosts is with us;*
the God of Jacob is our refuge.

DAY 9 : EVENING PRAYER

47

Omnis gentes, plaudite

- 1 O clap your hands together, all you peoples;*
O cry aloud unto God with shouts of joy.
- 2 For the LORD Most High is to be feared;*
he is the great King over all the earth.
- 3 He shall subdue the peoples under us,*
and the nations under our feet.
- 4 He shall choose our inheritance for us,*
the pride of Jacob whom he loved.
- 5 God has gone up with a shout of triumph,*
the LORD with the sound of the trumpet.

- 6 O sing praises, sing praises unto our God; *
 O sing praises, sing praises unto our King.
- 7 For God is the King of all the earth; *
 think upon his mighty acts and praise him with a song.
- 8 God reigns over the nations; *
 God sits on his holy throne.
- 9 The princes of the peoples are gathered with the people
of the God of Abraham; *
 for the mighty upon earth have become the servants
of the Lord, and he is very highly exalted.

48

Magnus Dominus

- 1 Great is the LORD and highly to be praised *
 in the city of our God, even upon his holy hill.
- 2 The hill of Zion is beautiful and lofty; *
 it is the joy of the whole earth.
- 3 Upon the north side lies the city of the great King; *
 God is well known in her palaces as a sure refuge.
- 4 For behold, the kings of the earth *
 have gathered and advanced together.
- 5 They marvelled to see such things; *
 they were astonished and fled in terror.
- 6 Trembling came upon them, and anguish, *
 as upon a woman in travail.
- 7 You caused the east wind to blow *
 and broke apart the ships of Tarshish.
- 8 As we have heard, so have we seen in the city of the LORD
of hosts, in the city of our God; *
 God upholds her for ever.
- 9 We wait for your loving-kindness, O God, *
 in the midst of your temple.

- ¹⁰ O God, according to your Name, so is your praise
to the world's end; *
your right hand is full of righteousness.
- ¹¹ Let Mount Zion rejoice, and the cities of Judah be glad, *
because of your judgments.
- ¹² Walk about Zion, and go round about her; *
count the number of her towers.
- ¹³ Mark well her bulwarks, consider her strongholds, *
that you may tell those who come after.
- ¹⁴ This God is our God for ever and ever; *
he shall be our guide, even unto death.

49

Audite hæc, omnes

- ¹ Hear this, all you peoples; *
ponder it with your ears, all who dwell in the world,
- ² High and low, rich and poor, *
everyone with his neighbor.
- ³ My mouth shall speak of wisdom, *
and my heart shall muse on understanding.
- ⁴ I will incline my ear to a parable, *
and declare my dark sayings with the harp.
- ⁵ Why should I fear in the days of wickedness, *
and when the wicked at my heels encompass me
round about?
- ⁶ There are some who put their trust in their goods, *
and boast in the multitude of their riches.
- ⁷ But no one can deliver his brother, *
nor pay unto God a price for him;
- ⁸ For it is so costly to redeem their souls, *
that we should never have enough to pay it,

- ⁹ So that they should live for ever,*
and should not see the grave.
- ¹⁰ For we see that wise men die, as well as the ignorant
and foolish; *
they perish alike and leave their riches for others.
- ¹¹ And yet they think that their houses shall continue for ever,
and that their dwelling places shall endure from one
generation to another,*
and they call lands after their own names.
- ¹² Man is like an ox that has no understanding; *
he is like the beasts that perish.
- ¹³ This is the way of their foolishness,*
yet their posterity praise their sayings.
- ¹⁴ Like sheep they are appointed to die, and death shall be
their shepherd; *
they shall go down straight into the sepulcher.
- ¹⁵ Their beauty shall consume away in the grave,*
which shall be their dwelling place for ever.
- ¹⁶ But God shall save me from the power of death,*
for he shall deliver my soul.
- ¹⁷ Be not envious if one is made rich,*
or if the glory of his house is increased,
- ¹⁸ For he shall carry nothing away with him when he dies,*
neither shall his glory follow him.
- ¹⁹ For while he lived, he counted himself happy,*
and so long as he did well for himself, people spoke well
of him.
- ²⁰ He shall follow the generation of his fathers *
and shall never see the light.
- ²¹ Those who are honored but have no understanding *
are like the beasts that perish.

Deus deorum

- ¹ The LORD, even the most mighty God, has spoken *
and called the world, from the rising of the sun to
the going down thereof.
- ² Out of Zion, perfect in her beauty,*
has God shone forth in glory.
- ³ Our God shall come and shall not keep silence; *
there shall go before him a consuming fire, and a mighty
tempest shall be stirred up round about him.
- ⁴ He shall call to the heavens above,*
and to the earth beneath, that he may judge his people:
- ⁵ “Gather my faithful together unto me,*
those who have made a covenant with me by sacrifice.”
- ⁶ And the heavens shall declare his righteousness,*
for God himself is Judge.
- ⁷ “Hear, O my people, and I will speak; *
I myself will testify against you, O Israel, for I am God,
even your God.
- ⁸ I will not rebuke you because of your sacrifices, or for your
burnt offerings,*
because they are always before me.
- ⁹ I will take no bull calf out of your house,*
nor he-goat out of your folds.
- ¹⁰ For all the beasts of the forest are mine,*
and so are the cattle upon a thousand hills.
- ¹¹ I know all the birds of the air,*
and the wild beasts of the field are in my sight.
- ¹² If I were hungry, I would not tell you,*
for the whole world is mine, and all that is therein.

- ¹³ Do you think that I will eat the flesh of bulls *
and drink the blood of goats?
- ¹⁴ Offer unto God a sacrifice of thanksgiving,*
and pay your vows unto the Most High,
- ¹⁵ And call upon me in the time of trouble; *
so will I hear you, and you shall praise me.”
- ¹⁶ But to the ungodly God says: *
“Why do you recite my laws, and take my covenant
in your mouth,
- ¹⁷ Though you hate to be disciplined,*
and have cast my words behind you?
- ¹⁸ When you saw a thief, you agreed with him,*
and you have taken part with adulterers.
- ¹⁹ You have let your mouth speak wickedness,*
and with your tongue you have set forth deceit.
- ²⁰ You sat and spoke against your brother; *
yes, and have slandered your own mother’s son.
- ²¹ These things you have done, and I held my tongue,*
and you thought wickedly that I am such a one as yourself.
- ²² But I will reprove you,*
and set before you the things that you have done.
- ²³ O consider this, you who forget God,*
lest I tear you in pieces, and there be none to deliver you.
- ²⁴ Whoever offers me a sacrifice of thanksgiving honors me,*
and to him who orders his way aright will I show
the salvation of God.”

51

Miserere mei, Deus

- ¹ Have mercy upon me, O God, in your great goodness; *
according to the multitude of your mercies wipe away
my offences.

- 2 Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness *
and cleanse me from my sin.
- 3 For I acknowledge my faults,*
and my sin is ever before me.
- 4 Against you only have I sinned, and done this evil in your sight,*
so that you are justified in your sentence, and blameless
in your judgment.
- 5 Behold, I was brought forth in wickedness,*
and in sin my mother conceived me.
- 6 But behold, you desire truth in the inward parts *
and shall make me understand wisdom secretly.
- 7 You shall purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; *
you shall wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
- 8 You shall make me hear of joy and gladness,*
that the bones which you have broken may rejoice.
- 9 Turn your face from my sins,*
and blot out all my misdeeds.
- 10 Create in me a clean heart, O God,*
and renew a right spirit within me.
- 11 Cast me not away from your presence,*
and take not your holy Spirit from me.
- 12 O give me the comfort of your help again,*
and sustain me with your willing Spirit.
- 13 Then shall I teach your ways unto the wicked,*
and sinners shall return unto you.
- 14 Deliver me from blood-guilt, O God, the God of my salvation,*
and my tongue shall sing of your righteousness.
- 15 O Lord, open my lips,*
and my mouth shall show forth your praise.
- 16 For you desire no sacrifice, or else I would give it to you; *
but you delight not in burnt-offerings.
- 17 The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit; *
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you shall not despise.

- ¹⁸ O be favorable and gracious unto Zion; *
 may you build up the walls of Jerusalem.
- ¹⁹ Then you shall be pleased with the sacrifice of righteousness,
 with the burnt-offerings and oblations; *
 then shall they offer young bullocks upon your altar.

52

Quid gloriaris?

- ¹ Why do you boast, you tyrant, *
 that you can do evil;
- ² Whereas the goodness of God *
 endures all the day long?
- ³ Your tongue devises wickedness, *
 and with lies you cut like a sharp razor.
- ⁴ You have loved unrighteousness more than goodness *
 and to utter lies more than truth.
- ⁵ You have loved to speak all words that hurt, *
 O you deceitful tongue.
- ⁶ Therefore, God shall destroy you for ever; *
 he shall catch you, and pluck you out of your dwelling,
 and root you out of the land of the living.
- ⁷ The righteous also shall see this and fear,*
 and shall laugh him to scorn:
- ⁸ “Behold, this is the one who did not take God
 for his strength,*
 but trusted in the multitude of his riches and relied
 on his wickedness.”
- ⁹ As for me, I am like a green olive tree in the house of God; *
 my trust is in the tender mercy of God for ever and ever.
- ¹⁰ I will always give thanks unto you for what you have done, *
 and I will declare your Name among the faithful, for it
 is good.

DAY 10 : EVENING PRAYER

53

Dixit insipiens

- ¹ The fool has said in his heart,*
“There is no God.”
- ² They are corrupt and have become abominable
in their wickedness; *
there is none that does good.
- ³ God looked down from heaven upon the children of men *
to see if there were any who would understand
and seek after God.
- ⁴ But they have all gone astray; they have altogether
become abominable; *
there is none that does good, no, not one.
- ⁵ Have they no knowledge, all the workers of evil *
who eat up my people as they would eat bread, and call not
upon God?
- ⁶ They were afraid where no fear was,*
for God has broken the bones of those who besieged you;
- ⁷ You have put them to shame,*
because God has rejected them.
- ⁸ Oh, that salvation were given unto Israel out of Zion! *
Oh, that God would deliver his people out of captivity!
- ⁹ Then shall Jacob rejoice,*
and Israel shall be glad.

54

Deus, in Nomine

- ¹ Save me, O God, for your Name’s sake,*
and avenge me in your strength.

- 2 Hear my prayer, O God, *
and hearken to the words of my mouth.
3 For the arrogant have risen up against me,*
and tyrants, who do not have God before their eyes, seek
after my life.
4 Behold, God is my helper; *
the Lord is he who upholds my life.
5 He shall repay the evil of my enemies. *
O destroy them in your faithfulness.
6 A freewill offering will I give you, *
and praise your Name, O LORD, because it is good.
7 For he has delivered me out of all my trouble,*
and my eye has seen the ruin of my enemies.

55

Exaudi, Deus

- 1 Hear my prayer, O God, *
and hide not yourself from my petition.
2 Give heed to me, and hear me,*
for I am troubled in my prayer and am tormented,
3 Because of the cry of the enemy, and oppression by the
ungodly; *
for they are of a mind to do me great harm, so maliciously
are they set against me.
4 My heart is disquieted within me,*
and the fear of death has fallen upon me.
5 Fearfulness and trembling have come upon me,*
and a horrible dread has overwhelmed me.
6 And I said, "Oh, that I had wings like a dove, *
for then would I fly away and be at rest.
7 Indeed, then I would get away to a far off place *
and make my dwelling in the wilderness.

- ⁸ I would make haste to escape,*
 because of the stormy wind and tempest.”
- ⁹ Confuse their speech, O Lord, and divide them,*
 for I have seen unrighteousness and strife in the city.
- ¹⁰ Day and night they go about within her walls; *
 trouble and sorrow are in the midst of her.
- ¹¹ Great wickedness is there; *
 deceit and guile do not leave her streets.
- ¹² For it is not an enemy who has done me this dishonor,*
 for then I could have borne it;
- ¹³ Neither was it my adversary who exalted himself against me,*
 for then I would have hidden myself from him.
- ¹⁴ But it was you, my companion,*
 my comrade and my own familiar friend.
- ¹⁵ We took sweet counsel together*
 and walked in the house of God as friends.
- ¹⁶ Let death come hastily upon them, and let them go down
alive into the grave,*
 for there is wickedness in their hearts.
- ¹⁷ As for me, I will call upon God,*
 and the LORD shall save me.
- ¹⁸ In the evening, and morning, and at noonday will I pray
and lament,*
 and he shall hear my voice.
- ¹⁹ It is he who shall deliver my soul in peace from the battle
that is against me,*
 for there are many who fight me.
- ²⁰ God, who endures for ever, shall hear me and bring
them down; *
 for they never change, nor do they fear God.
- ²¹ My familiar friend has laid his hands upon those who were
at peace with him,*
 and he has broken his covenant.

- ²² The words of his mouth were softer than butter, yet war
was in his heart; *
 his words were smoother than oil, and yet they were
 drawn swords.
- ²³ O cast your burden upon the LORD, and he shall nourish you, *
 and shall not allow the righteous to fall for ever.
- ²⁴ But as for the bloodthirsty and deceitful, *
 you, O God, shall bring them into the pit of destruction.
- ²⁵ They shall not live out half their days; *
 but my trust shall be in you, O LORD.

DAY II : MORNING PRAYER

56

Miserere mei, Deus

- ¹ Be merciful to me, O God, for my adversaries are treading
me down; *
 they are daily fighting and troubling me.
- ² My enemies go about hounding me daily, *
 for there are many who fight against me, O Most High.
- ³ Nevertheless, though I am sometimes afraid, *
 yet I put my trust in you.
- ⁴ In God whose word I praise, in God I trust and fear not, *
 for what can flesh do to me?
- ⁵ They daily distort my words; *
 all that they imagine is to do me evil.
- ⁶ They all gather together and lie in wait, *
 and mark my steps, while they seek after my life.
- ⁷ Shall they escape despite their wickedness? *
 O God, in your displeasure cast them down.
- ⁸ You record my lamentation; put my tears into your bottle. *
 Are not these things noted in your book?

- ⁹ Whenever I call upon you, then shall my enemies
be put to flight; *
 this I know, for God is on my side.
- ¹⁰ In God, whose word I praise, *
 in the LORD, whose word I praise,
- ¹¹ In God have I put my trust; *
 I will not be afraid, for what can mortals do to me?
- ¹² Unto you, O God, will I pay my vows; *
 unto you will I give thanks.
- ¹³ For you have delivered my soul from death and my feet
from stumbling, *
 that I may walk before God in the light of the living.

57

Miserere mei, Deus

- ¹ Be merciful to me, O God, be merciful to me,
for my soul trusts in you, *
 and under the shadow of your wings shall be my refuge,
 until this tribulation has passed.
- ² I will call unto the Most High God, *
 even unto the God who shall fulfill his purpose for me.
- ³ He shall send from heaven and save me; he shall confound
those who trample on me. *
 God shall send forth his mercy and truth.
- ⁴ My soul is among lions that devour the people; *
 their teeth are spears and arrows, and their tongue
 a sharp sword.
- ⁵ Exalt yourself, O God, above the heavens; *
 let your glory be over all the earth.
- ⁶ They have laid a net for my feet, and brought down my soul; *
 they dug a pit before me, but have fallen into the midst
 of it themselves.

- 7 My heart is firmly fixed, O God, my heart is fixed; *
I will sing and give praise.
8 Awake, my soul; awake, lute and harp; *
I myself will awaken the dawn.
9 I will give thanks unto you, O Lord, among the peoples, *
and I will sing praises unto you among the nations.
10 For the greatness of your mercy reaches unto the heavens, *
and your truth unto the clouds.
11 Exalt yourself, O God, above the heavens; *
let your glory be over all the earth.

58

Ji vere utique

- 1 Do you indeed decree righteousness, O you rulers, *
and do you judge uprightly, O children of men?
2 No, you devise evil in your heart, *
and on the earth your hands deal out violence.
3 The ungodly err even from their mother's womb; *
as soon as they are born, they go astray and speak lies.
4 They are as venomous as the poison of a serpent, *
even like the deaf adder that stops its ears,
5 Which refuses to hear the voice of the charmer, *
no matter how skillful his charming.
6 Break their teeth, O God, in their mouths; *
smite the jawbones of the ungodly.
7 Let them fall away like water that runs off; *
let them wither like the grass that is trodden underfoot.
8 Let them melt away like a snail, *
and be like a stillborn child that does not see the sun.
9 Before they bear fruit, let them be cut off like a briar, *
let them be like thorns and weeds that are swept away.

- ¹⁰ The righteous shall rejoice when they see the vengeance; *
they shall wash their feet in the blood of the ungodly.
¹¹ So that people shall say, "Truly, there is a reward
for the righteous; *
surely, there is a God who judges the earth."

DAY II : EVENING PRAYER

59

Eripe me de inimicis

- ¹ Deliver me from my enemies, O God; *
defend me from those who rise up against me.
² O deliver me from the evildoers, *
and save me from the bloodthirsty.
³ For behold, they lie in wait for my soul; *
the mighty are gathered against me, without any offense
or fault of mine, O LORD.
⁴ They run and prepare themselves without cause. *
Arise therefore to help me, and behold.
⁵ Rise up, O LORD God of hosts, O God of Israel, to visit
all the nations, *
and be not merciful to those who offend
with malicious wickedness.
⁶ They go to and fro in the evening; *
they howl like dogs, and run about through the city.
⁷ Behold, they boast with their mouths, and taunts are on
their lips, *
for they say, "Who will hear us?"
⁸ But you, O LORD, shall hold them in derision, *
and you shall laugh all the nations to scorn.
⁹ My strength I will ascribe unto you, *
for you are the God of my refuge.

- ¹⁰ God shows me his plenteous goodness,*
and God shall let me look in triumph upon my enemies.
- ¹¹ Slay them not, lest my people forget it,*
but scatter them abroad by your might, and put them down,
O Lord our shield.
- ¹² For the sin of their mouth, and for the words of their lips,
they shall be taken in their pride,*
because their talk is cursing and lies.
- ¹³ Consume them in your wrath; consume them, that they
may perish,*
and know that it is God who rules in Jacob, and unto
the ends of the world.
- ¹⁴ In the evening they will return,*
howl like dogs, and run about through the city.
- ¹⁵ They will run here and there for meat*
and growl if they are not satisfied.
- ¹⁶ As for me, I will sing of your power, and will praise
your mercy early in the morning,*
for you have been my defense and refuge in the day
of my trouble.
- ¹⁷ Unto you, O my strength, will I sing,*
for you, O God, are my refuge, and my merciful God.

60

Deus, repulisti nos

- ¹ O God, you have cast us out and scattered us abroad; *
you have been so displeased; O turn unto us again.
- ² You have made the land to quake and divided it; *
heal the breaches in it, for it shakes.
- ³ You have made your people to drink a cup of bitterness; *
you have filled us with wine that makes us stagger.

- 4 You have set up a banner for those who fear you, *
 that they may triumph because of the truth.
- 5 That your beloved may be delivered, *
 help me with your right hand and hear me.
- 6 God has spoken in his holiness: *
 “I will rejoice and divide Shechem, and parcel out the valley
 of Succoth.
- 7 Gilead is mine, and Manasseh is mine; *
 Ephraim also is the helmet for my head; Judah is my scepter.
- 8 Moab is my wash pot; on Edom I will cast my shoe; *
 over Philistia will I shout in triumph.”
- 9 Who will lead me into the strong city? *
 Who will bring me into Edom?
- 10 Have you not cast us out, O God? *
 Will you not, O God, go out with our armies?
- 11 O be our help in trouble, *
 for vain is the help of man.
- 12 Through God we will do great acts, *
 for it is he who shall tread down our enemies.

61

Exaudi, Deus

- 1 Hear my cry, O God; *
 give ear unto my prayer.
- 2 From the ends of the earth I will call upon you *
 when my heart is in heaviness.
- 3 O set me upon the rock that is higher than I, *
 for you have been my refuge and a strong tower for me
 against the enemy.
- 4 Let me dwell in your tabernacle for ever, *
 and my refuge shall be under the covering of your wings.

- 5 For you, O God, have heard my vows,*
and have given a heritage to those who fear your Name.
- 6 You shall grant the king a long life,*
that his years may endure throughout all generations.
- 7 His throne shall abide before God for ever;*
O prepare your loving mercy and faithfulness, that they
may preserve him.
- 8 So will I always sing praise unto your Name,*
that I may daily perform my vows.

DAY 12 : MORNING PRAYER

62

Nonne Deo?

- 1 For God alone my soul in silence waits; *
from him comes my salvation.
- 2 He truly is my strength and my salvation; *
he is my defense, so that I shall not be greatly shaken.
- 3 How long will you assail a man to crush him, all of you
together,*
as if you were a tottering wall or a broken fence?
- 4 Their plan is only to bring down the one whom God
has exalted; *
their delight is in lies; they bless with their mouth,
but curse with their heart.
- 5 Nevertheless, for God alone my soul in silence waits,*
for my hope is in him.
- 6 He truly is my strength and my salvation; *
he is my defense, so that I shall not fall.
- 7 In God is my help and my glory; *
he is the rock of my might, and in him is my trust.
- 8 O put your trust in him always, you people; *
pour out your hearts before him, for God is our hope.

- ⁹ As for the children of men, they are but a breath; *
the children of men are deceitful; upon the scales, they are
altogether lighter than a breath.
- ¹⁰ O trust not in oppression; put not vain hopes in robbery; *
if riches increase, set not your heart upon them.
- ¹¹ One thing has God spoken; indeed, two things have I heard
him say: *
that power belongs to our God;
- ¹² And that you, O Lord, are merciful, *
for you reward everyone according to his work.

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Deus, Deus meus

- ¹ O God, you are my God; *
early will I seek you.
- ² My soul thirsts for you, my flesh also longs after you, *
in a barren and dry land where there is no water.
- ³ Thus I have looked upon you in your holy place, *
that I might behold your power and glory.
- ⁴ For your loving-kindness is better than life itself; *
my lips shall praise you.
- ⁵ As long as I live I will magnify you, *
and lift up my hands in your Name.
- ⁶ My soul shall be satisfied, as with marrow and fatness, *
when my mouth praises you with joyful lips.
- ⁷ When I remember you on my bed, *
I meditate on you in the watches of the night.
- ⁸ Because you have been my helper, *
therefore under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.
- ⁹ My soul clings to you; *
your right hand has upheld me.

- ¹⁰ Those who seek to destroy my life *
 shall go down into the earth.
- ¹¹ Let them fall upon the edge of the sword,*
 that they may be a portion for jackals.
- ¹² But the King shall rejoice in God; all those who swear by him
 shall be commended,*
 for the mouth of those who speak lies shall be stopped.

64

Exaudi, Deus

- ¹ Hear my voice, O God, in my prayer; *
 preserve my life from fear of the enemy.
- ² Hide me from the gathering together of the wicked,*
 and from the tumult of evildoers,
- ³ Who have whet their tongue like a sword,*
 and shoot out their arrows, even bitter words,
- ⁴ That they may secretly shoot at the one who is blameless; *
 suddenly do they shoot him, and fear not.
- ⁵ They hold fast to their evil purpose,*
 and discuss among themselves how they may lay snares,
 and say that no one shall see them.
- ⁶ They imagine wickedness, and practice a cunning plot; *
 for the human heart and mind are very deep.
- ⁷ But God shall suddenly shoot at them with a swift arrow,*
 and they shall be wounded.
- ⁸ Indeed, their own tongues shall make them fall,*
 so that all who see them shall laugh them to scorn.
- ⁹ And all shall fear and tell what God has done,*
 for they shall perceive that it is his work.
- ¹⁰ The righteous shall rejoice in the LORD and put their trust
 in him,*
 and all who are true of heart shall be glad.

DAY 12 : EVENING PRAYER

65

Te decet hymnus

- 1 You, O God, are to be praised in Zion,*
and unto you shall vows be performed in Jerusalem.
- 2 You who hear our prayer,*
unto you shall all flesh come.
- 3 My misdeeds prevail against me; *
O be merciful and blot out our sins.
- 4 Blessed is the man whom you choose and receive
unto yourself; *
he shall dwell in your courts, and shall be satisfied
with the pleasures of your house, even of your holy temple.
- 5 You shall show us wonderful things in your righteousness,
O God of our salvation,*
for you are the hope of all the ends of the earth
and of the isles that are far away.
- 6 You in your strength set firm the mountains,*
and are girded about with power.
- 7 You still the raging of the seas,*
the noise of their waves, and the tumult of the peoples.
- 8 Those who dwell in the uttermost parts of the earth shall be
in fear of your wonders; *
you make the morning and evening to shout with joy.
- 9 You visit the earth and bless it; *
you make it very plenteous.
- 10 The river of God is full of water; *
you prepare the grain, for so you provide for the earth.
- 11 You water its furrows; you send rain into the little valleys; *
you make it soft with the drops of rain and bless
the increase of it.

- ¹² You crown the year with your goodness,*
and your paths overflow with plenty.
- ¹³ The fields of the wilderness are rich in pasture,*
and the little hills rejoice on every side.
- ¹⁴ The folds shall be full of sheep; *
the valleys also shall stand so thick with grain that they
shall laugh and sing.

66

Jubilate Deo

- ¹ Be joyful in God, all you lands; *
sing praises to the honor of his Name; make his praise
to be glorious.
- ² Say to God, “How wonderful are your works; *
through the greatness of your power shall your enemies
cower before you.
- ³ For all the world shall worship you, *
sing to you, and praise your Name.”
- ⁴ O come and see the works of God, *
how wonderful he is in his doing toward all people.
- ⁵ He turned the sea into dry land, so that they went through
the water on foot; *
therefore in him let us rejoice.
- ⁶ He rules with his power for ever; his eyes keep watch
over the nations; *
let not the rebellious exalt themselves.
- ⁷ Bless our God, you peoples, *
and make the voice of his praise to be heard,
- ⁸ Who holds our soul in life, *
and does not allow our feet to slip.
- ⁹ For you, O God, have proved us; *
you have tried us, as silver is tried.

- ¹⁰ You brought us into the snare *
and laid trouble upon our backs.
- ¹¹ You allowed men to ride over our heads; we went through
fire and water; *
but you brought us out into a place of plenty.
- ¹² I will go into your house with burnt offerings *
and will pay you my vows,
- ¹³ Even those which I promised with my lips *
and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.
- ¹⁴ I will offer you burnt sacrifices of fattened beasts,
with the incense of rams; *
I will offer bullocks and goats.
- ¹⁵ Come here and listen, all you who fear God,*
and I will tell you what he has done for me.
- ¹⁶ I called to him with my mouth,*
and gave him praises with my tongue.
- ¹⁷ If I had inclined toward wickedness with my heart,*
the Lord would not have heard me.
- ¹⁸ But God has heard me *
and considered the voice of my prayer.
- ¹⁹ Blessed be God who has not refused my prayer,*
nor turned his mercy from me.

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Deus misereatur

- ¹ May God be merciful unto us, and bless us,*
and show us the light of his countenance, and be merciful
unto us.
- ² Let your way be known upon earth,*
your saving health among all nations.
- ³ Let the peoples praise you, O God; *
indeed, let all the peoples praise you.

- 4 O let the nations rejoice and be glad, *
for you shall judge the peoples righteously, and govern
the nations upon earth.
- 5 Let the peoples praise you, O God; *
let all the peoples praise you.
- 6 Then shall the earth bring forth her increase, *
and God, even our own God, shall give us his blessing.
- 7 God shall bless us, *
and all the ends of the world shall fear him.

DAY 13 : MORNING PRAYER

68

Exsurgat Deus

- 1 Let God arise, and let his enemies be scattered; *
let those who hate him also flee before him.
- 2 As the smoke vanishes, so shall you drive them away; *
and as wax melts before the fire, so let the ungodly perish
before the presence of God.
- 3 But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; *
let them also be merry and joyful.
- 4 O sing unto God, and sing praises unto his Name; magnify
him who rides upon the heavens. *
The LORD is his Name; rejoice before him.
- 5 He is a father of the fatherless and defends the cause
of the widows, *
God in his holy habitation.
- 6 He is the God who gives the solitary a home, and brings
the prisoners out of captivity, *
but lets the rebellious dwell in a desert land.
- 7 O God, when you went forth before the people, *
when you went through the wilderness,

- ⁸ The earth shook, and the heavens poured forth rain
at the presence of God, *
 even as Sinai also was moved at the presence of God,
 who is the God of Israel.
- ⁹ You, O God, sent a gracious rain upon your inheritance *
 and refreshed the land when it was weary.
- ¹⁰ Your congregation found a dwelling there, *
 for you, O God, of your goodness have provided for the poor.
- ¹¹ The Lord gave the word; *
 great was the company of those who proclaimed the tidings.
- ¹² Kings with their armies fled, they fled, *
 and the women at home divided the spoil.
- ¹³ Though you have lain among the sheepfolds, *
 yet shall you be like the wings of a dove that are covered
 with silver, and whose feathers shine like gold.
- ¹⁴ When the Almighty scattered kings, *
 it was as if it snowed in Zalmon.
- ¹⁵ As the hill of Bashan, so is God's hill, *
 even a high hill, as the hill of Bashan.
- ¹⁶ Why look with envy, you high hills? This is God's hill,
on which it pleases him to dwell; *
 surely, the LORD will abide on it for ever.
- ¹⁷ The chariots of God are twenty thousand, even thousands
of angels, *
 and the Lord has come from Sinai into the holy place.
- ¹⁸ You have gone up on high; you have led captivity captive,
and received gifts from men, *
 even from your enemies, that the LORD God might dwell
 among them.
- ¹⁹ Praised be the Lord daily, *
 even the God who helps us and pours his benefits upon us.
- ²⁰ He is our God, the God from whom salvation comes; *
 God is the LORD, by whom we escape death.

- ²¹ God shall wound the head of his enemies,*
and the hairy scalp of those who persist in their wickedness.
- ²² The Lord has said, “I will bring back my people again, as I did
from Bashan; *
my own will I bring back again, as I did before from the
depths of the sea,
- ²³ That your foot may be dipped in the blood of your enemies,*
and that the tongues of your dogs may be red with blood.”
- ²⁴ Your solemn procession is seen, O God,*
how you go into the sanctuary, my God and King.
- ²⁵ The singers go before, the musicians follow after; *
in the midst are the maidens playing the timbrels.
- ²⁶ Give thanks unto God in the congregations,*
unto the LORD, the fountain of Israel.
- ²⁷ There is little Benjamin their ruler, and the princes of Judah
their counsel,*
the princes of Zebulon, and the princes of Naphtali.
- ²⁸ O God, send forth your strength; *
establish, O God, what you have wrought in us.
- ²⁹ For your temple’s sake at Jerusalem,*
kings shall bring presents unto you.
- ³⁰ Rebuke the beasts that dwell among the reeds,*
a herd of bulls with their calves;
- ³¹ Rebuke the peoples who trample on those whom you
have tried as silver,*
and scatter the peoples who delight in war.
- ³² Then shall they bring tribute out of Egypt; *
Ethiopia shall stretch out her hands unto God.
- ³³ Sing unto God, O you kingdoms of the earth; *
O sing praises unto the Lord,
- ³⁴ Unto God who sits in the heavens over all
from the beginning; *
he sends out his voice, his mighty voice.

- ³⁵ Ascribe power to God over Israel; *
 his worship and strength are in the clouds.
³⁶ O God, you are wonderful in your holy places; *
 the God of Israel will give strength and power to his people.
 Blessed be God.

DAY 13 : EVENING PRAYER

69

Salvum me fac

- ¹ Save me, O God, *
 for the waters have come up even to my neck.
² I sink down in the deep mire, where there is no ground; *
 I have come into deep waters, so that the floods run over me.
³ I am weary of crying; my throat is dry; *
 my sight fails me from waiting so long for my God.
⁴ Those who hate me without a cause are more than the hairs
 of my head; *
 those who are my enemies, and would destroy
 me wrongfully, are mighty.
⁵ They bid me restore things I never took. *
 O God, you know my foolishness, and my faults are not
 hidden from you.
⁶ Let not those who trust in you, O Lord GOD of hosts,
 be ashamed because of me; *
 let not those who seek you be confounded through me,
 O God of Israel.
⁷ Surely for your sake have I suffered reproach; *
 shame has covered my face.
⁸ I have become a stranger to my brethren, *
 unknown to my mother's children,

- ⁹ Because zeal for your house has consumed me,*
and the reproaches of those who reproached you
have fallen upon me.
- ¹⁰ I wept, and humbled myself with fasting,*
but that was turned to my reproach.
- ¹¹ I put on sackcloth also,*
and I became a byword among them.
- ¹² Those who sit in the gate speak against me,*
and the drunkards make songs about me.
- ¹³ But, LORD, I make my prayer to you *
in an acceptable time.
- ¹⁴ Hear me, O God, in the multitude of your mercy,*
even in the truth of your salvation.
- ¹⁵ Take me out of the mire, lest I sink; *
O let me be delivered from those who hate me, and out of
the deep waters.
- ¹⁶ Let not the floodwaters drown me, neither let the deep
swallow me up,*
and let not the pit shut its mouth upon me.
- ¹⁷ Hear me, O LORD, for your loving-kindness is good; *
turn to me according to the multitude of your mercies;
- ¹⁸ And hide not your face from your servant,
for I am in trouble; *
O hasten and hear me.
- ¹⁹ Draw near to me and save me; *
O deliver me because of my enemies.
- ²⁰ You have known my reproach, my shame, and my dishonor; *
my adversaries are all in your sight.
- ²¹ Reproach has broken my heart; I am full of heaviness; *
I looked for some to have pity on me, but there was no one,
neither have I found any to comfort me.
- ²² They gave me gall to eat,*
and when I was thirsty they gave me vinegar to drink.

- ²³ Let their table become a snare for them,*
and let their prosperity become a trap for them.
- ²⁴ Let their eyes be blinded, that they may not see,*
and make their loins tremble continually.
- ²⁵ Pour out your indignation upon them,*
and let your wrathful displeasure overtake them.
- ²⁶ Let their habitation be desolate,*
and let no one dwell in their tents.
- ²⁷ For they persecute him whom you have stricken,*
and they talk of the pain of those you have wounded.
- ²⁸ Lay to their charge guilt upon guilt,*
and let them not receive your vindication.
- ²⁹ Let them be wiped out of the book of the living,*
and not be written among the righteous.
- ³⁰ As for me, when I am poor and in pain,*
your help, O God, shall lift me up.
- ³¹ I will praise the Name of God with a song,*
and magnify it with thanksgiving.
- ³² This also shall please the LORD *
more than an ox or a bullock that has horns and hooves.
- ³³ The humble shall consider this and be glad;*
seek after God and your hearts shall live.
- ³⁴ For the LORD hears the poor *
and does not despise his prisoners.
- ³⁵ Let heaven and earth praise him,*
the sea, and all that moves therein.
- ³⁶ For God will save Zion and build the cities of Judah,*
that they may dwell there and have it in possession.
- ³⁷ The posterity of his servants shall inherit it,*
and those who love his Name shall dwell therein.

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Deus, in adjutorium

- 1 Hasten, O God, to deliver me; *
make haste to help me, O LORD.
- 2 Let them be ashamed and confounded who seek after my life; *
let them be turned back and put to confusion who wish
me evil.
- 3 Let them be soon brought to shame *
who cry over me, "Aha! Aha!"
- 4 But let all those who seek you be joyful and glad in you; *
and let all who delight in your salvation say always,
"The Lord be praised."
- 5 As for me, I am poor and in misery; *
hasten to me, O God.
- 6 You are my helper and my deliverer; *
O LORD, do not tarry.

DAY 14 : MORNING PRAYER

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In te, Domine, speravi

- 1 In you, O LORD, have I put my trust; *
let me never be put to shame.
- 2 Rescue me and deliver me in your righteousness; *
incline your ear to me and save me.
- 3 Be my rock and my refuge, where I may always return; *
you have promised to help me, for you are my stronghold
and my fortress.
- 4 Deliver me, O my God, out of the hand of the ungodly, *
out of the hand of the unrighteous and the cruel.
- 5 For you, O LORD God, are the one I long for; *
you are my hope, even from my youth.

- 6 Through you have I been upheld ever since I was born; *
 you took me out of my mother's womb; my praise shall be
 always of you.
- 7 I have become a portent to many; *
 but you are my refuge and my strength.
- 8 O let my mouth be filled with your praise, *
 that I may sing of your glory all the day long.
- 9 Cast me not away in the time of old age; *
 forsake me not when my strength fails me.
- 10 For my enemies speak against me, and those who lie in wait
 for my life take counsel together. *
 They say, "God has forsaken him; pursue him and take him,
 for there is none to deliver him."
- 11 Go not far from me, O God; *
 my God, make haste to help me.
- 12 Let those who are my adversaries be confounded and perish; *
 let those who seek to do me evil be covered with shame
 and dishonor.
- 13 As for me, I will always patiently abide, *
 and will praise you more and more.
- 14 My mouth shall speak daily of your righteousness
 and salvation, *
 for I know not the end of them.
- 15 I will go forth in the strength of the Lord God, *
 and will make mention of your righteousness, yours alone.
- 16 You, O God, have taught me from my youth; *
 even to this day I am telling of your wondrous works.
- 17 Forsake me not, O God, in my old age, when I am
 gray-headed, *
 until I have proclaimed your strength to this generation,
 and your power to all those who are yet to come.
- 18 Your righteousness, O God, reaches to the heavens; *
 you have done great things. Who is like you, O God?

- ¹⁹ Oh, what great troubles and adversities you have shown me!
And yet you have turned and refreshed me; *
indeed, you have brought me again from the depths
of the earth.
- ²⁰ You have brought me to great honor *
and comforted me on every side;
- ²¹ Therefore will I praise you and your faithfulness, O God,
playing on a stringed instrument; *
to you will I sing with the harp, O Holy One of Israel.
- ²² My lips will rejoice when I sing to you, *
and so will my soul, which you have delivered.
- ²³ My tongue also shall speak of your righteousness all the
day long, *
for they are confounded and brought to shame who seek
to do me evil.

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Deus, judicium

- ¹ Give the King your judgments, O God, *
and your righteousness to the King's son.
- ² Then shall he judge your people with righteousness *
and defend the poor with justice.
- ³ The mountains also shall bring peace, *
and the little hills righteousness to the people.
- ⁴ He shall vindicate the poor among the people, *
defend the children of the poor, and punish the wrongdoer.
- ⁵ They shall fear you as long as the sun and moon endure, *
from one generation to another.
- ⁶ He shall come down like the rain upon the mown grass, *
even as showers that water the earth.
- ⁷ In his time shall the righteous flourish, *
even an abundance of peace, so long as the moon endures.

- ⁸ His dominion shall be also from one sea to the other, *
and from the river unto the world's end.
- ⁹ Those who dwell in the wilderness shall kneel before him; *
his enemies shall lick the dust.
- ¹⁰ The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall give presents; *
the kings of Arabia and Seba shall bring gifts.
- ¹¹ All kings shall fall down before him; *
all nations shall do him service.
- ¹² For he shall deliver the poor when he cries, *
the needy also, and the one that has no helper.
- ¹³ He shall be favorable to the lowly and needy, *
and shall preserve the lives of the poor.
- ¹⁴ He shall deliver them from falsehood and wrong, *
and dear shall their blood be in his sight.
- ¹⁵ Long may he live! And unto him shall be given the gold
of Arabia; *
prayer shall ever be made unto him, and daily shall he
be blessed.
- ¹⁶ There shall be an abundance of grain on the earth, thick
upon the hilltops; *
its fruit shall flourish like Lebanon, its grain like the grass
upon the earth.
- ¹⁷ His Name shall endure for ever; his Name shall remain
as long as the sun. *
All the nations shall be blessed through him and
shall call him blessed.
- ¹⁸ Blessed be the L ORD God, even the God of Israel, *
who alone does wondrous things;
- ¹⁹ And blessed be the Name of his majesty for ever; *
and all the earth shall be filled with his majesty.
Amen, Amen.

Quam bonus Israel!

- ¹ Truly, God is loving to Israel,*
even to those who have a clean heart.
- ² Nevertheless, my feet had almost stumbled;*
my steps had nearly slipped.
- ³ For I was envious of the proud *
when I saw the ungodly in such prosperity.
- ⁴ For they are in no fear of death,*
but their bodies are healthy and strong.
- ⁵ They come to no misfortune like other folk,*
neither are they afflicted like others.
- ⁶ Therefore they wear pride as a necklace,*
and they wrap themselves with violence as with a garment.
- ⁷ Their eyes swell with greed,*
and their hearts overflow with wicked thoughts.
- ⁸ Their talk is malice and mockery; *
they have proud looks, and tyrannous words are on
their lips.
- ⁹ For they set their mouth against the heavens,*
and their evil speech spreads through the world.
- ¹⁰ Therefore the people turn to them,*
and find no fault in them.
- ¹¹ They say, “How should God perceive it? *
Is there knowledge in the Most High?”
- ¹² Behold, these are the ungodly; *
they prosper in their ways, and they have riches
in possession.
- ¹³ I said, “Surely in vain have I cleansed my heart *
and washed my hands in innocence.”

- ¹⁴ All the day long have I been afflicted,*
and chastened every morning.
- ¹⁵ Indeed, had I spoken as they do,*
then would I have betrayed the generation of your children.
- ¹⁶ When I sought to understand this,*
it was too hard for me,
- ¹⁷ Until I went into the sanctuary of God; *
then I understood their end.
- ¹⁸ Surely, you set them in slippery places,*
and cast them down, and destroy them.
- ¹⁹ Oh, how suddenly are they consumed; *
they perish and come to a fearful end.
- ²⁰ Indeed, like a dream when one awakens,*
so shall you make their image vanish out of the city.
- ²¹ Thus my heart was grieved,*
and I was wounded within;
- ²² So foolish was I, and ignorant,*
as if I were a beast before you.
- ²³ Nevertheless, I am always with you,*
for you hold me by my right hand.
- ²⁴ You shall guide me with your counsel,*
and after that receive me with glory.
- ²⁵ Whom have I in heaven but you? *
And there is no one on earth whom I desire in comparison
with you.
- ²⁶ Though my flesh and my heart fail me,*
God is the strength of my heart, and my portion for ever.
- ²⁷ For behold, those who forsake you shall perish; *
you destroy all those who are unfaithful to you.
- ²⁸ But it is good for me to hold fast to God, to put my trust
in the Lord God,*
and to speak of all your works in the gates of the city of
Zion.

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Ut quid, Deus?

- ¹ O God, why have you utterly cast us off? *
Why is your wrath so hot against the sheep of your pasture?
- ² O think upon your congregation *
whom you have purchased and redeemed of old.
- ³ Think upon the tribe of your inheritance,*
and Mount Zion, where you have dwelt.
- ⁴ Draw near and behold how all is made desolate *
and how the enemy has destroyed all that is in your
sanctuary.
- ⁵ Your adversaries roar in the midst of your holy place *
and set up their banners as tokens of victory.
- ⁶ Like hewers of timber in a thicket of trees,*
so have they broken down all the carved work
with axes and hammers.
- ⁷ They have set fire to your holy place *
and have defiled the dwelling place of your Name,
even to the ground.
- ⁸ They said in their hearts, “Let us make havoc of them
altogether.”*
Thus have they burnt up all the houses of God in the land.
- ⁹ We do not see any signs; there is not one prophet anymore; *
there is no one who knows how long these things shall
continue.
- ¹⁰ O God, how long shall the adversary do this dishonor? *
How long shall the enemy blaspheme your Name, for ever?
- ¹¹ Why do you withdraw your hand? *
Why do you not take your right hand out of your bosom
to consume the enemy?
- ¹² For God is my King of old; *
he is the one bringing help upon the earth.

- ¹³ You divided the sea through your power; *
 you broke the heads of the dragons in the waters.
- ¹⁴ You smote the heads of Leviathan in pieces *
 and gave him to be food for the people in the wilderness.
- ¹⁵ You brought fountains and waters out of the hard rocks,*
 and you dried up mighty waters.
- ¹⁶ The day is yours, and the night is yours; *
 you have prepared the light and the sun.
- ¹⁷ You have set all the borders of the earth; *
 you have made summer and winter.
- ¹⁸ Remember this, O LORD, how the enemy scoffed, *
 and how the foolish people have blasphemed your Name.
- ¹⁹ Deliver not the soul of your turtledove to the wild beasts,*
 and forget not for ever the lives of your poor.
- ²⁰ Look upon your covenant,*
 for the dark places of the earth are full of violence.
- ²¹ Let not the oppressed go away ashamed,*
 but let the poor and needy give praise to your Name.
- ²² Arise, O God, maintain your own cause; *
 remember how the foolish one blasphemers you daily.
- ²³ Forget not the voice of your enemies,*
 nor the tumult of those who hate you, which increases
 ever more and more.

DAY 15 : MORNING PRAYER

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Confitebimur tibi

- ¹ Unto you, O God, do we give thanks; *
 indeed, unto you do we give thanks.
- ² Those who call upon your Name *
 declare your wondrous works.

- 3 “Surely at the time which I appoint, *
 I, the Lord, will judge according to what is right.
- 4 The earth shakes with fear, and all that dwell therein; *
 but I, even I, have made firm its pillars.
- 5 I say to the proud, ‘You should not boast!’ *
 And to the ungodly, ‘Do not lift up your horn!
- 6 Do not lift up your horn on high, *
 nor speak with a stiff neck.”
- 7 For help comes neither from the east nor from the west, *
 nor yet from the wilderness or the mountains.
- 8 For it is God who is the Judge; *
 he puts down one and lifts up another.
- 9 For in the hand of the LORD there is a cup, and the wine
 is foaming; *
 it is fully mixed, and he pours it out.
- 10 As for the dregs of it, *
 all the ungodly of the earth shall drink them and drain
 them out.
- 11 But I will magnify the God of Jacob *
 and praise him for ever and ever.
- 12 All the horns of the ungodly will I break, *
 but the horns of the righteous shall be exalted.

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Notus in Iudea

- 1 In Judah God is known; *
 his Name is great in Israel.
- 2 At Salem is his tabernacle, *
 and his dwelling is in Zion.
- 3 There he broke the arrows of the bow, *
 the shield, the sword, and the weapons of battle.

- 4 You are of more honor and might *
 than the everlasting hills.
- 5 The strong of heart have been despoiled; they have slept
 their sleep; *
 and all those whose hands were mighty have lost
 their strength.
- 6 At your rebuke, O God of Jacob, *
 both the chariot and horse lie stunned upon the ground.
- 7 You, even you, are to be feared,*
 and who may stand in your sight when you are angry?
- 8 You caused your judgment to be heard from heaven; *
 the earth trembled and was silent,
- 9 When God arose to judgment *
 and to help all the meek upon earth.
- 10 The wrath of man shall be turned to your praise,*
 and the remnant of fierceness you shall restrain.
- 11 Make a vow unto the LORD your God and keep it, all you
 who are round about him; *
 bring gifts unto him who is worthy to be feared.
- 12 He restrains the spirit of princes,*
 and is feared among the kings of the earth.

77

Voce mea ad Dominum

- 1 I will cry unto God with my voice; *
 even unto God will I cry with my voice, and he shall
 hearken unto me.
- 2 In the time of my trouble I sought the Lord; *
 my hands were stretched out in the night without rest;
 my soul refused comfort.
- 3 When I think upon God, I groan; *
 when I ponder, my spirit grows faint.

- 4 You hold my eyelids open; *
 I am so troubled that I cannot speak.
- 5 I consider the days of old; *
 I call to remembrance the years that are past.
- 6 In the night I commune with my own heart; *
 I meditate and search my spirit.
- 7 Will the Lord cast me off for ever, *
 and will he no more show his favor?
- 8 Is his mercy gone for ever, *
 and has his promise come utterly to an end for evermore?
- 9 Has God forgotten to be gracious, *
 and will he withhold his loving-kindness in displeasure?
- 10 And I said, "Has his right hand become weak? *
 Has the hand of the Most High lost its strength?"
- 11 I will remember the works of the LORD, *
 and call to mind your wonders of old time.
- 12 I will think also of all your works, *
 and my talk shall be of your deeds.
- 13 Your way, O God, is holy; *
 who is so great a God as our God?
- 14 You are the God who does wonders, *
 and have declared your power among the peoples.
- 15 You have mightily delivered your people, *
 even the sons of Jacob and Joseph.
- 16 The waters saw you, O God; the waters saw you
 and were afraid; *
 the depths also were troubled.
- 17 The clouds poured out water, the skies thundered, *
 and your arrows flashed on every side.
- 18 The voice of your thunder was heard in the whirlwind;
 the lightning lit up the world; *
 the earth was moved and shook.

- ¹⁹ Your way was in the sea, and your paths in the great waters, *
yet your footsteps were not seen.
²⁰ You led your people like sheep *
by the hand of Moses and Aaron.

DAY 15 : EVENING PRAYER

78

Attendite, popule

- 1 Hear my teaching, O my people; *
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.
2 I will open my mouth in a parable; *
I will utter dark sayings of old,
3 Which we have heard and known, *
and such as our forefathers have told us,
4 That we should not hide them from the children of the
generations to come, *
but show the honor of the LORD, his mighty and wonderful
works that he has done.
5 He made a covenant with Jacob, and gave Israel a law, *
which he commanded our forefathers to teach their
children,
6 That their posterity might know it, *
and the children which were yet unborn;
7 With the intent that when they came up *
they might show it to their children,
8 That they might put their trust in God, *
and not forget the works of God, but keep
his commandments;
9 And not be as their forefathers, a faithless and stubborn
generation, *
a generation that did not set their heart aright,
and whose spirit did not cleave steadfastly to God,

- ¹⁰ Like the children of Ephraim, archers carrying bows, *
 who turned back in the day of battle.
- ¹¹ They did not keep the covenant of God, *
 and would not walk in his law,
- ¹² But forgot what he had done, *
 and the wonderful works that he had shown them.
- ¹³ Marvelous things he did in the sight of our forefathers, *
 in the land of Egypt, even in the field of Zoan.
- ¹⁴ He divided the sea and let them go through; *
 he made the waters to stand in a heap.
- ¹⁵ In the daytime he led them with a cloud, *
 and all the night through with a light of fire.
- ¹⁶ He split the hard rocks in the wilderness *
 and gave them drink in abundance, as out of the great deep.
- ¹⁷ He brought waters out of the stony rock, *
 so that it gushed out like the rivers.
- ¹⁸ Yet for all this they sinned more against him, *
 and provoked the Most High in the wilderness.
- ¹⁹ They tested God in their hearts *
 and demanded food for their craving.
- ²⁰ They spoke against God, saying, *
 “Can God prepare a table in the wilderness?
- ²¹ Indeed, he smote the stony rock, so that water gushed out,
 and the streams overflowed; *
 but can he give bread also, or provide meat for his people?”
- ²² When the LORD heard this, he was full of wrath; *
 so a fire was kindled against Jacob, and there flared up
 fierce anger against Israel,
- ²³ Because they did not believe in God, *
 and did not put their trust in his help.
- ²⁴ So he commanded the clouds above *
 and opened the doors of heaven.

- ²⁵ He rained down manna upon them to eat *
and gave them food from heaven.
- ²⁶ So mortals ate the bread of angels; *
for he sent them food enough.
- ²⁷ He caused the east wind to blow in the heavens,*
and through his power he brought in the south wind.
- ²⁸ He rained meat upon them as thick as dust *
and feathered fowl like the sand of the sea.
- ²⁹ He let it fall among their tents,*
even round about their habitations.
- ³⁰ So they ate and were well filled, for he gave them
what they desired; *
they did not deny themselves their cravings,
- ³¹ But while the food was yet in their mouths, the heavy wrath
of God came upon them, and slew the mightiest of them,*
and struck down the young men of Israel.
- ³² But for all this they sinned yet more,*
and did not believe his wondrous works.
- ³³ Therefore he brought their days to an end in vanity *
and their years in trouble.
- ³⁴ When he slew them, they sought him,*
and returned, and inquired after God.
- ³⁵ And they remembered that God was their rock,*
and the Most High God was their redeemer.
- ³⁶ Nevertheless, they flattered him with their mouth *
and spoke deceitfully to him with their tongue.
- ³⁷ For their heart was not fixed on him,*
neither did they continue steadfast in his covenant.
- ³⁸ But he was so merciful that he forgave their iniquities *
and did not destroy them.
- ³⁹ Indeed, many times he turned his wrath away *
and would not permit his displeasure to arise.

- ⁴⁰ For he considered that they were but flesh, *
 that they were even as the wind that passes away and
 comes not again.
- ⁴¹ Many times they provoked him in the wilderness *
 and grieved him in the desert.
- ⁴² They turned back, and tested God, *
 and provoked the Holy One of Israel.
- ⁴³ They remembered not his power, *
 nor the day when he delivered them from the hand
 of the enemy,
- ⁴⁴ How he had wrought his miracles in Egypt *
 and his wonders in the field of Zoan.
- ⁴⁵ He turned their waters into blood, *
 so that they might not drink of the rivers.
- ⁴⁶ He sent flies among them, which devoured them up, *
 and frogs to destroy them.
- ⁴⁷ He gave their fruit to the grasshopper *
 and their labor to the locust.
- ⁴⁸ He destroyed their vines with hailstones *
 and their sycamore trees with the frost.
- ⁴⁹ He smote their cattle also with hailstones *
 and their flocks with hot thunderbolts.
- ⁵⁰ He cast upon them the furiousness of his wrath,
 anger, displeasure, and trouble, *
 sending these destroying angels among them.
- ⁵¹ He made a way for his indignation, and did not spare
 their soul from death, *
 but gave their life over to the pestilence,
- ⁵² And smote all the firstborn in Egypt, *
 the firstfruits of their strength in the dwellings of Ham.
- ⁵³ But as for his own people, he led them forth like sheep *
 and carried them in the wilderness like a flock.

- ⁵⁴ He brought them out safely, and they were not afraid; *
 he overwhelmed their enemies with the sea,
- ⁵⁵ And brought them within the borders of his holy land, *
 to his mountain which he obtained with his right hand.
- ⁵⁶ He cast out the nations before them, *
 and caused their land to be divided among them
 for an inheritance, and made the tribes of Israel
 to dwell in their tents.
- ⁵⁷ But they tested and displeased the Most High God, *
 and did not keep his testimonies,
- ⁵⁸ But turned their backs and fell away like their forefathers, *
 twisting aside like a broken bow.
- ⁵⁹ For they grieved him with their hill altars *
 and provoked him to displeasure with their images.
- ⁶⁰ When God heard this, he was full of wrath *
 and utterly rejected Israel,
- ⁶¹ So that he forsook the tabernacle in Shiloh, *
 even the tent that he had pitched among them.
- ⁶² He delivered the ark into captivity, *
 and his glory into the enemy's hand.
- ⁶³ He gave his people over to the sword *
 and was angry with his inheritance.
- ⁶⁴ Fire consumed their young men, *
 and their maidens had no marriage songs.
- ⁶⁵ Their priests were slain with the sword, *
 and their widows made no lamentation.
- ⁶⁶ Then the Lord awakened as one out of sleep, *
 and like a warrior recovered from wine.
- ⁶⁷ He drove his enemies backward *
 and put them to a perpetual shame.
- ⁶⁸ He rejected the tabernacle of Joseph *
 and did not choose the tribe of Ephraim,

- ⁶⁹ But chose the tribe of Judah,*
even the hill of Zion which he loved.
- ⁷⁰ And there he built his sanctuary, like the heights of heaven,*
like the earth which he had established for ever.
- ⁷¹ He chose David his servant,*
and took him away from the sheepfolds;
- ⁷² As he was following the ewes that were great with young,
God took him,*
that he might feed Jacob his people, and Israel
his inheritance.
- ⁷³ So he fed them with a faithful and true heart,*
and guided them with skillful hands.

DAY 16 : MORNING PRAYER
79

Deus, venerunt

- ¹ O God, the nations have come into your inheritance;*
they have defiled your holy temple, and made Jerusalem
a heap of stones.
- ² The dead bodies of your servants have they given to be meat
for the birds of the air,*
and the flesh of your saints to the beasts of the land.
- ³ Their blood have they shed like water on every side
of Jerusalem,*
and there was no one to bury them.
- ⁴ We have become a reproach to our enemies,*
an object of scorn and derision to those who are
round about us.
- ⁵ O LORD, how long will you be angry? *
Shall your jealousy burn like fire for ever?

- ⁶ Pour out your indignation upon the nations that have
not known you,*
and upon the kingdoms that have not called upon
your Name.
- ⁷ For they have devoured Jacob *
and laid waste his dwelling place.
- ⁸ O remember not our past sins, but have mercy on us speedily,*
for we have come to great misery.
- ⁹ Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of your Name; *
O deliver us and forgive our sins for your Name's sake.
- ¹⁰ Why do the nations say,*
“Where now is their God?”
- ¹¹ O let the vengeance of your servants' blood that is shed *
be known in our sight among the nations.
- ¹² O let the sorrowful sighing of the prisoners come before you; *
according to the greatness of your power, preserve those
who are condemned to die.
- ¹³ As for the blasphemy by which our neighbors have
blasphemed you,*
repay them, O Lord, seven-fold into their bosoms.
- ¹⁴ So we, who are your people and the sheep of your pasture,
shall give you thanks for ever,*
and will always be showing forth your praise
from generation to generation.

80

Qui regis Israel

- ¹ Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, you that lead Joseph like a sheep; *
show yourself also, you that sit upon the cherubim.
- ² Before Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh,*
stir up your strength and come to help us.

- ³ Restore us again, O God; *
 show the light of your countenance, and we shall be whole.
- ⁴ O LORD God of hosts,*
 how long will you be angry with your people that pray?
- ⁵ You feed them with the bread of tears *
 and give them plenteous tears to drink.
- ⁶ You have made us the derision of our neighbors,*
 and our enemies laugh us to scorn.
- ⁷ Restore us again, O God of hosts; *
 show the light of your countenance, and we shall be whole.
- ⁸ You have brought a vine out of Egypt; *
 you have cast out the nations and planted it.
- ⁹ You made room for it,*
 and when it had taken root, it filled the land.
- ¹⁰ The hills were covered with the shadow of it,*
 and the boughs thereof were like the mighty cedar trees.
- ¹¹ It stretched out its branches to the sea *
 and its boughs to the river.
- ¹² Why have you broken down its hedge,*
 so that all those who go by pluck off its grapes?
- ¹³ The wild boar out of the wood roots it up,*
 and the wild beasts of the field devour it.
- ¹⁴ Turn again, O God of hosts, look down from heaven; *
 behold, and visit this vine,
- ¹⁵ And the place of the vineyard that your right hand
 has planted,*
 and the branch that you made so strong for yourself.
- ¹⁶ As for those who burn it with fire and cut it down,*
 let them perish at the rebuke of your countenance.
- ¹⁷ Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand *
 and upon the son of man, whom you made so strong
 for yourself.

- ¹⁸ And so we will not turn back from you; *
 O let us live, and we shall call upon your Name.
¹⁹ Restore us again, O LORD God of hosts; *
 show the light of your countenance, and we shall be whole.

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Exultate Deo

- ¹ O sing merrily unto God our strength; *
 make a cheerful noise unto the God of Jacob.
² Take the psalm, bring hither the timbrel, *
 the merry harp with the lute.
³ Blow the trumpet at the new moon, *
 even in the time appointed, and on our solemn feast day.
⁴ For this was made a statute for Israel *
 and a law of the God of Jacob.
⁵ This he laid upon Joseph for a testimony, *
 when he came out of the land of Egypt.
⁶ “I eased his shoulder from the burden, *
 and his hands were delivered from bearing the load.
⁷ You called upon me in troubles, and I delivered you, *
 and I answered you in the thundercloud and tested you
 at the waters of strife.
⁸ Hear, O my people, and I will admonish you; *
 O Israel, if you will hearken unto me,
⁹ There shall be no strange god among you, *
 neither shall you worship any other god.
¹⁰ I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land
 of Egypt; *
 open your mouth wide, and I shall fill it.
¹¹ But my people would not hear my voice, *
 and Israel would not obey me.

- ¹² So I gave them up to the stubbornness of their hearts,*
and let them follow their own imaginations.
- ¹³ Oh, that my people would have hearkened unto me,*
that Israel had walked in my ways.
- ¹⁴ I would soon have put down their enemies *
and turned my hand against their adversaries.
- ¹⁵ The haters of the L ORD would humble themselves
before him,*
and their time of punishment would endure for ever.
- ¹⁶ But Israel would I feed with the finest wheat-flour,*
and with honey out of the stony rock would I satisfy him.”

DAY 16 : EVENING PRAYER

82

Deus stetit

- ¹ God stands in the council of princes; *
he is a Judge among gods.
- ² “How long will you give wrong judgment *
and accept the ungodly?
- ³ Defend the poor and fatherless; *
see that those who are in need and necessity have
what is right.
- ⁴ Deliver the outcast and poor; *
save them from the hand of the ungodly.”
- ⁵ They will not learn nor understand, but walk about in darkness; *
all the foundations of the earth are shaken.
- ⁶ I have said, “You are gods,*
and you are all the children of the Most High;
- ⁷ But you shall die like mortals,*
and fall like one of the princes.”
- ⁸ Arise, O God, and judge the earth,*
for you shall take all nations for your inheritance.

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Deus, quis similis?

- ¹ Hold not your tongue, O God; keep not silent,*
but rouse yourself, O God.
- ² For behold, your enemies murmur,*
and those who hate you have lifted up their head.
- ³ They have conspired secretly against your people *
and taken counsel against your cherished ones.
- ⁴ They have said, “Come, and let us wipe them out, that they
may be no more a people,*
and that the name of Israel may be remembered no more.”
- ⁵ For they have brought their heads together with one consent *
and are aligned against you:
- ⁶ The tents of the Edomites and the Ishmaelites,*
the Moabites and Hagarenes,
- ⁷ Gebal, and Ammon, and Amalek,*
the Philistines with those who dwell at Tyre.
- ⁸ Assyria also has joined with them,*
and has helped the children of Lot.
- ⁹ But do to them as you did to the Midianites,*
to Sisera and to Jabin at the brook of Kishon,
- ¹⁰ Who perished at Endor *
and became as dung on the earth.
- ¹¹ Make their princes like Oreb and Zeëb; *
indeed, make all their princes like Zebah and Zalmunna,
- ¹² Who said, “Let us take for ourselves *
the pastures of God as our possession.”
- ¹³ O my God, make them like whirling dust *
and like stubble before the wind,
- ¹⁴ Like the fire that burns up the woods *
and like the flame that consumes the mountains.

- ¹⁵ Pursue them even with your tempest,*
and make them afraid with your storm.
- ¹⁶ Cover their faces with shame, O LORD,*
that they may seek your Name.
- ¹⁷ Let them be disgraced and dismayed ever more and more;*
let them be put to shame and perish.
- ¹⁸ And they shall know that you, whose Name is the LORD,*
are alone the Most High over all the earth.

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Quam dilecta!

- ¹ How lovely are your dwellings,*
O LORD God of hosts!
- ² My soul has a desire and longing to enter into the courts
of the LORD;*
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.
- ³ Indeed, the sparrow has found her a house, and the swallow
a nest where she may lay her young,*
even your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.
- ⁴ Blessed are they who dwell in your house;*
they will be always praising you.
- ⁵ Blessed is the one whose strength is in you,*
in whose heart are your ways,
- ⁶ Who going through the valley of misery uses it for a well;*
indeed, the early rains fill the pools with water.
- ⁷ They will go from strength to strength,*
and the God of gods shall be seen by them in Zion.
- ⁸ O LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer;*
hearken, O God of Jacob.
- ⁹ Behold, O God, our defender,*
and look upon the face of your Anointed.

- ¹⁰ For one day in your courts *
 is better than a thousand;
¹¹ I would rather be a door-keeper in the house of my God *
 than dwell in the tents of ungodliness.
¹² For the LORD God is a light and defense; *
 the LORD will give grace and honor, and no good thing
 shall he withhold from those who live a godly life.
¹³ O LORD God of hosts, *
 blessed is the one who puts his trust in you.

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Benedixisti, Domine

- ¹ LORD, you have been gracious to your land; *
 you have turned away the captivity of Jacob.
² You have forgiven the offence of your people *
 and covered all their sins.
³ You have taken away all your displeasure *
 and turned yourself from your wrathful indignation.
⁴ Restore us then, O God our Savior, *
 and let your anger cease from us.
⁵ Will you be displeased at us for ever, *
 and will you stretch out your wrath from one generation
 to another?
⁶ Will you not turn again and quicken us, *
 that your people may rejoice in you?
⁷ Show us your mercy, O LORD, *
 and grant us your salvation.
⁸ I will hearken to what the LORD God will say, *
 for he shall speak peace unto his people, and to his saints,
 that they turn not again.
⁹ For his salvation is near to those who fear him, *
 that glory may dwell in our land.

- ¹⁰ Mercy and truth have met together; *
 righteousness and peace have kissed each other.
- ¹¹ Truth shall flourish out of the earth,*
 and righteousness shall look down from heaven.
- ¹² Indeed, the LORD shall show goodness,*
 and our land shall give its increase.
- ¹³ Righteousness shall go before him,*
 and he shall direct his going in the way.

DAY 17 : MORNING PRAYER
86

Inclina, Domine

- ¹ Bow down your ear, O LORD, and hear me,*
 for I am poor and in misery.
- ² Preserve my life, for I am faithful; *
 my God, save your servant who puts his trust in you.
- ³ Be merciful unto me, O Lord,*
 for I will call daily upon you.
- ⁴ Comfort the soul of your servant,*
 for to you, O Lord, do I lift up my soul.
- ⁵ For you, Lord, are good and gracious,*
 and of great mercy to all those who call upon you.
- ⁶ Give ear, LORD, unto my prayer,*
 and attend to the voice of my humble supplications.
- ⁷ In the time of my trouble I will call upon you,*
 for you answer me when I call.
- ⁸ Among the gods there is none like you, O Lord,*
 nor are there any deeds like yours.
- ⁹ All nations that you have made shall come and worship you,
O Lord,*
 and shall glorify your Name.

- ¹⁰ For you are great and do wondrous things; *
indeed, you are God alone.
- ¹¹ Teach me your way, O LORD, and I will walk in your truth; *
O knit my heart to you, that I may fear your Name.
- ¹² I will thank you, O Lord my God, with all my heart, *
and will praise your Name for evermore.
- ¹³ For great is your mercy toward me; *
you have delivered my life from the nethermost Pit.
- ¹⁴ O God, the proud have risen up against me, *
and the company of violent men have sought after my life,
and have not set you before their eyes.
- ¹⁵ But you, O Lord God, are full of compassion and mercy, *
long-suffering, plenteous in goodness and truth.
- ¹⁶ O turn then unto me, and have mercy upon me; *
give your strength unto your servant, and help the son of
your handmaid.
- ¹⁷ Show me some token of your favor, that those who hate me
may see it and be ashamed, *
because you, LORD, have been my helper and comforter.

87

Fundamenta ejus

- ¹ The LORD loves the foundation which he has laid upon
the holy hills; *
the gates of Zion are dearer to him than all the dwellings
of Jacob.
- ² Very excellent things are spoken of you, *
O city of God.
- ³ I will consider Egypt and Babylon *
among those who know me.
- ⁴ Behold Philistia also, and Tyre, with Ethiopia; *
each one was born in her.

- 5 And of Zion it shall be reported that each one was born in her,*
and the Most High shall establish her.
- 6 The LORD shall record it when he registers the people,*
that each one was born there.
- 7 The singers and the dancers also shall say,*
“All my fresh springs are in you.”

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Domine Deus

- 1 O LORD God of my salvation, I have cried day and night
before you; *
O let my prayer enter into your presence; incline your ear
to my call.
- 2 For my soul is full of trouble,*
and my life draws nigh to the Grave.
- 3 I am counted as one of those who go down into the pit,*
and I have become as one who has no strength.
- 4 I have become like the dead, and like the slain who lie
in the grave,*
whom you remember no more, and who are cut off
from your hand.
- 5 You have laid me in the lowest pit,*
in a place of darkness, and in the deep.
- 6 Your indignation lies heavy upon me,*
and you have overwhelmed me with all your storms.
- 7 You have put my friends far from me,*
and made me to be abhorred by them.
- 8 I am in prison; *
I cannot go forth.
- 9 My sight fails because of trouble; *
LORD, I have called daily upon you; I have stretched forth
my hands unto you.

- ¹⁰ Do you show wonders among the dead, *
or shall the dead rise up again and praise you?
- ¹¹ Shall your loving-kindness be shown in the grave, *
or your faithfulness in destruction?
- ¹² Shall your wondrous works be known in the dark, *
and your righteousness in the land where all things
are forgotten?
- ¹³ Unto you have I cried, O LORD, *
and early shall my prayer come before you.
- ¹⁴ LORD, why do you cast off my soul *
and hide your face from me?
- ¹⁵ I am in misery, like one who is at the point of death; *
even from my youth, your terrors have I suffered
with a troubled mind.
- ¹⁶ Your wrathful displeasure goes over me, *
and the fear of you has undone me.
- ¹⁷ Daily they come round about me like water, *
and encompass me on every side.
- ¹⁸ My companions and neighbors you have put away from me, *
and hidden my friends out of my sight.

DAY 17 : EVENING PRAYER

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Misericordias Domini

- ¹ My song shall be always of the loving-kindness of the LORD; *
with my mouth will I ever be proclaiming your faithfulness,
from one generation to another.
- ² For I have said, “Mercy shall be built up for ever; *
your faithfulness shall be established in the heavens.”
- ³ I have made a covenant with my chosen one; *
I have sworn to David my servant:

- 4 "Your seed will I establish for ever,*
and set up your throne from one generation to another."
- 5 O LORD, the heavens will praise your wondrous works *
and your faithfulness in the assembly of the saints.
- 6 For who in the clouds can be compared unto the LORD? *
And who among the gods is like unto the LORD?
- 7 God is greatly to be feared in the council of the saints,*
and to be held in reverence by all those who are
round about him.
- 8 O LORD God of hosts, who is like you? *
Your faithfulness, most mighty LORD, is round about you.
- 9 You rule the raging of the sea; *
you still the waves when they arise.
- 10 You have subdued Rahab of the deep, and destroyed her; *
you have scattered your enemies with your mighty arm.
- 11 The heavens are yours; the earth also is yours; *
you laid the foundation of the world, and all that is in it.
- 12 You have made the north and the south; *
Tabor and Hermon shall rejoice in your Name.
- 13 You have a mighty arm; *
strong is your hand, and high is your right hand.
- 14 Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne; *
mercy and truth shall go before your face.
- 15 Blessed are the people, O LORD, who rejoice in you; *
they shall walk in the light of your countenance.
- 16 Their delight shall be in your Name all the day long,*
and in your righteousness shall they make their boast.
- 17 For you are the glory of their strength,*
and by your favor you shall lift up our might.
- 18 For the LORD is our defense; *
the Holy One of Israel is our King.

- ¹⁹ You spoke in a vision to your saints, and said, *
 “I have set the crown upon one who is mighty;
 I have exalted one chosen out of the people.
- ²⁰ I have found David my servant; *
 with my holy oil have I anointed him.
- ²¹ My hand shall hold him fast, *
 and my arm shall strengthen him.
- ²² The enemy shall not be able to do him violence; *
 the son of wickedness shall not hurt him.
- ²³ I will smite his foes before his face *
 and strike down those who hate him.
- ²⁴ My faithfulness and my mercy shall be with him, *
 and in my Name shall his horn be exalted.
- ²⁵ I will give him dominion over the sea, *
 and with his right hand shall he rule the rivers.
- ²⁶ He shall say to me, “You are my Father, *
 my God, and the rock of my salvation.”
- ²⁷ And I will make him my firstborn, *
 higher than the kings of the earth.
- ²⁸ My mercy will I keep for him for ever, *
 and my covenant shall stand fast with him.
- ²⁹ His seed will I make to endure for ever *
 and his throne as the days of heaven.
- ³⁰ But if his children forsake my law, *
 and do not walk in my judgments,
- ³¹ If they break my statutes and do not keep my commandments,*
 I will punish their offenses with the rod, and their sin
 with scourges.
- ³² Nevertheless, my loving-kindness I will not utterly take
 from him,*
 nor suffer my faithfulness to fail.
- ³³ My covenant I will not break,*
 nor alter the word that has gone out of my lips.

- ³⁴ I have sworn once by my holiness *
 that I will not fail David.
- ³⁵ His seed shall endure for ever *
 and his throne as the sun before me.
- ³⁶ It shall endure for evermore as the moon,*
 and as the faithful witness in the heavens.
- ³⁷ But you have rejected and forsaken your Anointed; *
 you are full of wrath against him.
- ³⁸ You have broken the covenant with your servant; *
 you have defiled his crown and cast it to the ground.
- ³⁹ You have overthrown all his walls *
 and broken down his strongholds.
- ⁴⁰ All those who go by plunder him,*
 and he has become a reproach to his neighbors.
- ⁴¹ You have exalted the right hand of his enemies,*
 and made all his adversaries rejoice.
- ⁴² You have turned back the edge of his sword *
 and have not given him victory in the battle.
- ⁴³ You have taken away his glory *
 and cast his throne down to the ground.
- ⁴⁴ The days of his youth you have shortened *
 and covered him with dishonor.
- ⁴⁵ LORD, how long will you utterly hide yourself? *
 How long shall your wrath burn like fire?
- ⁴⁶ O remember how short my time is; *
 why have you made all people for nought?
- ⁴⁷ What man is there who lives and shall not see death,*
 and shall deliver his soul from the power of the Grave?
- ⁴⁸ Lord, where are your loving-kindnesses of old,*
 which you swore to David in your faithfulness?
- ⁴⁹ Remember, Lord, how your servants are reproached,*
 and how I bear in my bosom the rebukes of many people;

- ⁵⁰ Remember how your enemies have reproached you, O LORD, *
 how they have called after your Anointed King with cries
 of scorn.
- ⁵¹ Praised be the LORD for evermore. *
 Amen and Amen.

DAY 18 : MORNING PRAYER
90

Domine, refugium

- ¹ Lord, you have been our refuge *
 from one generation to another.
- ² Before the mountains were brought forth, or the earth
 and the world were made, *
 you are God from everlasting, and world without end.
- ³ You turn man back to the dust; *
 you say, "Return, O children of men."
- ⁴ For a thousand years in your sight are as yesterday, *
 even as a day that is past.
- ⁵ You scatter them as a night-watch that comes quickly to an end; *
 they are even as a dream and fade away.
- ⁶ They are like the grass, which in the morning is green, *
 but in the evening is dried up and withered.
- ⁷ For we consume away in your displeasure *
 and are afraid at your wrathful indignation.
- ⁸ You have set our misdeeds before you, *
 and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.
- ⁹ For when you are angry, all our days are gone; *
 we bring our years to an end, as a tale that is told.
- ¹⁰ The days of our life are seventy years, and though some
 be so strong that they come to eighty years, *
 yet is their span but labor and sorrow; so soon
 it passes away, and we are gone.

- ¹¹ But who regards the power of your wrath,*
 and who considers the fierceness of your anger?
- ¹² So teach us to number our days,*
 that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.
- ¹³ Turn again, O LORD, and tarry not;*
 be gracious unto your servants.
- ¹⁴ O satisfy us with your mercy in the morning;*
 so shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.
- ¹⁵ Comfort us again, according to the measure of the days
 that you have afflicted us,*
 and for the years in which we have suffered adversity.
- ¹⁶ Show your servants your work *
 and their children your glory.
- ¹⁷ And may the grace of the Lord our God be upon us; *
 prosper the work of our hands; O prosper our handiwork.

91

Qui habitat

- ¹ Whoever dwells under the defense of the Most High *
 shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.
- ² I will say unto the LORD, “You are my refuge and
 my stronghold,*
 my God in whom I will trust.”
- ³ For he shall deliver you from the snare of the hunter *
 and from the deadly pestilence.
- ⁴ He shall defend you under his wings, and you shall be safe
 under his feathers; *
 his faithfulness and truth shall be your shield and buckler.
- ⁵ You shall not be afraid of any terror by night,*
 nor of the arrow that flies by day,
- ⁶ Of the pestilence that walks in darkness,*
 nor of the sickness that destroys at noonday.

- ⁷ A thousand shall fall beside you, and ten thousand
at your right hand,*
but it shall not come near you.
- ⁸ Indeed, with your eyes you shall behold *
and see the reward of the ungodly.
- ⁹ Because you have said, "The L ORD is my refuge,"*
and have made the Most High your stronghold,
- ¹⁰ There shall no evil happen to you,*
neither shall any plague come near your dwelling.
- ¹¹ For he shall give his angels charge over you,*
to keep you in all your ways.
- ¹² They shall bear you in their hands,*
that you hurt not your foot against a stone.
- ¹³ You shall tread upon the lion and adder; *
the young lion and the serpent you shall trample
under your feet.
- ¹⁴ "Because he has set his love upon me, therefore I will
deliver him; *
I will lift him up, because he has known my Name.
- ¹⁵ He shall call upon me, and I will hear him; *
indeed, I am with him in trouble; I will deliver him
and bring him honor.
- ¹⁶ With long life I will satisfy him,*
and show him my salvation."

92

Bonum est confiteri

- ¹ It is a good thing to give thanks unto the L ORD,*
and to sing praises unto your Name, O Most High,
- ² To tell of your loving-kindness early in the morning,*
and of your faithfulness in the night season,

- ³ Upon an instrument of ten strings and upon the lute, *
 with the sound of melody upon the harp.
- ⁴ For you, LORD, have made me glad by your deeds, *
 and I will shout for joy because of your handiwork.
- ⁵ O LORD, how glorious are your works; *
 your thoughts are very deep.
- ⁶ The dull of heart does not consider this, *
 and a fool does not understand it:
- ⁷ Though the ungodly are as green as the grass, and though
all the workers of wickedness flourish, *
 they shall be destroyed for ever; but you, LORD, are
the Most High for evermore.
- ⁸ For lo, your enemies, O LORD, lo, your enemies shall perish, *
 and all the workers of wickedness shall be destroyed.
- ⁹ But my horn shall be exalted like the horns of wild bulls; *
 for I am anointed with fresh oil.
- ¹⁰ My eye also shall see its desire upon my enemies, *
 and my ear shall hear with joy the end of the wicked
 who rise up against me.
- ¹¹ The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree, *
 and shall spread abroad like a cedar in Lebanon.
- ¹² Those who are planted in the house of the LORD *
 shall flourish in the courts of our God.
- ¹³ They also shall bring forth fruit in their old age, *
 and shall be green and full of sap,
- ¹⁴ That they may show how upright the LORD is, *
 my rock, in whom there is no unrighteousness.

DAY 18 : EVENING PRAYER

93

Dominus regnavit

- ¹ The LORD is King and has put on glorious apparel; *
the LORD has put on his apparel and girded himself
with strength.
- ² He has made the round world so sure *
that it cannot be moved.
- ³ Ever since the world began, your throne has been established; *
you are from everlasting.
- ⁴ The floods have risen, O LORD; the floods have lifted up
their voice; *
the floods have lifted up their waves.
- ⁵ Mightier than the sound of many waters, mightier than
the waves of the sea, *
the LORD who dwells on high is mightier.
- ⁶ Your testimonies, O LORD, are very sure; *
holiness adorns your house for ever.

94

Deus ultionum

- ¹ O LORD God to whom vengeance belongs, *
O God to whom vengeance belongs, show yourself.
- ² Arise, O Judge of the world, *
and reward the proud according to their deserving.
- ³ O LORD, how long shall the ungodly, *
how long shall the ungodly triumph?
- ⁴ How long shall all evildoers speak so disdainfully *
and make such proud boasting?
- ⁵ They smite down your people, O LORD, *
and trouble your heritage.

- 6 They murder the widow and the stranger,*
and put the fatherless to death.
- 7 And yet they say, "The L ORD shall not see,*
neither shall the God of Jacob regard it."
- 8 Take heed, you unwise among the people; *
O you fools, when will you understand?
- 9 He who planted the ear, shall he not hear? *
Or he who made the eye, shall he not see?
- 10 Or he who nurtures the nations,*
he who teaches humanity knowledge, shall he not punish?
- 11 The L ORD knows the thoughts of man,*
that they are but vain.
- 12 Blessed is the one whom you chasten, O L ORD,*
and whom you teach your law,
- 13 That you may give him patience in time of adversity,*
until a pit is dug for the ungodly.
- 14 For the L ORD will not fail his people,*
neither will he forsake his inheritance,
- 15 But righteousness shall return to the place of judgment,*
and all those who are true of heart shall follow it.
- 16 Who will rise up with me against the wicked,*
or who will take my part against the evildoers?
- 17 If the L ORD had not helped me,*
my soul would soon have dwelt in the land of silence.
- 18 But when I said, "My foot has slipped,"*
your mercy, O L ORD, held me up.
- 19 In the multitude of the sorrows that I had in my heart,*
your comforts refreshed my soul.
- 20 Will you have anything to do with the council of wickedness,*
which turns evil into law?
- 21 They gather themselves together against the soul
of the righteous *
and condemn the innocent to death.

- ²² But the LORD is my refuge,*
 and my God is the rock of my confidence.
- ²³ He shall recompense them for their wickedness, and destroy
 them in their own malice; *
 indeed, the LORD our God shall destroy them.

DAY 19 : MORNING PRAYER

95

Venite, exultemus

- ¹ O come, let us sing unto the LORD; *
 let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.
- ² Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving*
 and show ourselves glad in him with psalms.
- ³ For the LORD is a great God *
 and a great King above all gods.
- ⁴ In his hand are all the depths of the earth,*
 and the heights of the hills are his also.
- ⁵ The sea is his, for he made it,*
 and his hands prepared the dry land.
- ⁶ O come, let us worship and fall down,*
 and kneel before the LORD our Maker.
- ⁷ For he is our God,*
 and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep
 of his hand.
- ⁸ Today, if you will hear his voice, harden not your hearts *
 as in the provocation, and as in the day of temptation
 in the wilderness,
- ⁹ When your fathers tested me,*
 and put me to the proof, though they had seen my works.
- ¹⁰ Forty years long was I grieved with this generation and said,*
 “It is a people that err in their hearts, for they have not
 known my ways,”

- ¹¹ Of whom I swore in my wrath *
 that they should not enter into my rest.

96

Cantate Domino

- 1 O sing unto the LORD a new song; *
 sing unto the LORD, all the whole earth.
2 Sing unto the LORD and praise his Name; *
 tell of his salvation from day to day.
3 Declare his honor to the nations, *
 and his wonders to all peoples.
4 For the LORD is great, and highly to be praised; *
 he is more to be feared than all gods.
5 As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; *
 but it is the LORD who made the heavens.
6 Glory and majesty are before him; *
 power and honor are in his sanctuary.
7 Ascribe unto the LORD, O you families of the peoples, *
 ascribe unto the LORD worship and power.
8 Ascribe unto the LORD the honor due unto his Name; *
 bring offerings and come into his courts.
9 O worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness; *
 let the whole earth stand in awe of him.
10 Tell it out among the nations, “The LORD is King; *
 it is he who has made the world so firm that it cannot
 be moved; he shall judge the peoples righteously.”
11 Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; *
 let the sea make a noise, and all that is therein.
12 Let the field be joyful, and all that is in it; *
 then shall all the trees of the wood rejoice before the LORD.

- ¹³ For he comes, for he comes to judge the earth, *
and with righteousness to judge the world, and the peoples
with his truth.

97

Dominus regnavit

- ¹ The LORD is King; let the earth be glad. *
Indeed, let the multitude of the isles be glad.
² Clouds and darkness are round about him; *
righteousness and judgment are the foundation
of his throne.
³ There goes a fire before him *
and burns up his enemies on every side.
⁴ His lightnings gave light to the world; *
the earth saw it and was afraid.
⁵ The hills melted like wax at the presence of the LORD, *
at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.
⁶ The heavens have declared his righteousness, *
and all the people have seen his glory.
⁷ Confounded be all those who worship carved images,
and who delight in false gods; *
worship him, all you gods.
⁸ Zion heard of it and rejoiced, *
and the daughters of Judah were glad, because of your
judgments, O LORD.
⁹ For you, LORD, are most high over all the earth; *
you are exalted far above all gods.
¹⁰ O you who love the LORD, see that you hate the thing
which is evil; *
the LORD preserves the souls of his saints; he shall deliver
them from the hand of the ungodly.
¹¹ A light has sprung up for the righteous, *
and joyful gladness for those who are truehearted.

- ¹² Rejoice in the LORD, you righteous,*
and give thanks at the remembrance of his holiness.

DAY 19 : EVENING PRAYER

98

Cantate Domino

- ¹ O sing unto the LORD a new song,*
for he has done marvelous things.
² With his own right hand and with his holy arm,*
he has won for himself the victory.
³ The LORD declared his salvation;*
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight
of the nations.
⁴ He has remembered his mercy and truth toward the house
of Israel,*
and all the ends of the world have seen the salvation
of our God.
⁵ Show yourselves joyful in the LORD, all you lands;*
sing, rejoice, and give thanks.
⁶ Praise the LORD with the harp;*
sing with the harp a psalm of thanksgiving.
⁷ With trumpets also and horns,*
O show yourselves joyful before the LORD, the King.
⁸ Let the sea make a noise, and all that is in it,*
the round world, and those who dwell therein.
⁹ Let the rivers clap their hands, and let the hills be joyful
together before the LORD,*
for he has come to judge the earth.
¹⁰ With righteousness shall he judge the world,*
and the peoples with equity.

99

Dominus regnavit

- 1 The LORD is King; let the peoples tremble; *
he sits between the cherubim; let the earth shake.
- 2 The LORD is great in Zion *
and high above all peoples.
- 3 They shall give thanks unto his Name, which is great
and wonderful; *
holy is he and mighty, a King who loves justice.
- 4 You have established equity; *
you have executed judgment and righteousness in Jacob.
- 5 O magnify the LORD our God, *
and fall down before his footstool, for he is holy.
- 6 Moses and Aaron among his priests, and Samuel among
those who call upon his Name, *
they called upon the LORD, and he heard them.
- 7 He spoke to them out of the cloudy pillar, *
for they kept his testimonies and the law that he gave them.
- 8 You heard them, O LORD our God; *
you forgave them, O God, yet punished their evildoings.
- 9 O magnify the LORD our God, and worship him upon
his holy hill, *
for the LORD our God is holy.

100

Jubilate Deo

- 1 O be joyful in the LORD, all you lands; *
serve the LORD with gladness, and come before
his presence with a song.
- 2 Be assured that the LORD, he is God; *
it is he that has made us, and not we ourselves;
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

- ³ O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving, and into
his courts with praise; *
 be thankful unto him, and speak good of his Name.
⁴ For the LORD is gracious, his mercy is everlasting, *
 and his truth endures from generation to generation.

101

Misericordiam et judicium

- ¹ My song shall be of mercy and judgment; *
 unto you, O LORD, will I sing.
² O let me have understanding *
 in the way of godliness.
³ When will you come to me? *
 I will walk in my house with integrity of heart.
⁴ I will set no wicked thing before my eyes; *
 I hate the sins of unfaithfulness; no such thing shall cleave
 to me.
⁵ A crooked heart shall depart from me; *
 I will not know a wicked person.
⁶ Whoever secretly slanders his neighbor, *
 him will I destroy.
⁷ Whoever has a proud look and an arrogant heart, *
 I will not suffer him.
⁸ My eyes shall look with favor upon the faithful in the land, *
 that they may dwell with me.
⁹ Whoever leads a godly life, *
 he shall be my servant.
¹⁰ No deceitful person shall dwell in my house; *
 the one who tells lies shall not tarry in my sight.
¹¹ I shall soon destroy all the ungodly who are in the land, *
 that I may root out all evildoers from the city of the LORD.

Domine, exaudi

- 1 Hear my prayer, O LORD, *
and let my cry come unto you.
- 2 Hide not your face from me in the time of my trouble; *
incline your ear to me when I call; O hear me,
and very soon.
- 3 For my days are consumed like smoke, *
and my bones are burnt up as in a furnace.
- 4 My heart is smitten and withered like grass, *
so that I forget to eat my bread.
- 5 Because of the voice of my groaning, *
my bones will scarcely cleave to my flesh.
- 6 I have become like an owl in the wilderness *
and like a screech-owl among the ruins.
- 7 I am solitary, and lie sleepless because of my groaning; *
I am like a sparrow that sits alone upon the housetop.
- 8 My enemies revile me all day long, *
and those who are enraged against me conspire
to do me hurt.
- 9 For I have eaten ashes as if they were bread *
and mingled my drink with weeping,
- 10 Because of your indignation and wrath, *
for you have taken me up and cast me down.
- 11 My days are gone like a shadow, *
and I am withered like grass.
- 12 But you, O LORD, shall endure for ever, *
and your remembrance throughout all generations.
- 13 You shall arise and have mercy upon Zion, *
for it is time for you to have mercy upon her; indeed,
the time has come.

- ¹⁴ For your servants love her very stones,*
and are moved to pity to see her in the dust.
- ¹⁵ The nations shall fear your Name, O LORD,*
and all the kings of the earth your majesty,
- ¹⁶ When the LORD shall build up Zion,*
and when his glory shall appear,
- ¹⁷ When he turns to the prayer of the destitute *
and despises not their plea.
- ¹⁸ This shall be written for those that come after,*
and a people that shall yet be born shall praise the LORD.
- ¹⁹ For he has looked down from his sanctuary; *
from the heavens the LORD has beheld the earth,
- ²⁰ That he might hear the groanings of those
who are in captivity,*
and deliver those who are condemned to die,
- ²¹ That they may declare the Name of the LORD in Zion,*
and his praises in Jerusalem;
- ²² When the peoples are gathered together,*
and the kingdoms also, to serve the LORD.
- ²³ He brought down my strength before my time,*
and shortened my days.
- ²⁴ But I said, "O my God, take me not away in the midst of my days; *
for your years endure throughout all generations."
- ²⁵ You, Lord, in the beginning laid the foundation of the earth,*
and the heavens are the work of your hands.
- ²⁶ They shall perish, but you shall endure; *
they all shall wear out, as does a garment;
- ²⁷ And as a garment you shall change them, and they shall
be changed; *
but you are the same, and your years shall not fail.
- ²⁸ The children of your servants shall continue,*
and their seed shall stand fast in your sight.

103

Benedic, anima mea

- 1 Praise the LORD, O my soul, *
and all that is within me, praise his holy Name.
- 2 Praise the LORD, O my soul, *
and forget not all his benefits:
- 3 Who forgives all your sin *
and heals all your infirmities,
- 4 Who saves your life from the pit *
and crowns you with mercy and loving-kindness,
- 5 Who satisfies you with good things, *
renewing your youth like an eagle's.
- 6 The LORD executes righteousness and judgment *
for all those who are oppressed with wrong.
- 7 He showed his ways to Moses, *
his works to the children of Israel.
- 8 The LORD is full of compassion and mercy, *
long-suffering and of great goodness.
- 9 He will not always chide us, *
neither will he keep his anger for ever.
- 10 He has not dealt with us according to our sins, *
nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.
- 11 For as the heavens are high above the earth, *
so great is his mercy also toward those who fear him.
- 12 As far as the east is from the west, *
so far has he set our sins from us.
- 13 As a father pities his own children, *
so is the LORD merciful to those who fear him.
- 14 For he knows whereof we are made; *
he remembers that we are but dust.
- 15 The days of man are as grass; *
he flourishes as a flower of the field.

- ¹⁶ For as soon as the wind goes over it, it is gone, *
and its place shall know it no more.
- ¹⁷ But the merciful goodness of the LORD endures
for ever and ever upon those who fear him, *
and his righteousness upon children's children,
- ¹⁸ Even upon those who keep his covenant *
and think upon his commandments to do them.
- ¹⁹ The LORD has prepared his throne in heaven, *
and his kingdom rules over all.
- ²⁰ O praise the LORD, you angels of his, you that excel
in strength, *
you that fulfill his commandment, and hearken unto
the voice of his words.
- ²¹ O praise the LORD, all you his hosts, *
you servants of his that do his pleasure.
- ²² O speak good of the LORD, all you works of his, in all places
of his dominion; *
praise the LORD, O my soul.

DAY 20 : EVENING PRAYER

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Benedic, anima mea

- ¹ Praise the LORD, O my soul. *
O LORD my God, you have become exceedingly glorious;
you are clothed with majesty and honor.
- ² You clothe yourself with light as with a garment, *
and spread out the heavens like a curtain.
- ³ You lay the beams of your chambers in the waters, *
and make the clouds your chariot, and walk upon the wings
of the wind.
- ⁴ You make winds your messengers, *
and flames of fire your ministers.

- 5 You laid the foundations of the earth,*
 that it never should move at any time.
- 6 You cover it with the deep as with a garment;*
 the waters stand above the hills.
- 7 At your rebuke they fled;*
 at the voice of your thunder they hastened away.
- 8 They went up as high as the hills, and down
 to the valleys beneath,*
 even to the place you had appointed for them.
- 9 You have set bounds for them which they shall not pass;*
 neither shall they again cover the earth.
- 10 You send the springs into the rivers,*
 which run among the hills.
- 11 All beasts of the field drink thereof,*
 and the wild donkeys quench their thirst.
- 12 Beside them shall the birds of the air have their habitation*
 and sing among the branches.
- 13 You water the hills from above;*
 the earth is filled with the fruit of your works.
- 14 You bring forth grass for the cattle,*
 and plants for the service of mankind,
- 15 That they may bring food out of the earth, and wine
 that makes glad the heart,*
 and oil to make a cheerful countenance, and bread
 to strengthen the heart.
- 16 The trees of the L ORD also are full of sap,*
 even the cedars of Lebanon which he planted,
- 17 Wherein the birds make their nests,*
 and the fir trees are a dwelling for the stork.
- 18 The high hills are a refuge for the wild goats,*
 and so are the stony cliffs for the rock badgers.
- 19 You appointed the moon to mark the seasons,*
 and the sun knows its going down.

- ²⁰ You make darkness that it may be night,*
 in which all the beasts of the forest move.
- ²¹ The lions, roaring after their prey,*
 seek their meat from God.
- ²² The sun arises, and they go away together,*
 and lay themselves down in their dens.
- ²³ Man goes forth to his work,*
 and to his labor until the evening.
- ²⁴ O LORD, how manifold are your works;*
 in wisdom you made them all; the earth is full
 of your creatures.
- ²⁵ So is the great and wide sea also,*
 in which are things creeping innumerable, creatures
 both small and great.
- ²⁶ There go the ships, and there is that Leviathan,*
 whom you made to take its pleasure therein.
- ²⁷ These all wait upon you,*
 that you may give them food in due season.
- ²⁸ When you give it to them, they gather it,*
 and when you open your hand, they are filled
 with good things.
- ²⁹ When you hide your face, they are troubled;*
 when you take away their breath, they die, and are turned
 again to their dust.
- ³⁰ When you let your breath go forth, they shall be made,*
 and you shall renew the face of the earth.
- ³¹ The glorious majesty of the LORD shall endure for ever;*
 the LORD shall rejoice in his works.
- ³² He looks at the earth and it trembles;*
 if he even touches the hills, they shall smoke.
- ³³ I will sing unto the LORD as long as I live;*
 I will praise my God while I have my being,

- ³⁴ And so shall my words please him; *
 my joy shall be in the LORD.
³⁵ As for sinners, they shall perish from the earth, and the
 ungodly shall come to an end. *
- Praise the LORD, O my soul. Praise the LORD.

DAY 21 : MORNING PRAYER

105

Confitemini Domino

- 1 Give thanks unto the LORD and call upon his Name; *
 tell the peoples what things he has done.
- 2 O let your songs be of him, and praise him, *
 and let your speech be of all his wondrous works.
- 3 Rejoice in his holy Name; *
 let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.
- 4 Seek the LORD and his strength; *
 seek his face evermore.
- 5 Remember the marvelous works that he has done, *
 his wonders, and the judgments of his mouth,
- 6 O seed of Abraham his servant, *
 O children of Jacob his chosen.
- 7 He is the LORD our God; *
 his judgments are in all the world.
- 8 He has always been mindful of his covenant, *
 and the promise that he made to a thousand generations,
- 9 Even the covenant that he made with Abraham, *
 and the oath that he swore to Isaac,
- 10 Which he appointed to Jacob for a law, *
 and to Israel for an everlasting testament,
- 11 Saying, “To you will I give the land of Canaan *
 to be the portion of your inheritance.”

- ¹² When there were yet but a few of them,*
and they were strangers in the land,
¹³ And they wandered from nation to nation,*
and from one kingdom to another,
¹⁴ He allowed no one to do them wrong,*
but reproved even kings for their sakes:
¹⁵ “Do not touch my Anointed,*
and do my prophets no harm.”
¹⁶ Moreover, he called for a famine in the land *
and destroyed all the provision of bread.
¹⁷ But he had sent a man before them: *
Joseph, who was sold to be a bondservant,
¹⁸ Whose feet they hurt in the stocks; *
they put an iron collar around his neck.
¹⁹ Until the time came that his sayings were fulfilled,*
the word of the L ORD tried him.
²⁰ The king sent and delivered him; *
the ruler of the people let him go free.
²¹ He made him lord over his house,*
and ruler of all his possessions,
²² That he might instruct his princes according to his will *
and teach his elders wisdom.
²³ Israel also came into Egypt,*
and Jacob was a stranger in the land of Ham.
²⁴ And he increased his people exceedingly,*
and made them stronger than their enemies,
²⁵ Whose heart he turned, so that they hated his people,*
and dealt deceitfully with his servants.
²⁶ Then he sent Moses his servant,*
and Aaron whom he had chosen,
²⁷ And they worked his signs among them,*
and wonders in the land of Ham.

- ²⁸ He sent darkness, and it was dark; *
but they were not obedient to his word.
- ²⁹ He turned their waters into blood *
and caused their fish to die.
- ³⁰ Their land brought forth frogs, *
even in their kings' chambers.
- ³¹ He spoke the word, and there came all manner of flies, *
and gnats in all their borders.
- ³² He gave them hailstones for rain, *
and flames of fire in their land.
- ³³ He smote their vines also, and their fig trees, *
and destroyed the trees that were in their borders.
- ³⁴ He spoke the word, and the grasshoppers came,
and locusts innumerable, *
which ate up all the grass in their land and devoured
the fruit of their ground.
- ³⁵ He smote all the firstborn in their land, *
even the firstfruits of all their strength.
- ³⁶ He brought forth Israel with silver and gold; *
in all their tribes there was not one who stumbled.
- ³⁷ Egypt was glad at their departing, *
for they were afraid of them.
- ³⁸ He spread out a cloud to be a covering, *
and fire to give light in the night season.
- ³⁹ At their desire he brought quail, *
and he filled them with the bread of heaven.
- ⁴⁰ He opened the rock, and the waters flowed out, *
so that rivers ran in the dry places.
- ⁴¹ For he remembered his holy promise *
and Abraham his servant.
- ⁴² And he brought forth his people with joy, *
and his chosen ones with gladness,

- ⁴³ And gave them the lands of the nations,*
and they took the labors of the peoples in possession,
⁴⁴ That they might keep his statutes*
and observe his laws. Praise the LORD.

DAY 21 : EVENING PRAYER

106

Confitemini Domino

- 1 O give thanks unto the LORD, for he is gracious,*
and his mercy endures for ever.
2 Who can express the mighty acts of the LORD,*
or show forth all his praise?
3 Blessed are those who act with justice,*
and who always do righteousness.
4 Remember me, O LORD, according to the favor that you show
to your people;*
 O visit me with your salvation,
5 That I may see the felicity of your chosen,*
and rejoice in the gladness of your people, and give thanks
with your inheritance.
6 We have sinned like our fathers;*
 we have done wrong and dealt wickedly.
7 Our fathers regarded not your wonders in Egypt, neither did
they keep your great goodness in remembrance,*
 but were disobedient at the sea, even at the Red Sea.
8 Nevertheless, he saved them for his Name's sake,*
 that he might make his power known.
9 He rebuked the Red Sea, and it was dried up;*
 so he led them through the deep as through a wilderness.
10 And he saved them from the adversary's hand,*
 and delivered them from the hand of the enemy.

- ¹¹ As for those who troubled them, the waters overwhelmed them;*
 there was not one of them left.
- ¹² Then they believed his words *
 and sang praises unto him.
- ¹³ But soon they forgot his works *
 and would not wait for his counsel.
- ¹⁴ A craving came upon them in the wilderness,*
 and they tempted God in the desert.
- ¹⁵ So he gave them their desire,*
 and sent leanness into their soul.
- ¹⁶ They were envious of Moses also in the camp,*
 and of Aaron the holy one of the L ORD.
- ¹⁷ So the earth opened and swallowed up Dathan *
 and covered the company of Abiram,
- ¹⁸ And fire was kindled in their company; *
 the flame burnt up the ungodly.
- ¹⁹ They made a calf in Horeb *
 and worshiped a molten image.
- ²⁰ Thus they exchanged their glory *
 for the image of a calf that feeds on hay.
- ²¹ And they forgot God their Savior,*
 who had done great things in Egypt,
- ²² Wondrous works in the land of Ham,*
 and fearful things by the Red Sea.
- ²³ So he said he would have destroyed them, had not Moses
 his chosen stood before him in the gap *
 to turn away his wrathful indignation, lest he should
 destroy them.
- ²⁴ Then they scorned that pleasant land *
 and gave no credence to his word,
- ²⁵ But murmured in their tents *
 and did not hearken to the voice of the L ORD.

- ²⁶ Then he lifted up his hand against them *
 to overthrow them in the wilderness,
²⁷ To cast out their seed among the nations,*
 and to scatter them in all the lands.
²⁸ They joined themselves to Baal-Peor *
 and ate the offerings to the dead.
²⁹ Thus they provoked him to anger with their wanton deeds,*
 and the plague broke out among them.
³⁰ Then Phineas stood up and interceded,*
 and so the plague was ended;
³¹ And that was counted to him as righteousness *
 among all generations for evermore.
³² They angered him also at the waters of strife,*
 so that he punished Moses for their misdeeds;
³³ For they provoked him to anger,*
 so that he spoke rashly with his lips.
³⁴ Neither did they destroy the peoples *
 as the L ORD commanded them,
³⁵ But intermingled among the nations *
 and learned their heathen ways,
³⁶ So that they worshiped their idols, which became a snare
 to them; *
 they offered their sons and their daughters to demons,
³⁷ And shed innocent blood, even the blood of their sons
 and of their daughters,*
 whom they offered to the idols of Canaan; and the land
 was defiled with blood.
³⁸ Thus were they defiled by their own works *
 and went whoring with their own deeds.
³⁹ Therefore was the wrath of the L ORD kindled against
 his people,*
 and he abhorred his own inheritance,

- ⁴⁰ And he gave them over into the hands of the nations,*
and those who hated them were lords over them.
- ⁴¹ Their enemies oppressed them*
and held them in subjection.
- ⁴² Many a time did he deliver them,*
but they rebelled against him through their own devices,
and were brought down in their wickedness.
- ⁴³ Nevertheless, when he saw their adversity,*
when he heard their lamentation,
- ⁴⁴ He remembered his covenant and pitied them, according
to the multitude of his mercies;*
he made all those who led them away captive to pity them.
- ⁴⁵ Deliver us, O LORD our God, and gather us from among
the nations,*
that we may give thanks to your holy Name and make our
boast of your praise.
- ⁴⁶ Blessed be the LORD God of Israel from everlasting
and world without end,*
and let all the people say, "Amen." Praise the LORD.

DAY 22 : MORNING PRAYER

107

Confitemini Domino

- ¹ O give thanks unto the LORD, for he is gracious,*
and his mercy endures for ever.
- ² Let those whom the LORD has redeemed give thanks,*
whom he has delivered from the hand of the enemy,
- ³ And gathered them out of the lands, from the east and
from the west,*
from the north and from the south.
- ⁴ They went astray in the wilderness, even in the desert,*
and found no city to dwell in;

- 5 They were hungry and thirsty,*
and their soul fainted within them.
- 6 Then they cried unto the LORD in their trouble,*
and he delivered them from their distress.
- 7 He led them forth by a straight path *
until they came to a city where they might dwell.
- 8 Oh, that they would therefore praise the LORD for his
goodness*
and declare the wonders that he does for the children of men!
- 9 For he satisfies the empty soul *
and fills the hungry soul with goodness.
- 10 Some sat in darkness, and in the shadow of death,*
being bound fast in misery and iron,
- 11 Because they rebelled against the words of God *
and lightly regarded the counsel of the Most High.
- 12 He also brought down their heart with heaviness; *
they fell down, and there was none to help them.
- 13 Then they cried unto the LORD in their trouble,*
and he delivered them out of their distress.
- 14 For he brought them out of darkness, and out of the shadow
of death,*
and broke their bonds asunder.
- 15 Oh, that they would therefore praise the LORD for his
goodness*
and declare the wonders that he does for the children of men!
- 16 For he has broken the gates of brass *
and shattered the bars of iron asunder.
- 17 The foolish were plagued for their offense *
and because of their wickedness.
- 18 Their soul abhorred all manner of food,*
and they were even close to death's door.

- ¹⁹ So when they cried unto the LORD in their trouble,*
 he delivered them out of their distress.
- ²⁰ He sent his word and healed them,*
 and they were saved from destruction.
- ²¹ Oh, that they would therefore praise the LORD for his
goodness*
 and declare the wonders that he does for the children of men!
- ²² That they would offer unto him the sacrifice of thanksgiving*
 and tell of his works with gladness!
- ²³ Those who go down to the sea in ships,*
 who carry out their business in great waters,
- ²⁴ They behold the works of the LORD *
 and his wonders in the deep.
- ²⁵ For at his word the stormy wind arises,*
 which lifts up the waves.
- ²⁶ They are carried up to heaven and down again to the deep;*
 their soul melts away because of the trouble.
- ²⁷ They reel to and fro, and stagger like a drunken man,*
 and are at their wits' end.
- ²⁸ So when they cry unto the LORD in their trouble,*
 he delivers them out of their distress.
- ²⁹ For he makes the storm to cease,*
 so that the waves are still.
- ³⁰ Then they are glad, because they are at rest,*
 and so he brings them into the haven where they desire to be.
- ³¹ Oh, that they would therefore praise the LORD for his
goodness*
 and declare the wonders that he does for the children of men!
- ³² That they would exalt him also in the congregation
of the people *
 and praise him in the seat of the elders!
- ³³ He turns rivers into a wilderness *
 and water-springs into thirsty ground,

- ³⁴ A fruitful land he makes barren,*
 because of the wickedness of those who dwell there.
- ³⁵ Again, he makes the wilderness into pools of water *
 and dry ground into water-springs;
- ³⁶ And there he sets the hungry *
 that they may build a city to dwell in,
- ³⁷ That they may sow their land and plant vineyards *
 to yield the fruits of increase.
- ³⁸ He blesses them, so that they multiply exceedingly,*
 and does not allow their cattle to decrease.
- ³⁹ And again, when they are diminished and brought low,*
 through oppression, through any plague or trouble,
- ⁴⁰ Though he pours contempt on princes *
 and lets them wander in the pathless wilderness,
- ⁴¹ Yet he helps the poor out of misery *
 and increases their households like a flock of sheep.
- ⁴² The righteous will consider this and rejoice,*
 and the mouth of all wickedness shall be stopped.
- ⁴³ Whoever is wise will ponder these things,*
 and shall understand the loving-kindness of the LORD.

DAY 22 : EVENING PRAYER

108

Paratum cor meum

- ¹ O God, my heart is fixed, my heart is firmly fixed; *
 I will sing and give praise with the best that I have.
- ² Awake, my soul; awake, lute and harp; *
 I myself will awaken the dawn.
- ³ I will give thanks unto you, O LORD, among the peoples,*
 and I will sing praises unto you among the nations,
- ⁴ For the greatness of your mercy reaches to the heavens,*
 and your faithfulness to the clouds.

- 5 Exalt yourself, O God, above the heavens; *
 let your glory be over all the earth.
- 6 That your beloved may be delivered, *
 save me by your right hand, and answer me.
- 7 God has spoken in his holiness: *
 “I will rejoice and divide Shechem, and parcel out the valley
 of Succoth.
- 8 Gilead is mine, and Manasseh is mine; *
 Ephraim also is the helmet for my head; Judah is my scepter.
- 9 Moab is my wash-pot; over Edom will I cast my shoe; *
 over Philistia will I triumph.”
- 10 Who will lead me into the strong city, *
 and who will bring me into Edom?
- 11 Have you not forsaken us, O God? *
 And will you not, O God, go forth with our hosts?
- 12 O help us against the enemy, *
 for vain is the help of man.
- 13 Through God we shall do great acts, *
 for it is he who shall tread down our enemies.

109

Deus, laudem

- 1 Hold not your tongue, O God of my praise, *
 for the mouth of the ungodly, the mouth of the deceitful
 is opened upon me.
- 2 They have spoken against me with false tongues; *
 they encompassed me with words of hatred, and fought
 against me without a cause.
- 3 In return for the love that I had for them, they have become
 my adversaries; *
 but I give myself to prayer.

- 4 Thus have they rewarded me evil for good,*
and hatred for my love.
- 5 Set an ungodly man to be ruler over him,*
and let an accuser stand at his right hand.
- 6 When judgment is given, let him be condemned,*
and let sentence be passed on him for guilt.
- 7 Let his days be few,*
and let another take his office.
- 8 Let his children be fatherless *
and his wife a widow.
- 9 Let his children be vagabonds and beg their bread; *
let them be driven out, even from desolate places.
- 10 Let the creditor consume all that he has,*
and let strangers take his labor for spoil.
- 11 Let there be no one to pity him,*
nor to have compassion upon his fatherless children.
- 12 Let his posterity be destroyed,*
and in the next generation let his name be blotted out.
- 13 Let the wickedness of his fathers be held in remembrance
in the sight of the LORD,*
and let not the sin of his mother be blotted out.
- 14 Let them be always before the LORD,*
that he may root out the memorial of them from the earth,
- 15 Because he was not minded to do good,*
but persecuted to death the poor and needy, and those
who were brokenhearted.
- 16 His delight was in cursing; let curses come upon him; *
he loved not blessing; therefore let it be far from him.
- 17 He clothed himself with cursing as with a garment,*
so let it soak into his body like water, and like oil
into his bones.
- 18 Let it be to him as the cloak that he has on *
and as the belt that he always wears.

- ¹⁹ Let this be the recompense from the LORD to my enemies, *
and to those who speak evil against my soul.
- ²⁰ But deal with me, O LORD God, according to your Name; *
for sweet is your mercy.
- ²¹ O deliver me, for I am helpless and poor, *
and my heart is wounded within me.
- ²² I disappear like the shadow that lengthens, *
and am shaken off like a grasshopper.
- ²³ My knees are weak through fasting; *
my flesh is grown lean for want of nourishment.
- ²⁴ I have become a reproach to them; *
when they look on me, they shake their heads.
- ²⁵ Help me, O LORD my God; *
save me according to your mercy;
- ²⁶ And they shall know that this is your hand, *
and that you, O LORD, have done it.
- ²⁷ Though they curse, yet you bless; *
let them be confounded who rise up against me,
but let your servant rejoice.
- ²⁸ Let my adversaries be clothed with shame, *
and let them cover themselves with their own disgrace
as with a cloak.
- ²⁹ As for me, I will give great thanks unto the LORD
with my mouth, *
and praise him among the multitude,
- ³⁰ For he shall stand at the right hand of the poor, *
to save their souls from the unrighteous judges.

DAY 23 : MORNING PRAYER

110

Dixit Dominus

- ¹ The LORD said unto my Lord, “Sit at my right hand,
until I make your enemies your footstool.”

- 2 The LORD shall send the scepter of your power out of Zion: *
“Rule in the midst of your enemies.”
- 3 In the day of your power the people, in holy raiment,
shall offer you freewill offerings; *
from the womb of the morning, the dew of your youth
belongs to you.
- 4 The LORD has sworn and will not recant: *
“You are a priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek.”
- 5 The Lord at your right hand *
shall smite kings in the day of his wrath.
- 6 He shall judge the nations; *
he shall fill the lands with dead bodies, and strike down
heads over many countries.
- 7 He shall drink from the brook by the way; *
therefore shall he lift up his head.

111

Confitebor tibi

- 1 Praise the LORD. I will give thanks unto the LORD with my
whole heart,*
in the company of the upright, and among the congregation.
- 2 The works of the LORD are great,*
sought out by all who have pleasure in them.
- 3 His work is worthy to be praised and held in honor,*
and his righteousness endures for ever.
- 4 He has made his marvelous works to be had in remembrance; *
The LORD is gracious and merciful.
- 5 He has given food to those who fear him; *
he shall ever be mindful of his covenant.
- 6 He has shown his people the power of his works,*
that he may give them the heritage of the nations.

- 7 The works of his hands are faithfulness and justice; *
 all his commandments are true.
- 8 They stand fast for ever and ever, *
 and are done in truth and equity.
- 9 He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded
 his covenant for ever; *
 holy and awesome is his Name.
- 10 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; *
 a good understanding have all those who live accordingly;
 his praise endures for ever.

112

Beatus vir

- 1 Praise the LORD! Blessed is the one who fears the LORD, *
 who has great delight in his commandments.
- 2 His seed shall be mighty in the land; *
 the generation of the faithful shall be blessed.
- 3 Riches and plenteousness shall be in his house, *
 and his righteousness shall endure for ever.
- 4 For the upright, there rises light in the darkness; *
 he is merciful, loving, and righteous.
- 5 It is good for him to be generous in lending *
 and to guide his words with discretion.
- 6 For he shall never be moved, *
 and the righteous shall be kept in everlasting remembrance.
- 7 He will not be afraid of any evil tidings, *
 for his heart is steadfast and trusts in the LORD.
- 8 His heart is established, and will not fear; *
 at the last he shall see his desire upon his enemies.
- 9 He has given freely to the poor, *
 and his righteousness endures for ever; his horn shall be
 exalted with honor.

- ¹⁰ The ungodly shall see it, and shall be angry; *
 he shall gnash his teeth, and waste away; the desire
 of the ungodly shall perish.

113

Laudate, pueri

- ¹ Praise the LORD. Sing praises, you servants of the LORD; *
 O praise the Name of the LORD.
² Blessed be the Name of the LORD,*
 from this time forth for evermore.
³ The LORD's Name be praised *
 from the rising up of the sun to the going down
 of the same.
⁴ The LORD is high above all nations,*
 and his glory above the heavens.
⁵ Who is like the LORD our God, who has his dwelling so high,*
 and yet humbles himself to behold the things that are in
 heaven and earth?
⁶ He takes up the lowly out of the dust,*
 and lifts the poor out of the ashes,
⁷ That he may set them with the princes,*
 even with the princes of his people.
⁸ He gives the barren woman a home to dwell in,*
 and makes her to be a joyful mother of children.
Praise the LORD.

DAY 23 : EVENING PRAYER

114

In exitu Israel

- ¹ When Israel came out of Egypt,*
 and the house of Jacob from among a people of a foreign
 tongue,

- ² Judah was God's sanctuary,*
and Israel his dominion.
³ The sea beheld it and fled;*
Jordan was driven back.
⁴ The mountains skipped like rams,*
and the little hills like young sheep.
⁵ What ailed you, O sea, that you fled? *
O Jordan, that you were driven back?
⁶ You mountains, that you skipped like rams,*
and you little hills like young sheep?
⁷ Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord,*
at the presence of the God of Jacob,
⁸ Who turned the hard rock into a pool of water,*
and the flint stone into a springing well.

115

Non nobis, Domine

- ¹ Not unto us, O LORD, not unto us, but unto your Name
give the praise,*
for your loving mercy and for your truth's sake.
² Why shall the nations say,*
“Where now is their God?”
³ As for our God, he is in heaven; *
he has done whatsoever pleased him.
⁴ Their idols are silver and gold,*
even the work of human hands.
⁵ They have mouths, but they speak not; *
eyes have they, but they see not.
⁶ They have ears, but they hear not; *
noses have they, but they smell not.

- ⁷ They have hands, but they feel not; feet have they,
but they walk not; *
 neither is there any sound in their throat.
- ⁸ Those who make them are like them, *
 and so are all who put their trust in them.
- ⁹ But you, O house of Israel, trust in the LORD; *
 he is their helper and defender.
- ¹⁰ You house of Aaron, put your trust in the LORD; *
 he is their helper and defender.
- ¹¹ You who fear the LORD, put your trust in the LORD; *
 he is their helper and defender.
- ¹² The LORD has been mindful of us, and he shall bless us; *
 he shall bless the house of Israel; he shall bless the house
 of Aaron;
- ¹³ He shall bless those who fear the LORD, *
 both small and great together.
- ¹⁴ The LORD shall increase you more and more, *
 you and your children after you.
- ¹⁵ You are the blessed of the LORD, *
 who has made heaven and earth.
- ¹⁶ The heavens are the LORD's; *
 the earth has he given to the children of men.
- ¹⁷ The dead praise you not, O LORD, *
 neither all those who go down into silence.
- ¹⁸ But we will praise the LORD, *
 from this time forth for evermore. Praise the LORD.

DAY 24 : MORNING PRAYER

116

Dilexi, quoniam

- ¹ I love the LORD, *
 because he heard the voice of my prayer,

- 2 Because he inclined his ear to me; *
 therefore will I call upon him as long as I live.
- 3 The snares of death encompassed me, and the pains
 of the Grave laid hold of me; *
 I suffered trouble and sorrow.
- 4 Then I called upon the Name of the LORD: *
 “O LORD, I beseech you, deliver my soul.”
- 5 Gracious is the LORD and righteous; *
 indeed, our God is full of compassion.
- 6 The Lord preserves the simple; *
 I was in misery, and he helped me.
- 7 Turn again to your rest, O my soul, *
 for the LORD has rewarded you.
- 8 You have delivered my soul from death, *
 my eyes from tears, and my feet from stumbling.
- 9 I will walk before the LORD *
 in the land of the living.
- 10 I believed, and therefore will I speak: “I am greatly troubled.” *
 I said in my haste, “All men are liars.”
- 11 What shall I give unto the LORD *
 for all the benefits that he has done unto me?
- 12 I will lift up the cup of salvation *
 and call upon the Name of the LORD.
- 13 I will pay my vows unto the Lord in the presence of all
 his people; *
 dear in the sight of the LORD is the death of his saints.
- 14 O LORD, I am your servant; *
 I am your servant, and the child of your handmaid; you
 have broken my bonds asunder.
- 15 I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving *
 and will call upon the Name of the LORD.

- ¹⁶ I will pay my vows unto the LORD in the sight of all his people,*
in the courts of the LORD's house, even in the midst of you,
O Jerusalem. Praise the LORD.

117

Laudate Dominum

- ¹ O praise the LORD, all you nations; *
praise him, all you peoples.
² For great is his loving-kindness towards us, *
and the faithfulness of the LORD endures for ever.
Praise the LORD.

118

Confitemini Domino

- ¹ Give thanks unto the LORD, for he is gracious; *
his mercy endures for ever.
² Let Israel now confess that he is gracious, *
that his mercy endures for ever.
³ Let the house of Aaron now confess *
that his mercy endures for ever.
⁴ Indeed, let those who fear the LORD confess *
that his mercy endures for ever.
⁵ I called upon the LORD in trouble, *
and the LORD heard me and set me free.
⁶ The LORD is on my side; *
I will not fear what man can do to me.
⁷ The LORD takes my side with those who help me; *
therefore shall I look in triumph on my enemies.
⁸ It is better to trust in the LORD *
than to put any confidence in man.

- ⁹ It is better to trust in the LORD *
than to put any confidence in princes.
- ¹⁰ All the nations encompass me,*
but in the Name of the LORD will I cut them off.
- ¹¹ They hem me in on every side; indeed, they hem me in on
every side,*
but in the Name of the LORD will I cut them off.
- ¹² They come about me like bees, and blaze like fire among
the thorns,*
but in the Name of the LORD will I cut them off.
- ¹³ I was thrust aside so that I almost fell,*
but the LORD was my help.
- ¹⁴ The LORD is my strength and my song,*
and has become my salvation.
- ¹⁵ The voice of joy and deliverance is in the dwellings
of the righteous; *
the right hand of the LORD brings mighty things to pass.
- ¹⁶ The right hand of the LORD is exalted; *
the right hand of the LORD brings mighty things to pass.
- ¹⁷ I shall not die, but live,*
and declare the works of the LORD.
- ¹⁸ The LORD has chastened and corrected me,*
but he has not given me over to death.
- ¹⁹ Open unto me the gates of righteousness,*
that I may go into them, and give thanks unto the LORD.
- ²⁰ This is the gate of the LORD; *
the righteous shall enter into it.
- ²¹ I will thank you, for you have heard me,*
and have become my salvation.
- ²² The same stone which the builders refused *
has become the chief cornerstone.
- ²³ This is the LORD's doing,*
and it is marvelous in our eyes.

- ²⁴ This is the day that the LORD has made; *
 we will rejoice and be glad in it.
- ²⁵ Help me now, O LORD; *
 O LORD, send us now prosperity.
- ²⁶ Blessed is he who comes in the Name of the LORD; *
 we bless you from the house of the LORD.
- ²⁷ God is the LORD, who has shown us light; *
 bind the sacrifice with cords, even to the horns of the altar.
- ²⁸ You are my God, and I will thank you; *
 you are my God, and I will exalt you.
- ²⁹ O give thanks unto the LORD, for he is gracious; *
 his mercy endures for ever.

DAY 24 : EVENING PRAYER
119

Beati immaculati

ALEPH

- ¹ Blessed are those who are undefiled in their ways, *
 and walk in the law of the LORD.
- ² Blessed are those who keep his testimonies *
 and seek him with their whole heart,
- ³ Even those who do no wickedness *
 and perfectly walk in his ways.
- ⁴ You have ordered your precepts *
 that we should diligently keep them.
- ⁵ O that my ways were made so direct *
 that I might keep your statutes!
- ⁶ Then would I not be put to shame *
 while I give heed unto all your commandments.
- ⁷ I will thank you with an upright heart, *
 when I have learned your righteous judgments.
- ⁸ I will keep your statutes; *
 O do not forsake me utterly.

In quo corrigit?

BETH

- ⁹ How shall a young man cleanse his way? *
 By ruling himself according to your word.
- ¹⁰ With my whole heart I have sought you; *
 O let me not go astray from your commandments.
- ¹¹ Your words have I hidden within my heart, *
 that I may not sin against you.
- ¹² Blessed are you, O LORD; *
 teach me your statutes.
- ¹³ With my lips have I been telling *
 of all the judgments of your mouth.
- ¹⁴ I have had greater delight in the way of your testimonies *
 than in all manner of riches.
- ¹⁵ I will meditate on your commandments *
 and have respect for all your ways.
- ¹⁶ My delight will be in your statutes, *
 and I will not forget your word.

Retribue servo tuo

GIMEL

- ¹⁷ O do well unto your servant, *
 that I may live, and keep your word.
- ¹⁸ Open my eyes that I may see *
 the wondrous things of your law.
- ¹⁹ I am a sojourner on earth; *
 O hide not your commandments from me.
- ²⁰ My soul is consumed with the fervent desire *
 that it always has for your judgments.
- ²¹ You have rebuked the proud, *
 and cursed are those who stray from your commandments.
- ²² O turn from me shame and contempt, *
 for I have kept your testimonies.

- ²³ Though princes sit and speak against me,*
 yet will your servant meditate on your statutes;
²⁴ For your testimonies are my delight,*
 and they are my counselors.

Adhaesit pavimento

DALETH

- ²⁵ My soul cleaves to the dust; *
 O revive me, according to your word.
²⁶ I have acknowledged my ways, and you heard me; *
 O teach me your statutes.
²⁷ Make me to understand the way of your commandments, *
 and so shall I meditate on your wondrous works.
²⁸ My soul melts away for heaviness; *
 comfort me according to your word.
²⁹ Take from me the way of lying, *
 and graciously teach me your law.
³⁰ I have chosen the way of truth, *
 and your judgments have I set before me.
³¹ I hold fast to your testimonies; *
 O LORD, let me not be put to shame.
³² I will run the way of your commandments *
 when you enlarge my heart with understanding.

DAY 25 : MORNING PRAYER

Legem pone

HE

- ³³ Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes, *
 and I shall keep it to the end.
³⁴ Give me understanding, and I shall keep your law; *
 indeed, I shall keep it with my whole heart.
³⁵ Make me go in the path of your commandments, *
 for therein is my desire.

- ³⁶ Incline my heart to your testimonies,*
and not to covetous desires.
- ³⁷ O turn away my eyes, lest they behold vanity,*
and revive me in your ways.
- ³⁸ Confirm your word to your servant,*
and to all those who fear you.
- ³⁹ Take away the reproach that I am afraid of,*
for your judgments are good.
- ⁴⁰ Behold, my delight is in your precepts;*
O revive me in your righteousness.

Et veniat super me

WAW

- ⁴¹ Let your loving mercy come to me, O LORD,*
even your salvation, according to your word.
- ⁴² So shall I answer those who taunt me,*
for my trust is in your word.
- ⁴³ O do not take the word of your truth utterly out of my mouth,*
for my hope is in your judgments.
- ⁴⁴ So shall I always keep your law,*
even for ever and ever;
- ⁴⁵ And I will walk at liberty,*
for I seek your commandments.
- ⁴⁶ I will speak of your testimonies also, even before kings,*
and will not be ashamed;
- ⁴⁷ And my delight shall be in your commandments,*
which I have loved exceedingly.
- ⁴⁸ My hands also will I lift up to your commandments,*
and I will meditate on your statutes.

Memor esto verbi tui

ZAYIN

- ⁴⁹ O remember your word to your servant,*
in which you have caused me to put my trust.

- ⁵⁰ This is my comfort in my trouble, *
 for your word has given me life.
- ⁵¹ The proud have held me exceedingly in derision, *
 yet I have not turned aside from your law.
- ⁵² For I have remembered, O LORD, your judgments from of old, *
 and by them I have received comfort.
- ⁵³ I am filled with indignation, *
 because of the ungodly who forsake your law.
- ⁵⁴ Your statutes have been my songs *
 in the house of my pilgrimage.
- ⁵⁵ I have thought upon your Name, O LORD, in the night season, *
 and I have kept your law.
- ⁵⁶ This has been my reward, *
 because I have kept your commandments.

Portio mea, Domine

HETH

- ⁵⁷ You are my portion, O LORD; *
 I have promised to keep your law.
- ⁵⁸ I made my humble petition in your presence with
 my whole heart; *
 O be merciful to me, according to your word.
- ⁵⁹ I have called my ways to remembrance *
 and turned my feet to your testimonies.
- ⁶⁰ I made haste and did not delay *
 to keep your commandments.
- ⁶¹ The cords of the ungodly have encircled me, *
 but I have not forgotten your law.
- ⁶² At midnight I will rise to give thanks to you, *
 because of your righteous judgments.
- ⁶³ I am a companion of all those who fear you *
 and keep your commandments.
- ⁶⁴ The earth, O LORD, is full of your mercy; *
 O teach me your statutes.

Bonitatem fecisti

TETH

- 65 O LORD, you have dealt graciously with your servant,*
according to your word.
- 66 O teach me true understanding and knowledge,*
for I have believed your commandments.
- 67 Before I was afflicted I went astray,*
but now I keep your word.
- 68 You are good and gracious; *
O teach me your statutes.
- 69 The proud have slandered me with lies,*
but I will keep your commandments with my whole heart.
- 70 Their heart has become gross with fatness,*
but my delight is in your law.
- 71 It is good for me that I have been afflicted,*
that I may learn your statutes.
- 72 The law of your mouth is dearer to me *
than thousands in gold and silver.

DAY 25 : EVENING PRAYER

Manus tuae fecerunt me

YODH

- 73 Your hands have made me and fashioned me; *
O give me understanding, that I may learn
your commandments.
- 74 Those who fear you will be glad when they see me,*
because I have put my trust in your word.
- 75 I know, O Lord, that your judgments are right,*
and that in your faithfulness you have caused
me to be afflicted.
- 76 O let your merciful kindness be my comfort,*
according to your word to your servant.

- ⁷⁷ O let your loving mercies come to me, that I may live,*
 for your law is my delight.
- ⁷⁸ Let the proud be put to shame, for they go about wickedly
 to destroy me; *
 but I will meditate on your commandments.
- ⁷⁹ Let those who fear you turn to me,*
 even those who know your testimonies.
- ⁸⁰ O let my heart be sound in your statutes,*
 that I may never be put to shame.

Deficit anima mea

KAPH

- ⁸¹ My soul has longed for your salvation,*
 and I have a good hope because of your word.
- ⁸² My eyes long sorely for your word,*
 saying, “O when will you comfort me?”
- ⁸³ For I have become like a wineskin in the smoke,*
 yet I do not forget your statutes.
- ⁸⁴ How many are the days of your servant? *
 When will you execute judgment on those who
 persecute me?
- ⁸⁵ The proud have dug pits for me; *
 they do not walk after your law.
- ⁸⁶ All your commandments are true.*
 They persecute me falsely; O Lord, be my help.
- ⁸⁷ They had almost made an end of me on earth,*
 but I have not forsaken your commandments.
- ⁸⁸ O revive me with your loving-kindness,*
 and so shall I keep the testimonies of your mouth.

In eternum, Domine

LAMEDH

- ⁸⁹ O LORD, your word endures for ever; *
 it stands fast in heaven.

- ⁹⁰ Your faithfulness remains from one generation to another; *
 you have laid the foundation of the earth, and it abides.
- ⁹¹ Surely your ordinances stand firm this day,*
 for all things are your servants.
- ⁹² If my delight had not been in your law,*
 I should have perished in my affliction.
- ⁹³ I will never forget your commandments,*
 for with them you have enlivened me.
- ⁹⁴ I am yours; O save me! *
 For I have sought your commandments.
- ⁹⁵ The ungodly lie in wait for me to destroy me,*
 but I will consider your testimonies.
- ⁹⁶ I see that all things come to an end,*
 but your commandment has no bounds.

Quomodo dilexi!

MEM

- ⁹⁷ Lord, what love I have for your law; *
 all the day long I meditate on it.
- ⁹⁸ You, through your commandment, have made me wiser
 than my enemies,*
 for it is always with me.
- ⁹⁹ I have more understanding than my teachers,*
 for your testimonies are my study.
- ¹⁰⁰ I am wiser than the agéd,*
 because I keep your commandments.
- ¹⁰¹ I have restrained my feet from every evil way,*
 that I may keep your word.
- ¹⁰² I have not turned aside from your judgments,*
 for you yourself have taught me.
- ¹⁰³ Oh how sweet are your words to my taste; *
 indeed, sweeter than honey to my mouth.
- ¹⁰⁴ Through your commandments I get understanding; *
 therefore I hate all evil ways.

DAY 26 : MORNING PRAYER

Lucerna pedibus meis

NUN

- ¹⁰⁵ Your word is a lantern to my feet *
and a light upon my path.
- ¹⁰⁶ I have sworn and am steadfastly purposed *
to keep your righteous judgments.
- ¹⁰⁷ I am troubled above measure; *
revive me, O LORD, according to your word.
- ¹⁰⁸ Let the freewill offerings of my mouth please you, O LORD; *
and teach me your judgments.
- ¹⁰⁹ My life is always in my hand, *
yet I do not forget your law.
- ¹¹⁰ The ungodly have laid a snare for me, *
yet I have not strayed from your commandments.
- ¹¹¹ Your testimonies have I claimed as my heritage for ever, *
and why? They are the very joy of my heart.
- ¹¹² I have applied my heart to fulfill your statutes always, *
even unto the end.

Iniquos odio habui

SAMEKH

- ¹¹³ I hate those who are double-minded, *
but your law do I love.
- ¹¹⁴ You are my defense and shield, *
and my trust is in your word.
- ¹¹⁵ Away from me, you wicked. *
I will keep the commandments of my God.
- ¹¹⁶ Establish me according to your word, that I may live, *
and let me not be disappointed in my hope.
- ¹¹⁷ Hold me up, and I shall be safe; *
indeed, my delight shall be ever in your statutes.

¹¹⁸ You have trodden down all those who depart from
your statutes,*
for they only imagine deceit.

¹¹⁹ You put away all the ungodly of the earth like dross; *
therefore I love your testimonies.

¹²⁰ My flesh trembles for fear of you,*
and I am afraid of your judgments.

Feci iudicium

AYIN

¹²¹ I have done that which is lawful and right; *
O give me not over to my oppressors.

¹²² Be surety for your servant's good; *
O let not the arrogant oppress me.

¹²³ My eyes have wasted away with looking for your salvation,*
and for the word of your righteousness.

¹²⁴ O deal with your servant according to your loving mercy,*
and teach me your statutes.

¹²⁵ I am your servant; O grant me understanding,*
that I may know your testimonies.

¹²⁶ It is time for you, O LORD, to act,*
for they have broken your law.

¹²⁷ For I love your commandments above all things,*
more than gold and precious stones.

¹²⁸ Therefore I hold all your commandments to be right,*
and all false ways I utterly abhor.

Mirabilia

PE

¹²⁹ Your testimonies are wonderful; *
therefore does my soul keep them.

¹³⁰ When your word goes forth it gives light *
and understanding to the simple.

- ¹³¹ I opened my mouth, and drew in my breath, *
 for my delight was in your commandments.
- ¹³² O look upon me, and be merciful unto me, *
 as you always do for those who love your Name.
- ¹³³ Order my steps according to your word, *
 and so shall no wickedness have dominion over me.
- ¹³⁴ O deliver me from those who deal wrongfully, *
 and so shall I keep your commandments.
- ¹³⁵ Show the light of your countenance upon your servant, *
 and teach me your statutes.
- ¹³⁶ My eyes gush out water *
 because of those who do not keep your law.

Justus es, Domine
SADHE

- ¹³⁷ Righteous are you, O LORD, *
 and true are your judgments.
- ¹³⁸ The testimonies that you have commanded *
 are exceedingly righteous and true.
- ¹³⁹ My zeal has even consumed me, *
 because my enemies have forgotten your words.
- ¹⁴⁰ Your word is tested to the uttermost, *
 and therefore your servant loves it.
- ¹⁴¹ I am small, and of no reputation, *
 yet I do not forget your commandments.
- ¹⁴² Your righteousness is an everlasting righteousness, *
 and your law is the truth.
- ¹⁴³ Trouble and heaviness have taken hold of me, *
 yet my delight is in your commandments.
- ¹⁴⁴ The righteousness of your testimonies is everlasting; *
 O grant me understanding, and I shall live.

DAY 26 : EVENING PRAYER

Clamavi in toto corde meo

QOPH

¹⁴⁵ I call with my whole heart.*

Hear me, O LORD; I will keep your statutes.

¹⁴⁶ Even unto you do I call;*

help me, and I shall keep your testimonies.

¹⁴⁷ Early in the morning do I cry unto you,*

for in your word is my trust.

¹⁴⁸ My eyes open before the night watches,*

that I may meditate on your words.

¹⁴⁹ Hear my voice, O LORD, according to your loving-kindness;*

give me life according to your judgments.

¹⁵⁰ They draw nigh who in malice persecute me,*

and are far from your law.

¹⁵¹ Be near at hand, O LORD,*

for all your commandments are true.

¹⁵² Concerning your testimonies, I have known long ago*

that you have founded them for ever.

Vide humilitatem

RESH

¹⁵³ O consider my adversity and deliver me,*

for I do not forget your law.

¹⁵⁴ Plead my cause and deliver me;*

give me life according to your word.

¹⁵⁵ Salvation is far from the ungodly,*

for they do not regard your statutes.

¹⁵⁶ Great is your mercy, O LORD;*

give me life according to your judgments.

¹⁵⁷ Many there are who trouble me and persecute me,*

yet I do not swerve from your testimonies.

- ¹⁵⁸ It grieves me when I see the transgressors, *
 because they do not keep your law.
¹⁵⁹ Consider, O LORD, how I love your commandments; *
 O give me life according to your loving-kindness.
¹⁶⁰ Your word is true from everlasting; *
 all the judgments of your righteousness endure
 for evermore.

Principes persecuti sunt

SHIN

- ¹⁶¹ Princes have persecuted me without a cause, *
 but my heart stands in awe of your word.
¹⁶² I am as glad of your word *
 as one who finds great spoils.
¹⁶³ As for lies, I hate and abhor them, *
 but your law do I love.
¹⁶⁴ Seven times a day do I praise you, *
 because of your righteous judgments.
¹⁶⁵ Great is the peace they have who love your law *
 and find in it no stumbling block.
¹⁶⁶ LORD, I have looked for your saving health *
 and have done your commandments.
¹⁶⁷ My soul has kept your testimonies, *
 and I have loved them exceedingly.
¹⁶⁸ I have kept your commandments and testimonies, *
 for all my ways are before you.

Appropinquet deprecatio

TAW

- ¹⁶⁹ Let my complaint come before you, O LORD; *
 give me understanding, according to your word.
¹⁷⁰ Let my supplication come before you; *
 deliver me, according to your word.
¹⁷¹ My lips shall pour forth your praise, *
 when you have taught me your statutes.

- ¹⁷² Surely my tongue shall sing of your word, *
 for all your commandments are righteous.
- ¹⁷³ Let your hand be strong to help me, *
 for I have chosen your commandments.
- ¹⁷⁴ I have longed for your saving health, O LORD, *
 and in your law is my delight.
- ¹⁷⁵ O let my soul live, and it shall praise you; *
 and let your judgments help me.
- ¹⁷⁶ I have gone astray like a sheep that is lost; *
 O seek your servant, for I do not forget
 your commandments.

DAY 27 : MORNING PRAYER

120

Ad Dominum

- ¹ When I was in trouble I called upon the LORD, *
 and he hearkened to my calling.
- ² Deliver my soul, O LORD, from lying lips *
 and from a deceitful tongue.
- ³ What reward shall be given or done unto you,
 O false tongue? *
 Even mighty and sharp arrows, with hot burning coals.
- ⁴ Woe is me, that I am constrained to dwell in Meshech, *
 and to have my habitation among the tents of Kedar.
- ⁵ My soul has long dwelt among those *
 who are enemies of peace.
- ⁶ I labor for peace, but when I speak to them of it, *
 they make themselves ready for battle.

121

Levavi oculos

- 1 I will lift up my eyes unto the hills; *
from whence comes my help?
- 2 My help comes from the LORD, *
who has made heaven and earth.
- 3 He will not let your foot be moved, *
and he who keeps you will not sleep.
- 4 Behold, he who keeps Israel *
shall neither slumber nor sleep.
- 5 The LORD himself is your keeper; *
the LORD is your defense upon your right hand,
- 6 So that the sun shall not burn you by day, *
neither the moon by night.
- 7 The LORD shall preserve you from all evil; *
indeed, it is he who shall keep your soul.
- 8 The LORD shall preserve your going out and your coming in, *
from this time forth for evermore.

122

Lætatus sum

- 1 I was glad when they said unto me, *
“We will go into the house of the LORD.”
- 2 Now our feet are standing *
within your gates, O Jerusalem.
- 3 Jerusalem is built as a city *
that is at unity in itself.
- 4 For there the tribes go up, even the tribes of the LORD, *
as was decreed for Israel, to give thanks unto the Name
of the LORD.

- 5 For there is the throne of judgment, *
even the throne of the house of David.
- 6 O pray for the peace of Jerusalem; *
they shall prosper that love you.
- 7 Peace be within your walls *
and plenteousness within your palaces.
- 8 For my brethren and companions' sakes, *
I will wish you prosperity.
- 9 Indeed, because of the house of the LORD our God, *
I will seek to do you good.

123

Ad te levavi oculos meos

- 1 Unto you I lift up my eyes, *
you who are enthroned in the heavens.
- 2 Behold, as the eyes of servants look to the hand
of their masters, *
and as the eyes of a maiden to the hand of her mistress,
- 3 Even so our eyes wait upon the LORD our God, *
until he show us his favor.
- 4 Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy upon us, *
for we have suffered more than enough contempt.
- 5 Long has our soul suffered the scorn of the wealthy *
and the spitefulness of the proud.

124

Nisi quia Dominus

- 1 If the LORD himself had not been on our side, now may
Israel say: *
if the LORD himself had not been on our side, when men
rose up against us,

- 2 Then would they have swallowed us up alive,*
when they were so wrathfully displeased with us;
- 3 Then the waters would have drowned us, and the torrent
gone over us; *
then the raging waters would have gone clean over us.
- 4 But praised be the LORD,*
who has not given us over to be prey for their teeth.
- 5 We escaped like a bird out of the snare of the fowler; *
the snare is broken, and we have been delivered.
- 6 Our help is in the Name of the LORD,*
the maker of heaven and earth.

125

Qui confidunt

- 1 Those who put their trust in the LORD shall be like
Mount Zion,*
which cannot be moved, but stands fast for ever.
- 2 The hills stand about Jerusalem *
even as the LORD stands round about his people, from this
time forth for evermore.
- 3 For the scepter of the ungodly shall not rest upon the land
allotted to the righteous,*
lest the righteous put forth their hand to do wickedness.
- 4 Do good, O LORD, unto those who are good,*
unto those who are good and true of heart.
- 5 As for those who turn aside to their own wicked ways,
the LORD shall lead them away with the evildoers; *
but peace shall be upon Israel.

DAY 27 : EVENING PRAYER

126

In convertendo

- ¹ When the LORD overturned the captivity of Zion,*
then were we like those who dream.
- ² Then was our mouth filled with laughter *
and our tongue with shouts of joy.
- ³ Then they said among the nations,*
“The LORD has done great things for them.”
- ⁴ Indeed, the LORD has done great things for us already,*
whereof we rejoice.
- ⁵ Overturn our captivity, O LORD,*
as when streams refresh the deserts of the south.
- ⁶ Those who sow in tears *
shall reap with songs of joy.
- ⁷ He who goes on his way weeping and bears good seed *
shall doubtless come again with joy, and bring
his sheaves with him.

127

Nisi Dominus

- ¹ Unless the LORD builds the house,*
their labor is in vain who build it.
- ² Unless the LORD keeps the city,*
the watchman keeps vigil in vain.
- ³ It is in vain that you rise up early, and take rest so late,
and eat the bread of toil,*
for he gives to his beloved sleep.
- ⁴ Behold, children are a heritage from the LORD,*
and the fruit of the womb is a gift that comes from him.

- 5 Like arrows in the hand of a warrior,*
so are the children of one's youth.
- 6 Happy is the man who has his quiver full of them;*
he shall not be ashamed when he speaks with his enemies
in the gate.

128

Beati omnes

- 1 Blessed are all those who fear the LORD *
and walk in his ways.
- 2 For you shall eat of the labors of your hands;*
it shall be well with you, and happy you shall be.
- 3 Your wife shall be as a fruitful vine *
upon the walls of your house,
- 4 Your children like the olive branches *
round about your table.
- 5 Indeed, thus shall the man be blessed *
who fears the LORD.
- 6 May the LORD bless you out of Zion;*
may you see Jerusalem in prosperity all your life long.
- 7 May you see your children's children,*
and may there be peace upon Israel.

129

Sæpe expugnaverunt

- 1 “Many a time have they fought against me from my youth on,”*
may Israel now say;
- 2 “Indeed, many a time have they afflicted me from my youth on,*
but they have not prevailed against me.
- 3 The plowers plowed upon my back,*
and made long furrows.

- 4 But the righteous LORD *
 has hewn the snares of the ungodly in pieces.”
- 5 Let them be ashamed and turned backward,*
 as many as hate Zion.
- 6 Let them be as the grass growing upon the housetops,*
 which withers before it grows up,
- 7 Which does not fill the hand of the reaper,*
 neither the bosom of him who binds up the sheaves,
- 8 So that those who go by say not so much as, “The LORD
prosper you.*
- We bless you in the Name of the LORD.”

130

De profundis

- 1 Out of the deep have I called unto you, O LORD; *
 Lord, hear my voice.
- 2 O let your ears consider well *
 the voice of my supplications.
- 3 If you, LORD, were to mark what is done amiss,*
 O Lord, who could abide it?
- 4 For there is mercy with you; *
 therefore you shall be feared.
- 5 I wait for the LORD; my soul waits for him; *
 in his word is my trust.
- 6 My soul waits for the Lord,*
 more than watchmen for the morning, more than
 watchmen for the morning.
- 7 O Israel, trust in the LORD, for with the LORD there is mercy,*
 and with him is plenteous redemption;
- 8 And he shall redeem Israel *
 from all their sins.

131

Domine, non est

- 1 O LORD, I am not haughty; *
I have no proud looks.
- 2 I do not occupy myself with great matters, *
or with things that are too high for me.
- 3 But I have stilled and quieted my soul, like a weaned child
upon his mother's breast; *
so is my soul quieted within me.
- 4 O Israel, trust in the LORD *
from this time forth for evermore.

DAY 28 : MORNING PRAYER

132

Memento, Domine

- 1 LORD, remember David, *
and all his tribulations,
- 2 How he swore unto the LORD, *
and vowed a vow unto the Almighty God of Jacob:
- 3 “I will not come within the tabernacle of my house, *
nor climb up into my bed,
- 4 I will not allow my eyes to sleep, nor my eyelids to slumber, *
neither the temples of my head to take any rest,
- 5 Until I find a place for the temple of the LORD, *
a habitation for the mighty God of Jacob.”
- 6 Lo, we heard of the ark at Ephrathah *
and found it in the wood.
- 7 We will go into his tabernacle, *
and fall low on our knees before his footstool.
- 8 Arise, O LORD, into your resting-place, *
you and the ark of your strength.

- ⁹ Let your priests be clothed with righteousness,*
and let your saints sing with joy.
- ¹⁰ For your servant David's sake,*
turn not away the presence of your Anointed.
- ¹¹ The LORD has made a faithful oath unto David,*
and he shall not shrink from it:
- ¹² "Of the fruit of your body *
shall I set upon your throne.
- ¹³ If your children will keep my covenant, and my testimonies
that I shall teach them,*
their children also shall sit upon your throne for evermore."
- ¹⁴ For the LORD has chosen Zion for himself; *
he has longed for her to be his habitation:
- ¹⁵ "This shall be my rest for ever; *
here will I dwell, for I have a delight therein.
- ¹⁶ I will bless her provisions with increase,*
and will satisfy her poor with bread.
- ¹⁷ I will clothe her priests with salvation,*
and her saints shall rejoice and sing.
- ¹⁸ There shall I make the horn of David flourish; *
I have prepared a lantern for my Anointed.
- ¹⁹ As for his enemies, I shall clothe them with shame; *
but upon his head shall his crown flourish."

133

Ecce, quam bonum!

- ¹ Behold, how good and joyful a thing it is *
when brethren dwell together in unity.
- ² It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down
upon the beard,*
even Aaron's beard, and went down to the edges
of his clothing,

- ³ Like the dew of Hermon,*
which falls upon the hills of Zion.
- ⁴ For there the LORD promised his blessing,*
even life for evermore.

134

Ecce nunc

- ¹ Behold now, praise the LORD,*
all you servants of the LORD,
- ² You that stand by night in the house of the LORD,*
even in the courts of the house of our God.
- ³ Lift up your hands in the sanctuary*
and sing praises unto the LORD.
- ⁴ The LORD who made heaven and earth*
give you blessing out of Zion.

135

Laudate Nomen

- ¹ O praise the LORD. Praise the Name of the LORD;*
offer praise, you servants of the LORD,
- ² You who stand in the house of the LORD,*
in the courts of the house of our God.
- ³ O praise the LORD, for the LORD is good;*
sing praises unto his Name, for it is lovely.
- ⁴ For the LORD has chosen Jacob for himself*
and Israel for his own possession.
- ⁵ For I know that the LORD is great,*
and that our Lord is above all gods.
- ⁶ Whatsoever the LORD pleases he does, in heaven
and on earth,*
in the seas and in all the deep places.

- 7 He brings forth clouds from the ends of the earth *
and sends forth lightning with the rain, bringing the wind
out of his treasuries.
- 8 It was he who struck down the firstborn of Egypt, *
both of man and beast.
- 9 He sent signs and wonders into the midst of you, O land
of Egypt,*
against Pharaoh and all his servants.
- 10 He smote many nations, *
and slew mighty kings:
- 11 Sihon king of the Amorites, and Og the king of Bashan, *
and all the kingdoms of Canaan.
- 12 And he gave their land to be an inheritance, *
an inheritance for Israel his people.
- 13 Your Name, O LORD, endures for ever; *
so does your renown, O LORD, from one generation
to another.
- 14 For the LORD will avenge his people *
and have compassion upon his servants.
- 15 As for the idols of the nations, they are but silver and gold, *
the work of human hands.
- 16 They have mouths, but they speak not; *
eyes have they, but they see not;
- 17 They have ears, and yet they hear not,*
neither is there any breath in their mouths.
- 18 Those who make them are like them,*
and so are all who put their trust in them.
- 19 Praise the LORD, O house of Israel; *
praise the LORD, O house of Aaron.
- 20 Praise the LORD, O house of Levi; *
you who fear the LORD, praise the LORD.
- 21 Praised be the LORD from Zion,*
who dwells in Jerusalem. Praise the LORD.

136

Confitemini

- ¹ O give thanks unto the LORD, for he is gracious,*
for his mercy endures for ever.
- ² O give thanks unto the God of all gods,*
for his mercy endures for ever.
- ³ O give thanks unto the Lord of all lords,*
for his mercy endures for ever.
- ⁴ Who alone does great wonders,*
for his mercy endures for ever.
- ⁵ Who by his excellent wisdom made the heavens,*
for his mercy endures for ever.
- ⁶ Who laid out the earth above the waters,*
for his mercy endures for ever.
- ⁷ Who made the great lights,*
for his mercy endures for ever;
- ⁸ The sun to rule the day,*
for his mercy endures for ever;
- ⁹ The moon and the stars to govern the night,*
for his mercy endures for ever.
- ¹⁰ Who struck down the firstborn of Egypt,*
for his mercy endures for ever;
- ¹¹ And brought out Israel from among them,*
for his mercy endures for ever;
- ¹² With a mighty hand and an outstretched arm,*
for his mercy endures for ever.
- ¹³ Who divided the Red Sea in two parts,*
for his mercy endures for ever;
- ¹⁴ And made Israel to pass through the midst of it,*
for his mercy endures for ever;

- ¹⁵ But as for Pharaoh and his host, he overthrew them
in the Red Sea, *
for his mercy endures for ever.
- ¹⁶ Who led his people through the wilderness, *
for his mercy endures for ever.
- ¹⁷ Who smote great kings, *
for his mercy endures for ever;
- ¹⁸ And slew mighty kings, *
for his mercy endures for ever;
- ¹⁹ Sihon king of the Amorites, *
for his mercy endures for ever;
- ²⁰ And Og the king of Bashan, *
for his mercy endures for ever;
- ²¹ And gave away their land for an inheritance, *
for his mercy endures for ever;
- ²² Even for an inheritance for Israel his servant, *
for his mercy endures for ever.
- ²³ Who remembered us when we were in trouble, *
for his mercy endures for ever;
- ²⁴ And delivered us from our enemies, *
for his mercy endures for ever.
- ²⁵ Who gives food to all flesh, *
for his mercy endures for ever.
- ²⁶ O give thanks unto the God of heaven, *
for his mercy endures for ever.
- ²⁷ O give thanks unto the Lord of lords *
for his mercy endures for ever.

137

Super flumina

- 1 By the waters of Babylon we sat down and wept,*
when we remembered you, O Zion.
- 2 As for our harps, we hung them up*
upon the trees that are therein.
- 3 For those who led us away captive required of us a song
and melody in our heaviness: *
“Sing us one of the songs of Zion.”
- 4 How shall we sing the LORD’s song*
in the land of our captivity?
- 5 If I forget you, O Jerusalem,*
let my right hand forget its skill.
- 6 If I do not remember you, let my tongue cleave to the roof
of my mouth,*
if I prefer not Jerusalem above my dearest joy.
- 7 Remember the children of Edom, O LORD,
in the day of Jerusalem,*
how they said, “Down with it, down with it,
even to the ground.”
- 8 O daughter of Babylon, wasted with misery,*
happy shall be the one who rewards you as you have
done to us.
- 9 Blessed shall he be who takes your children*
and throws them against the stones.

138

Confitebor tibi

- 1 I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart; *
even before the gods will I sing praises to you.
- 2 I will worship toward your holy temple and praise your Name,
because of your loving-kindness and truth, *
for you have magnified your Name and your word
above all things.
- 3 When I called upon you, you heard me *
and gave me increase of strength.
- 4 All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O LORD, *
for they have heard the words of your mouth.
- 5 They shall sing of the ways of the LORD,*
that great is the glory of the LORD.
- 6 For though the LORD be high, yet he has respect for the lowly; *
as for the proud, he beholds them from afar.
- 7 Though I walk in the midst of trouble, yet shall you
refresh me; *
you shall stretch forth your hand upon the furiousness
of my enemies, and your right hand shall save me.
- 8 The LORD shall make good his loving-kindness toward me; *
your mercy, O LORD, endures for ever; despise not
the works of your own hands.

DAY 29 : MORNING PRAYER

139

Domine, probasti

- 1 O LORD, you have searched me out and known me; *
you know my sitting down and my rising up;
you understand my thoughts from afar.

- ² You examine my path and my places of rest,*
 and are acquainted with all my ways.
- ³ Indeed, there is not a word on my tongue,*
 but you, O LORD, know it altogether.
- ⁴ You have enclosed me behind and before,*
 and have laid your hand upon me.
- ⁵ Such knowledge is too wonderful for me,*
 so excellent I cannot attain to it.
- ⁶ Where shall I go then from your Spirit,*
 or where shall I flee from your presence?
- ⁷ If I climb up to heaven, you are there;*
 if I make my bed in the Grave, you are there also.
- ⁸ If I take the wings of the morning*
 and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,
- ⁹ Even there shall your hand lead me,*
 and your right hand shall hold me.
- ¹⁰ If I say, “Surely the darkness shall cover me,”*
 then shall my night be turned to day.
- ¹¹ Even the darkness is not dark to you, and the night is as clear
 as the day;*
 the darkness and the light to you are both alike.
- ¹² For you yourself made my inmost parts;*
 you knit me together in my mother’s womb.
- ¹³ I will give thanks to you, for I am fearfully and
 wonderfully made;*
 marvelous are your works, and my soul knows it very well.
- ¹⁴ My bones were not hidden from you*
 when I was made in secret and fashioned in the depths
 of the earth.
- ¹⁵ Your eyes beheld my substance, while I was yet unformed;*
 and in your book were all my members written,

- ¹⁶ Which day by day were fashioned,*
when as yet there was none of them.
- ¹⁷ How dear to me are your thoughts, O God.*
How great is the sum of them!
- ¹⁸ If I were to count them, they would be more in number
than the sand.*
When I wake up, I am present with you.
- ¹⁹ Oh, that you would slay the wicked, O God! *
Depart from me, you bloodthirsty men.
- ²⁰ For they speak unrighteously against you; *
your enemies take your Name in vain.
- ²¹ Do I not hate those, O LORD, who hate you,*
and do I not loathe those who rise up against you?
- ²² Indeed, I hate them with a perfect hatred; *
they have become my own enemies.
- ²³ Search me, O God, and know my heart; *
try me and examine my thoughts.
- ²⁴ Look well if there be any way of wickedness in me,*
and lead me in the way everlasting.

140

Eripe me, Domine

- ¹ Deliver me, O LORD, from evildoers,*
and preserve me from the violent,
- ² Who imagine evil in their hearts *
and stir up strife all the day long.
- ³ They have sharpened their tongues like a serpent; *
adders' poison is under their lips.
- ⁴ Keep me, O LORD, from the hands of the ungodly; *
preserve me from the violent, who have purposed
to overthrow my steps.

- 5 The proud have laid a snare for me and spread out a net
with cords; *
 they have set traps in my way.
- 6 I said unto the LORD, "You are my God; *
 hear the voice of my prayers, O LORD."
- 7 O LORD God, the strength of my salvation,*
 you have covered my head in the day of battle.
- 8 Let not the ungodly have their desire, O LORD; *
 let not their evil imagination prosper, lest they be too proud.
- 9 Let not those who encompass me lift up their heads; *
 let the evil of their own lips consume them.
- 10 Let hot burning coals fall upon them; *
 let them be cast into the fire and into the pit, that they
may never rise up again.
- 11 A slanderer shall not prosper upon the earth; *
 evil shall hunt the wicked person to overthrow him.
- 12 I am sure that the LORD will avenge the poor *
 and maintain the cause of the helpless.
- 13 Surely, the righteous shall give thanks unto your Name,*
 and the just shall continue in your sight.

DAY 29 : EVENING PRAYER

141

Domine, clamavi

- 1 LORD, I call upon you; hasten unto me,*
 and hear my voice when I cry unto you.
- 2 Let my prayer be set forth in your sight as incense,*
 and let the lifting up of my hands be an evening sacrifice.
- 3 Set a watch, O LORD, before my mouth,*
 and keep the door of my lips.

- 4 O let not my heart be inclined to any evil thing; *
 let me not be occupied in ungodly works with those
 who work wickedness, lest I eat of such things
 as please them.
- 5 Rather, let the righteous smite me, *
 and in their loving-kindness reprove me.
- 6 But let not the oil of the unrighteous anoint my head; *
 while I live, I will pray against their wickedness.
- 7 Let their rulers be overthrown in stony places, *
 that they may hear my words, for they are sweet.
- 8 Let their bones lie scattered at the mouth of the grave, *
 as when the ploughman scatters the earth in furrows.
- 9 But my eyes look unto you, O LORD God; *
 in you is my refuge; O do not cast out my soul.
- 10 Keep me from the snare which they have laid for me, *
 and from the traps of the evildoers.
- 11 Let the ungodly fall into their own nets together, *
 and let me ever escape them.

142

Voce mea ad Dominum

- 1 I cried unto the LORD with my voice; *
 even unto the LORD I made my supplication.
- 2 I poured out my complaints before him, *
 and showed him my trouble.
- 3 When my spirit was in heaviness, you knew my path; *
 in the way wherein I walked they had secretly laid
 a snare for me.
- 4 I looked also to my right hand *
 and saw there was no one who would know me.
- 5 I had no place to flee to, *
 and no one cared for my soul.

- 6 I cried out to you, O LORD, and said, *
 “You are my refuge, and my portion in the land of the living.”
- 7 Consider my complaint, *
 for I am brought very low.
- 8 O deliver me from my persecutors, *
 for they are too strong for me.
- 9 Bring me out of prison, that I may give thanks unto
your Name. *
- When you show me your loving-kindness, then shall the
righteous gather around me.

143

Domine, exaudi

- 1 Hear my prayer, O LORD, and consider my supplications; *
 hearken to me, for your truth and righteousness’ sake.
- 2 Enter not into judgment with your servant, *
 for in your sight shall no one living be justified.
- 3 For the enemy has persecuted my soul; he has smitten my life
down to the ground; *
 he has laid me in the darkness, like those
 who have been long dead.
- 4 Therefore my spirit faints within me, *
 and my heart within me is desolate.
- 5 Yet I remember the time past; I muse upon all your works; *
 indeed, I meditate on the works of your hands.
- 6 I stretch forth my hands to you; *
 my soul gasps for you as a thirsty land.
- 7 Hear me, O LORD, and very soon, for my spirit grows faint; *
 hide not your face from me, lest I be like those who go
down into the pit.

- 8 O let me hear your loving-kindness in the morning, for in you have I put my trust; *
 show me the way that I should walk in, for I lift up my soul unto you.
- 9 Deliver me, O LORD, from my enemies, *
 for I flee unto you to hide me.
- 10 Teach me to do the thing that pleases you, for you are my God; *
 let your loving Spirit lead me forth into the land of righteousness.
- 11 Revive me, O LORD, for your Name's sake; *
 and for your righteousness' sake bring my soul out of trouble.
- 12 Of your goodness slay my enemies, *
 and destroy all those who afflict my soul, for I am your servant.

DAY 30 : MORNING PRAYER

144

Benedictus Dominus

- 1 Blessed be the LORD my strength, *
 who teaches my hands to war and my fingers to fight,
- 2 My hope and my fortress, my stronghold and deliverer,
 my defender in whom I trust, *
 who subdues the peoples under me.
- 3 O LORD, what is man, that you have shown such respect to him, *
 or the son of man, that you so regard him?
- 4 Man is like a thing of nought; *
 his time passes away like a shadow.
- 5 Bow your heavens, O LORD, and come down; *
 touch the mountains, and they shall smoke.
- 6 Cast forth your lightning and scatter them; *
 shoot out your arrows and consume them.

- ⁷ Send down your hand from above; *
 deliver me, and take me out of the great waters,
 from the hand of strangers,
- ⁸ Whose mouth talks of vain things, *
 and whose right hand is a right hand of falsehood.
- ⁹ I will sing a new song unto you, O God, *
 and sing praises unto you upon a ten-stringed lute.
- ¹⁰ You have given victory to kings, *
 and have delivered David your servant from the peril
 of the sword.
- ¹¹ Save me, and deliver me from the hand of strangers, *
 whose mouth talks of vain things, and whose right hand
 is a right hand of falsehood;
- ¹² That our sons may grow up as young plants, *
 and that our daughters may be as the polished corners
 of the temple,
- ¹³ That our storehouses may be full and plenteous
 with all manner of grain, *
 that our sheep may bring forth thousands
 and ten thousands in our fields,
- ¹⁴ That our oxen may be strong to labor, that there be no decay, *
 no leading into captivity, and no outcry in our streets.
- ¹⁵ Happy are the people of whom this is so; *
 indeed, blessed are the people who have the LORD
 for their God.

145

Exaltabo te, Deus

- ¹ I will magnify you, O God my King, *
 and I will praise your Name for ever and ever.
- ² Every day will I give thanks to you, *
 and praise your Name for ever and ever.

- 3 Great is the LORD, and most worthy to be praised; *
there is no end of his greatness.
- 4 One generation shall praise your works to another,*
and shall declare your power.
- 5 As for me, I will be talking of the glorious splendor
of your majesty,*
and of all your wondrous works.
- 6 They shall speak of the might of your marvelous acts,*
and I also will tell of your greatness.
- 7 The remembrance of your abundant goodness
shall they proclaim,*
and they shall sing of your righteousness.
- 8 The LORD is gracious and merciful,*
long-suffering, and of great kindness.
- 9 The LORD is loving to everyone,*
and his mercy is over all his works.
- 10 All your works praise you, O LORD,*
and your faithful servants give thanks to you.
- 11 They speak of the glory of your kingdom *
and talk of your power,
- 12 That your power may be known to the children of men,*
even the glorious splendor of your kingdom.
- 13 Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,*
and your dominion endures throughout all ages.
- 14 The LORD upholds all those who fall *
and lifts up all those who are bowed down.
- 15 The eyes of all wait upon you, O Lord,*
and you give them their food in due season.
- 16 You open wide your hand,*
and fill all things living with plenteousness.
- 17 The LORD is righteous in all his ways *
and merciful in all his works.

- ¹⁸ The LORD is near to all those who call upon him,*
 to all who call upon him faithfully.
- ¹⁹ He will fulfill the desire of those who fear him; *
 he also will hear their cry and will help them.
- ²⁰ The LORD preserves all those who love him,*
 but he will destroy all the ungodly.
- ²¹ My mouth shall speak the praise of the LORD; *
 and let all flesh give thanks unto his holy Name
 for ever and ever.

146

Lauda, anima mea

- ¹ Praise the LORD, O my soul; *
 while I live I will praise the LORD.
- ² Indeed, as long as I have my being,*
 I will sing praises unto my God.
- ³ Put not your trust in princes, nor in any child of man,*
 for there is no help in them.
- ⁴ For when one breathes his last, he shall return again
 to the earth,*
 and in that day all his thoughts perish.
- ⁵ Blessed is the one who has the God of Jacob for his help *
 and whose hope is in the LORD his God,
- ⁶ Who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is therein; *
 who keeps his promise for ever;
- ⁷ Who does right to those who suffer wrong; *
 and who feeds the hungry.
- ⁸ The LORD sets prisoners free; *
 the LORD gives sight to the blind.
- ⁹ The LORD helps those who have fallen; *
 the LORD loves the righteous.

- ¹⁰ The LORD cares for the strangers in the land; he defends
the fatherless and widow; *
but the way of the ungodly he makes crooked.
- ¹¹ The LORD shall be King for evermore,*
even your God, O Zion, throughout all generations.
Praise the LORD.

DAY 30 : EVENING PRAYER

147

Laudate Dominum

- ¹ Praise the LORD, for it is a good thing to sing praises unto
our God; *
indeed, a joyful and pleasant thing it is to be thankful.
- ² The LORD builds up Jerusalem,*
and gathers together the outcasts of Israel.
- ³ He heals those who are broken in heart,*
and binds up their wounds.
- ⁴ He counts the number of the stars,*
and calls them all by their names.
- ⁵ Great is our Lord, and great is his power; *
indeed, his wisdom is infinite.
- ⁶ The LORD lifts up the meek,*
and brings the ungodly down to the ground.
- ⁷ O sing unto the LORD with thanksgiving; *
sing praises with the harp unto our God,
- ⁸ Who covers the heavens with clouds, and prepares rain
for the earth,*
and makes the grass to grow upon the mountains,
and plants for the use of men,
- ⁹ Who gives food to the cattle *
and feeds the young ravens that call upon him.

- ¹⁰ He has no pleasure in the strength of a horse; *
 neither does he delight in any man's strength.
- ¹¹ But the LORD's delight is in those who fear him *
 and put their trust in his mercy.
- ¹² Praise the LORD, O Jerusalem; *
 praise your God, O Zion.
- ¹³ For he has made strong the bars of your gates *
 and has blessed your children within you.
- ¹⁴ He makes peace in your borders *
 and fills you with the finest of wheat.
- ¹⁵ He sends forth his commandment upon the earth, *
 and his word runs very swiftly.
- ¹⁶ He gives snow like wool *
 and scatters the white frost like ashes.
- ¹⁷ He casts forth his ice like crumbs; *
 who is able to abide his frost?
- ¹⁸ He sends out his word and melts them; *
 he blows with his wind, and the waters flow.
- ¹⁹ He declares his word unto Jacob, *
 his statutes and ordinances unto Israel.
- ²⁰ He has not dealt so with other nations; *
 neither have they knowledge of his laws. Praise the LORD.

148

Laudate Dominum

- ¹ Praise the LORD. O praise the LORD of heaven; *
 praise him in the heights.
- ² Praise him, all you angels of his; *
 praise him, all his host.
- ³ Praise him, sun and moon; *
 praise him, all you stars of light.

- 4 Praise him, all you highest heavens,*
and you waters that are above the heavens.
- 5 Let them praise the Name of the LORD,*
for he spoke the word, and they were made; he commanded,
and they were created.
- 6 He has made them stand fast for ever and ever; *
he has given them a law which shall not be broken.
- 7 Praise the LORD upon earth,*
you sea monsters and all deeps;
- 8 Fire and hail, snow and fog,*
wind and storm, fulfilling his word;
- 9 Mountains and all hills,*
fruitful trees and all cedars;
- 10 Beasts and all cattle,*
creeping things and birds of the air;
- 11 Kings of the earth and all peoples,*
princes and all rulers of the world;
- 12 Young men and maidens,*
old men and children together.
- 13 Let them praise the Name of the LORD,*
for his Name only is excellent, and his praise
above heaven and earth.
- 14 He shall exalt the horn of his people; all his faithful
shall praise him,*
the children of Israel, the people who are near him.
Praise the LORD.

149

Cantate Domino

- 1 Praise the LORD. O sing unto the LORD a new song; *
let the congregation of the faithful praise him.

- 2 Let Israel rejoice in the one who made him,*
and let the children of Zion be joyful in their King.
- 3 Let them praise his Name in the dance;*
let them sing praises unto him with timbrel and harp.
- 4 For the LORD has pleasure in his people*
and gives victory to those who are oppressed.
- 5 Let the faithful be joyful with glory;*
let them rejoice upon their beds.
- 6 Let the praises of God be in their mouth*
and a two-edged sword in their hands,
- 7 To inflict vengeance on the nations,*
and to rebuke the peoples,
- 8 To bind their kings in chains,*
and their nobles with links of iron,
- 9 That they may execute judgment upon them, as it is written;*
this is the honor of all his servants. Praise the LORD.

150

Laudate Dominum

- 1 Praise the LORD. Praise God in his holiness;*
praise him in the firmament of his power.
- 2 Praise him for his mighty acts;*
praise him for his excellent greatness.
- 3 Praise him with the sound of the trumpet;*
praise him upon the lute and harp.
- 4 Praise him with the timbrels and dances;*
praise him upon the strings and pipe.
- 5 Praise him with the resounding cymbals;*
praise him with the loud cymbals.
- 6 Let everything that has breath praise the LORD.*
O praise the LORD.

E P I S C O P A L S E R V I C E S

THE PREFACE TO THE ORDINAL

The Holy Scriptures and ancient authors teach that, from the Apostles' time, these three orders of ministry have existed in Christ's Church: Bishops, Priests, and Deacons. From the earliest days of the Church, these offices were always held in such reverent estimation that no one might presume to execute any of them without being first called, tried, examined, and ascertained to have such qualities as are requisite. Candidates were approved and admitted to these offices by lawful authority, through public prayer and the imposition of hands by a Bishop. And therefore, to the end that these orders may be continued, and reverently used and esteemed in this Church, no one shall be accounted to be a lawful Bishop, Priest, or Deacon in this Church, or allowed to execute any of the said functions, without first being called, tried, examined, and admitted to such office according to the form set forth in this book, or having received Episcopal Consecration or Ordination already.

The Bishop may only admit a candidate as a Deacon or Priest after sufficient examination and testing to determine that the candidate meets the requirements of the Canons, and is of virtuous conduct, without crime or impediment, instructed in the Holy Scriptures, and fit for ministry in Christ's Church.

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THE FORM AND MANNER OF
ORDAINING DEACONS

A hymn, psalm, or anthem may be sung.

The People standing, the Bishop says this or an appropriate seasonal greeting

The Lord will pour out his Spirit upon all flesh,
People And your sons and daughters shall prophesy.
Bishop Your old men shall dream dreams,
People And your young men shall see visions.
Bishop You shall know that the Lord is in the midst
of his people,
People That he is the Lord and there is none else.
Bishop And it shall come to pass
People That everyone who calls on the Name of the Lord
shall be saved. JOEL 2:27-28, 32; ACTS 2:17, 21^T

The Bishop prays (and the People may be invited to join)

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE PRESENTATION

The Bishop and People sit. The Presenters, standing before the Bishop, present each Ordinand, saying

Reverend Father in God, we present *N.N.* to be admitted to the Order of Deacons.

Bishop *Have these persons been selected in accordance with the Canons of this Church? And do you believe their manner of life to be suitable to the exercise of this ministry?*

Presenters *We certify to you that they have satisfied the requirements of the Canons, and we believe them to be qualified for this order.*

The Bishop then requires the Ordinand(s) to take the Oath of Conformity and the Oath of Canonical Obedience saying

The Canons require that no one may be ordained a Deacon in the Church before subscribing without reservation to the Oath of Conformity. It is also required that each Ordinand subscribe without reservation to the Oath of Canonical Obedience. In the presence of this Congregation, I now charge you to make your solemn declaration of these oaths.

Each Ordinand then individually declares

I, *N.N.*, do believe the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be the Word of God and to contain all things necessary to salvation, and I consequently hold myself bound to conform my life and ministry thereto, and therefore I do solemnly engage to conform to the Doctrine, Discipline, and Worship of Christ as this Church has received them.

And I do promise, here in the presence of Almighty God and of the Church, that I will pay true and canonical obedience in all things lawful and honest to the Bishop of _____, and his successors, so help me God.

Each Ordinand then signs the Oath of Conformity and the Oath of Canonical Obedience in the sight of all present.

All stand. The Bishop says to the People

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, you know the importance of this ministry, and the weight of your responsibility in presenting *these persons* for ordination to the sacred Order of Deacons. Therefore, if any of you know of any impediment or crime because of which we should not proceed, come forward now and make it known.

If no objection is made, the Bishop continues

Is it your will that *these persons* be ordained as Deacons?

People It is.

Bishop Will you uphold *them* in *their* ministry?

People We will.

Bishop In peace let us pray to the Lord.

THE LITANY FOR ORDINATIONS

All kneel. Then the Litanist appointed, with the Clergy and People present, says or sings the Litany for Ordinations (Page 510). The Ordinands either kneel or lie prostrate during the Litany.

At the conclusion of the Litany for Ordinations, the Bishop stands and prays the following collect, first saying

The Lord be with you.

People And with your spirit.

Bishop Let us pray.

Almighty God, by your divine providence you appointed various Orders of Ministers in your Church, and you inspired your Apostles to appoint to the Order of Deacons the first martyr Stephen, with others: mercifully behold *these* your *servants* now called to the same office and administration; so fill *them* with the truth of your doctrine and adorn *them* with holiness of life, that by word and good example *they* may faithfully serve you in this office, to the glory of your Name and the edification of your Church; through the merits of our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.
Amen.

THE LESSONS

The following Lessons are appointed for the ordination of a Deacon. On a Major Feast, or on a Sunday, the Bishop may select Lessons from the Propers of the Day.

JEREMIAH 1:4-10

PSALM 119:1-8

I TIMOTHY 3:8-13 or ACTS 6:1-7

LUKE 12:35-40

The People sit. One or more Lessons, as appointed, are read, the Reader first saying

A Reading from _____.

A citation giving chapter and verse may be added.

After each Lesson the Reader may say

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Or the Reader may say Here ends the Reading.

Silence may follow.

A psalm, hymn, or anthem may follow each reading.

All standing, the Deacon or Priest reads the Gospel, first saying

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according
to _____.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

After the Gospel, the Reader says

The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

T H E S E R M O N

T H E N I C E N E C R E E D

All stand to recite the Nicene Creed, the Bishop first saying

Let us confess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed:

Bishop and People

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, visible and invisible.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;

through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father [and the Son],[†]
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE EXHORTATION

All are seated except the Ordinand(s), who stand before the Bishop.

The Bishop addresses the Ordinand(s) as follows

It belongs to the office of a Deacon to share in the humility
and service of our Lord Jesus Christ, for the strengthening of
the Church, which is his body. You are to read the Gospel and
proclaim Christ at all times through your service, to instruct

[†] The phrase "and the Son" (Latin filioque) is not in the original Greek text. See the resolution of the College of Bishops concerning the filioque in Documentary Foundations (page 768).

both young and old in the Catechism, and, at the direction of the Bishop or Priest, to baptize and preach.

You are to assist the Priest in public worship, to guide the intercessions of the Congregation, to aid in the administration of Holy Communion and to carry the Sacrament to those who are kept from the Table by illness, infirmity, or imprisonment.

Furthermore, you are to interpret to the Church the needs, concerns, and hopes of the world. It is the Deacon's office to encourage and equip the household of God to care for the stranger, to embrace the poor and helpless, and to seek them out, so that they may be relieved.

THE EXAMINATION

The Bishop examines the Ordinands as follows

Will you take up this charge gladly and willingly?

Answer I will, the Lord being my helper.

Bishop Do you trust that you are inwardly moved by the Holy Spirit to take upon yourself this Office and ministry, to serve God for the promoting of his glory and the edifying of his people?

Answer I do so trust.

Bishop Do you believe that you are truly called, according to the will of our Lord Jesus Christ, and in accordance with the Canons of this Church, to this Office and ministry?

Answer I do so believe.

Bishop Are you persuaded that the Holy Scriptures contain all things necessary for salvation through faith in Jesus Christ?

Answer I am so persuaded.

Bishop Will you diligently read these Scriptures to the people assembled in the church where you are appointed to serve?

Answer I will.

Bishop Will you be diligent to frame and fashion your own *lives* [and the *lives* of your *families*], according to the Doctrine of Christ, and to make *yourselves* [and them, as much as you are able], wholesome examples and patterns to the flock of Christ?

Answer I will, the Lord being my helper.

Bishop Will you reverently obey your Bishop and other Ministers who, according to the Canons of the Church, may have charge and authority over you, following with a glad mind and a good will their godly admonitions, and submitting yourself to their godly judgments?

Answer I will, the Lord being my helper.

The Congregation may kneel, and prays silently for the fulfillment of these purposes.

The Bishop prays

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who has given you a good will to do all these things, grant you also the strength and power to perform them, accomplishing in you the good work which he has begun, that you may be found perfect and without reproach on the last day; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Ordinands kneel or lie prostrate, facing the Bishop. The Veni, Creator Spiritus (page 492) or other hymn to the Holy Spirit may be sung or said as a prayer for the renewal of the Church.

THE ORDINATION OF THE DEACONS

*All now stand as witnesses, except the Ordinands, who kneel facing the Bishop.
The Bishop then prays the following prayer, first saying*

Let us pray.

O God, most merciful Father, you sent your Son Jesus Christ to take upon himself the form of a servant. He humbled himself, becoming obedient even to death on a Cross. Yet you have highly exalted him, and made him Lord of all. For this great mystery, and for *these* your *servants* whom you now call to obedience after his example, we offer you our most hearty thanks; and we ask that we may daily increase in humility and service, that by *their* ministry as well as by those with whom *they serve*, your holy Name may for ever be glorified, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Then the Bishop lays his hands upon the head of every one to be made Deacon, each one humbly kneeling before him, and says

Receive the Holy Spirit for the Office and work of a Deacon in the Church of God, now committed to you by the imposition of my hands; in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

The Bishop then prays the following over the Ordinands.

In your great goodness, O Lord, make *these* your *servants* Deacons in your Church; give *them* grace to be modest, humble, and constant in *their* ministry; give *them* a ready will to observe all spiritual discipline; and with the testimony of a good conscience always before *them*, may *they* continue stable and strong in the service of your Son Jesus Christ, to whom be glory and honor, world without end.

The People in a loud voice respond

Amen.

The new Deacons may now be vested according to the Order of Deacons.

As the Deacon is vested with a maniple, the Bishop says

Receive this maniple as a sign of your service, for your Lord came among us as one who served.

As the Deacon is vested with a stole, the Bishop says

Receive this stole as a sign of the yoke of Christ, your Savior.

As the Deacon is vested with a dalmatic, the Bishop says

Receive this dalmatic as a sign that you must daily take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm.

Then the Bishop delivers to every one of them a Book of Gospels or New Testament saying

Take the authority to read the Gospel in the Church of God and to teach the same.

The Bishop then says to the People

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And with your spirit.

The liturgy continues with the Offertory. The newly ordained Deacons prepare the Table.

When the Communion is finished, after the Post Communion Prayer, the Bishop prays the following Collect

Go before us, O Lord, in all our doings with your most gracious favor, and further us with your continual help; that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy Name, and finally, through your mercy, obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Bishop then blesses the People saying

Our help is in the Name of the Lord;
People **The maker of heaven and earth.**
Bishop Blessed be the Name of the Lord;
People **From this time forth for evermore.**
Bishop The blessing, mercy, and grace of God Almighty,
 the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon
 you, and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

The newly ordained Deacons together dismiss the People saying

Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power
of the Holy Spirit.
People **Thanks be to God.**

From the Easter Vigil through the Day of Pentecost, "Alleluia, alleluia" is added to the dismissal. It may be added at other times, except during Lent and on other penitential occasions.

The People respond

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

THE FORM AND MANNER OF
ORDAINING A PRIEST

A hymn, psalm, or anthem may be sung.

The People standing, the Bishop says this or an appropriate seasonal greeting

The Lord will pour out his Spirit upon all flesh,
People And your sons and daughters shall prophesy.
Bishop Your old men shall dream dreams,
People And your young men shall see visions.
Bishop You shall know that the Lord is in the midst
of his people,
People That he is the Lord and there is none else.
Bishop And it shall come to pass
People That everyone who calls on the Name of the Lord
shall be saved. JOEL 2:27-28, 32; ACTS 2:17, 21^T

The Bishop prays (and the People may be invited to join)

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE PRESENTATION

The Bishop and People sit. The Presenters, standing before the Bishop, present the Ordinand, saying

Reverend Father in God, we present *N.N.* to be admitted to the Order of Priests.

Bishop Has *he* been selected in accordance with the Canons of this Church? And do you believe *his* manner of life to be suitable to the exercise of this ministry?

Presenters We certify to you that *he* has satisfied the requirements of the Canons, and we believe *him* to be qualified for this Order.

The Bishop shall then require the Ordinand to take the Oath of Conformity and the Oath of Canonical Obedience saying

The Canons require that no Deacon may be ordained a Priest in the Church before subscribing without reservation to the Oath of Conformity. It is also required that each Ordinand subscribe without reservation to the Oath of Canonical Obedience. In the presence of this Congregation, I now charge you to make your solemn declaration of these oaths.

The Ordinand then declares

I, *N.N.*, do believe the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be the Word of God and to contain all things necessary to salvation, and I consequently hold myself bound to conform my life and ministry thereto, and therefore I do solemnly engage to conform to the Doctrine, Discipline, and Worship of Christ as this Church has received them.

And I do promise, here in the presence of Almighty God and of the Church, that I will pay true and canonical obedience in all things lawful and honest to the Bishop of _____, and his successors, so help me God.

The Ordinand then signs the Oath of Conformity and the Oath of Canonical Obedience in the sight of all present.

All stand. The Bishop says to the People

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, you know the importance of this ministry, and the weight of your responsibility in presenting N.N. for ordination to the sacred Priesthood. Therefore if any of you know of any impediment or crime because of which we should not proceed, come forward now and make it known.

If no objection is made, the Bishop continues

Is it your will that N. be ordained a Priest?

People It is.

Bishop Will you uphold *him* in this ministry?

People We will.

Bishop In peace let us pray to the Lord.

THE LITANY FOR ORDINATIONS

All kneel. Then the Litanist appointed, with the Clergy and People present, says or sings the Litany for Ordinations (Page 510). The Ordinand either kneels or lies prostrate during the Litany.

At the conclusion of the Litany for Ordinations, the Bishop stands and prays the following collect, first saying

The Lord be with you.

People And with your spirit.

Bishop Let us pray.

Almighty God, giver of all good things, by your Holy Spirit you have appointed various Orders of Ministers in your Church: mercifully behold *this* your servant now called to the Order of Priests, and so fill *him* with the truth of your doctrine and adorn *him* with holiness of life, that by word and good example *he* may faithfully serve you in this office, to the glory of your Name and the edification of your Church; through the merits of our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, world without end. **Amen.**

THE LESSONS

The following Lessons are appointed for the ordination of a Priest. On a Major Feast, or on a Sunday, the Bishop may select Lessons from the Propers of the Day.

ISAIAH 6:1-8

PSALM 119:33-40

EPHESIANS 4:7-16 or PHILIPPIANS 4:4-9

LUKE 10:1-9 or JOHN 10:1-16

The People sit. One or more Lessons, as appointed, are read, the Reader first saying

A Reading from _____.

A citation giving chapter and verse may be added.

After each Lesson the Reader may say

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Or the Reader may say Here ends the Reading.

Silence may follow.

A psalm, hymn, or anthem may follow each reading.

All standing, the Deacon or Priest reads the Gospel, first saying

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according
to _____.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

After the Gospel, the Reader says

The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

T H E S E R M O N

T H E N I C E N E C R E E D

All stand to recite the Nicene Creed, the Bishop first saying

Let us confess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed:

Bishop and People

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, visible and invisible.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,

begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father [and the Son],[†]
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE EXHORTATION

All are seated except the Ordinand, who stands before the Bishop.

The Bishop addresses the Ordinand as follows

You have heard, during the Church's discernment of your vocation and in the Holy Scriptures themselves, how weighty is this Office to which you are called. I now exhort you, in the

[†] The phrase "and the Son" (Latin filioque) is not in the original Greek text. See the resolution of the College of Bishops concerning the filioque in *Documentary Foundations* (page 768).

Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to be a messenger, watchman, and steward of the Lord. You are to teach, to warn, to feed, and to provide for the Lord's family, and to seek for Christ's sheep who are in the midst of this fallen world, that they may be saved through Christ for ever.

Remember how great is this treasure committed to your charge. They are the sheep of Christ for whom he shed his blood. The Church and Congregation whom you will serve is his bride, his body. If the Church, or any of her members, is hurt or hindered by your negligence, you must know both the gravity of your fault, and the grievous judgment that will result.

Therefore, consider the purpose of your ministry to the children of God. Work diligently, with your whole heart, to bring those in your care into the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of God, and to maturity in Christ, that there may be among you neither error in religion nor immorality in life. Finally, equip and lead your Congregation to proclaim tirelessly the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

And seeing that the demands of this holy Office are so great, lay aside all worldly distractions and take care to direct all that you do to this purpose: read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest the Scriptures, that you may show yourself both dutiful and thankful to the Lord; and frame your conduct, and that of your household and those committed to your care, according to the doctrine and discipline of Christ. Know, however, that you cannot accomplish this of yourself; for the will and the ability needed are given by God alone. Therefore, pray earnestly for his Holy Spirit to enlighten your mind and strengthen your resolve.

THE EXAMINATION

The Bishop then examines the Ordinand, saying

So that this Congregation of Christ's Church may know your intent in these things, I charge you to answer plainly these questions, which I, in the Name of God and his Church, now ask:

Do you believe in your heart that you are truly called, according to the will of our Lord Jesus Christ, and according to the Canons of this Church, to the Order and ministry of the Priesthood?

Answer I do so believe.

Bishop Do you believe that the Holy Scriptures contain all things necessary for salvation through faith in Jesus Christ? And are you determined out of the Holy Scriptures to instruct the people committed to your charge, and to teach or maintain nothing as necessary to eternal salvation but that which may be concluded and proved by the Scriptures?

Answer I do so believe, and I am so determined, the Lord being my helper.

Bishop Will you then give your faithful diligence always so to minister the doctrine, sacraments, and discipline of Christ, as the Lord has commanded and as this Church has received them, according to the Commandments of God, so that you may teach the people committed to your charge with all diligence to keep and observe them?

Answer I will, the Lord being my helper.

Bishop Will you be ready, with all faithful diligence, to banish and drive away from the Body of Christ all erroneous and strange doctrines contrary to God's Word; and to use both public and private admonitions and exhortations, to the weak as well as the strong within your charge, as need shall require and occasion shall be given?

Answer I will, the Lord being my helper.

Bishop Will you be diligent in prayer, and in the reading of Holy Scripture, and in such study as may further the knowledge of the same, laying aside all distractions of the world and the flesh?

Answer I will, the Lord being my helper.

Bishop Will you be diligent to frame and fashion your own *life* [and the *life* of your *family*], according to the doctrine of Christ, and to make *yourself* [and them, as much as you are able], a wholesome example and pattern to the flock of Christ?

Answer I will, the Lord being my helper.

Bishop Will you maintain and set forward, as much as you are able, quietness, peace, and love among all Christian people, and especially among those who are or shall be committed to your charge?

Answer I will, the Lord being my helper.

Bishop Will you reverently obey your Bishop and other chief Ministers who, according to the Canons of the Church, may have charge and authority over you, following with a glad mind and a good will their godly admonitions, and submitting yourself to their godly judgments?

Answer I will, the Lord being my helper.

The Congregation may kneel, and prays silently for the fulfillment of these purposes.

The Bishop prays

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who has given you a good will to do all these things, grant you also the strength and power to perform them, accomplishing in you the good work which he has begun, that you may be found perfect and without reproach on the last day; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Ordinand kneels or lies prostrate, facing the Bishop, with the priests present surrounding the Ordinand. The Veni, Creator Spiritus is sung or said as a prayer for the renewal of the Church.

VENI, CREATOR SPIRITUS

Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire,
And lighten with celestial fire.
Thou the anointing Spirit art,
Who dost thy sevenfold gifts impart.

Thy blessed unction from above
Is comfort, life, and fire of love.
Enable with perpetual light
The dullness of our blinded sight.

Anoint and cheer our soiled face
With the abundance of thy grace.
Keep far our foes, give peace at home;
Where thou art guide, no ill can come.

Teach us to know the Father, Son,
And thee, of both, to be but One;
That, through the ages all along,
This may be our endless song

Praise to thy eternal merit,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

THE CONSECRATION OF THE PRIEST

All now stand as witnesses, except the Ordinand, who kneels facing the Bishop.

The Bishop prays the following prayer, first saying

Let us pray.

Almighty God and most merciful Father, of your infinite love and goodness you have given your only Son Jesus Christ to be our redeemer and the author of everlasting life. After he had made perfect our redemption by his death and resurrection, and ascended into heaven, he sent into the whole world his apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors, and teachers; by the Holy Spirit, through their labor and ministry, he gathered together a great flock to set forth the eternal praise of your holy Name. For these great benefits, and because you have called *this* your servant to the same office and ministry, we offer you our most hearty thanks; and we humbly ask that we may daily increase in the knowledge and faith of you and of your Son, and that by *this minister*, as well as by those entrusted to *his* care, your holy Name may for ever be glorified, and your blessed kingdom enlarged; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Bishop with the Priests present lay their hands upon the head of each one to receive the Order of Priesthood. The Bishop says

Receive the Holy Spirit for the office and work of a Priest in the Church of God, now committed to you by the imposition of our hands. If you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven. If you withhold forgiveness from anyone, it is withheld. Be a faithful minister of God's holy Word and Sacraments; in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

The Bishop then prays the following over the Ordinand.

Send your heavenly blessing upon *this* your servant, that *he* may be clothed with righteousness, and that your Word, spoken by *his* mouth, may have such success that it may never be spoken in vain. Grant also that we may have grace to hear and receive what *he* shall deliver out of your most holy Word as the means of our salvation; that in all our words and deeds we may seek your glory and the increase of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, world without end.

The People in a loud voice respond

Amen.

The new Priest may now be vested according to the Order of Priests.

As the Priest is vested with a stole, the Bishop says

Take the yoke of the Lord, for his yoke is easy and his burden is light.

As the Priest is vested with a chasuble, the Bishop says

Receive this priestly garment which symbolizes charity; for God is well able to give you an increase of charity and a perfect work.

The Bishop then anoints the hands of the new Priest with the Oil of Chrism, saying

Grant, O Lord, to consecrate and sanctify these hands by this unction and by our blessing, that whatsoever they bless may be blessed, and whatsoever they consecrate may be consecrated and sanctified, in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

The Bishop then gives the new Priest a Bible in one hand and a chalice in the other hand saying

Take authority to preach the Word of God and to administer the Holy Sacraments. Do not forget the trust committed to you as a Priest in the Church of God.

The Bishop then says to the People

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People And with your spirit.

The liturgy continues with the Offertory. The Deacon prepares the Table.

Standing at the Holy Table with the Bishop and other Ministers, the newly ordained Priest joins in the celebration of the Holy Communion and in the Breaking of the Bread.

When the Communion is finished, after the Post Communion Prayer, the new Priest prays the following Collect

Go before us, O Lord, in all our doings with your most gracious favor, and further us with your continual help; that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy Name, and finally, through your mercy, obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Bishop then blesses the People saying

Our help is in the Name of the Lord;
People The maker of heaven and earth.
Bishop Blessed be the Name of the Lord;
People From this time forth for evermore.
Bishop The blessing, mercy, and grace of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon
you, and remain with you for ever. Amen.

Or the Bishop may ask the newly ordained Priest to bless the People saying

The peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. Amen.

The Deacon dismisses the People saying

Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

People Thanks be to God.

From the Easter Vigil through the Day of Pentecost, "Alleluia, alleluia" is added to the dismissal. It may be added at other times, except during Lent and on other penitential occasions.

The People respond

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

THE FORM AND MANNER OF
ORDAINING *and*
CONSECRATING A BISHOP

The Archbishop normally presides at the Consecration of a Bishop; however, the Archbishop may choose to designate another Bishop to be the Chief Consecrator. When this happens, all rubrics referring to the Archbishop are to be taken to mean "Chief Consecrator."

A hymn, psalm, or anthem may be sung.

The People standing, the Archbishop says this or an appropriate seasonal greeting

The Lord will pour out his Spirit upon all flesh,
People And your sons and daughters shall prophesy.
Archbishop Your old men shall dream dreams,
People And your young men shall see visions.
Archbishop You shall know that the Lord is in the midst
of his people,
People That he is the Lord and there is none else.
Archbishop And it shall come to pass
People That everyone who calls on the Name of the Lord
shall be saved.

JOEL 2:27-28, 32; ACTS 2:17, 21^T

The Archbishop prays (and the People may be invited to join)

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE PRESENTATION

The Archbishop and People sit.

The Bishop Elect, properly vested, is presented to the Archbishop by at least two Bishops of this Church, the Bishops who present him saying

Reverend Father in God, we present to you N.N., a godly and well-learned man, to be ordained and consecrated Bishop.

Then the Archbishop causes to be read Testimonials from the President of the Standing Committee and the Secretary of the College of Bishops regarding the person presented for Consecration.

The Archbishop then requires the Bishop Elect to take the Oath of Conformity and the Oath of Canonical Obedience saying

The Canons of this Church require that no Priest may be consecrated as a Bishop in the Church before subscribing without reservation to the Oath of Conformity. It is also required that he subscribe without reservation to the Oath of Canonical Obedience. In the presence of this Congregation, I now charge you to make your solemn declaration of these oaths.

The Bishop Elect then declares

I, N.N., do believe the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be the Word of God and to contain all things necessary to salvation, and I consequently hold myself bound to conform my life and ministry thereto, and therefore I do solemnly engage to conform to the Doctrine, Discipline, and Worship of Christ as this Church has received them.

And I do promise, here in the presence of Almighty God and of the Church, that I will pay true and canonical obedience in all things lawful and honest to the Archbishop of the Anglican Church in North America, and his successors, so help me God.

The Bishop Elect then signs the Oath of Conformity and Oath of Canonical Obedience in the sight of all present.

Then the Archbishop invites the Congregation present to pray, saying

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, it is written in the Gospel of Saint Luke that our Savior Christ continued the whole night in prayer before he chose and sent forth his twelve Apostles. It is written also in the Acts of the Apostles that the disciples at Antioch fasted and prayed before they sent forth Paul and Barnabas by laying their hands upon them. Let us, therefore, following the example of our Savior and his Apostles, offer up our prayers to Almighty God before we admit and send forth this person presented to us, to do the work to which we trust the Holy Spirit has called him.

THE LITANY FOR ORDINATIONS

All kneel. Then the Litanist appointed, with the Clergy and People present, says or sings the Litany for Ordinations (Page 510). The Bishop Elect either kneels or lies prostrate during the Litany.

At the conclusion of the Litany for Ordinations, the Archbishop stands and prays the following Collect, first saying

The Lord be with you.

People And with your spirit.

Archbishop Let us pray.

Almighty God, who by your Son Jesus Christ gave many excellent gifts to your holy Apostles, and charged them to feed your flock: Give your grace to all Bishops, the pastors of your Church, that they may diligently preach your Word, duly administer your Sacraments, and wisely provide godly discipline; and grant to your people that they may obediently follow them, so that all may receive the crown of everlasting glory; through the merits of our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, world without end. Amen.

THE LESSONS

The following Lessons are appointed for the ordination and consecration of a Bishop. On a Major Feast, or on a Sunday, the Archbishop may select Lessons from the Propers of the Day.

ISAIAH 6:1-11

PSALM 100

I TIMOTHY 3:1-7 or ACTS 20:17-35

JOHN 21:15-19 or JOHN 20:19-23 or MATTHEW 28:18-20

The People sit. One or more Lessons, as appointed, are read, the Reader first saying

A Reading from _____.

A citation giving chapter and verse may be added.

After each Lesson the Reader may say

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Or the Reader may say Here ends the Reading.

Silence may follow.

A psalm, hymn, or anthem may follow each reading.

All standing, the Deacon or Priest reads the Gospel, first saying

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according
to _____.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

After the Gospel, the Reader says

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

THE NICENE CREED

All stand to recite the Nicene Creed, the Archbishop first saying

Let us confess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed:

Archbishop and People

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, visible and invisible.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father [and the Son],[†]
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE EXHORTATION AND EXAMINATION

All are seated except the Bishop Elect, who stands before the Archbishop.

The Archbishop addresses and examines the Bishop Elect as follows

[†] The phrase “and the Son” (Latin *filioque*) is not in the original Greek text. See the resolution of the College of Bishops concerning the *filioque* in *Documentary Foundations* (page 768).

Brother, the Holy Scriptures and the ancient Canons command that we should not be hasty in laying on hands and admitting any person to authority in the Church of Christ, which our Lord purchased with no less price than the shedding of his own blood; so before we admit you to this Office, we will examine you, in order that this Congregation may know how you will conduct yourself in the Church of God.

Are you persuaded that you are truly called to this ministry, according to the will of our Lord Jesus Christ and the Order of this Church?

Answer I am so persuaded.

The following questions are addressed to the Bishop Elect by one or more of the Bishops.

Question Do you believe that the Holy Scriptures contain all things necessary for salvation through faith in Jesus Christ? And are you determined out of the Holy Scriptures to instruct the people committed to your charge, and to teach or maintain nothing as necessary to eternal salvation but that which may be concluded and proved by the Scriptures?

Answer I do so believe, and I am so determined, the Lord being my helper.

Question Will you then faithfully study the Holy Scriptures, and call upon God by prayer for the true understanding of them, so that you may be able by them to teach and exhort with wholesome doctrine, and to withstand and convince those who contradict it?

Answer I will, the Lord being my helper.

Question Are you ready, with all faithful diligence, to banish and drive away from the Church all erroneous and strange doctrine contrary to God's Word, and both privately and publicly to call upon others and encourage them to do the same?

Answer I am ready, the Lord being my helper.

Question Will you renounce all ungodliness and worldly lusts, and live a godly, righteous, and sober life in this present world, that you may show yourself in all things an example of good works for others, that the adversary may be ashamed, having nothing to say against you?

Answer I will, the Lord being my helper.

Question Will you maintain and set forward, as much as you are able, quietness, love, and peace among all people, and diligently exercise such discipline as is, by the authority of God's Word and by the Order of this Church, committed to you?

Answer I will, the Lord being my helper.

Question Will you be faithful in examining, confirming, ordaining, and sending the people of God?

Answer I will, the Lord being my helper.

Question Will you show yourself gentle, and be merciful for Christ's sake, to poor and needy people and to all strangers destitute of help?

Answer I will, the Lord being my helper.

The Congregation may kneel, and pray silently for the fulfillment of these purposes.

The Archbishop prays

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who has given you a good will to do all these things, grant you also the strength and power to perform them, accomplishing in you the good work which he has begun, that you may be found perfect and without reproach on the last day; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Bishop Elect kneels or lies prostrate, facing the Archbishop, with the bishops present surrounding the Bishop Elect. The Veni, Creator Spiritus is sung or said over him as follows

VENI, CREATOR SPIRITUS

Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire,
And lighten with celestial fire.
Thou the anointing Spirit art,
Who dost thy sevenfold gifts impart.

Thy blessed unction from above
Is comfort, life, and fire of love.
Enable with perpetual light
The dullness of our blinded sight.

Anoint and cheer our soiled face
With the abundance of thy grace.
Keep far our foes, give peace at home;
Where thou art guide, no ill can come.

Teach us to know the Father, Son,
And thee, of both, to be but One;
That, through the ages all along,
This may be our endless song

Praise to thy eternal merit,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

THE CONSECRATION OF THE BISHOP

All now stand as witnesses, except the Bishop Elect, who kneels facing the Archbishop.

The Archbishop prays the following Prayer of Consecration, first praying

Lord, hear our prayer;

People And let our cry come to you.

Archbishop Let us pray

Almighty God and most merciful Father, of your infinite love and goodness you have given your only Son Jesus Christ to be our redeemer and the author of everlasting life. After he had made perfect our redemption by his death and resurrection, and ascended into heaven, he sent into the whole world his apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors, and teachers; by the Holy Spirit, through their labor and ministry, he gathered together a great flock to set forth the eternal praise of your holy Name. Grant to this your servant such grace that he may ever be ready to spread abroad your Gospel, the glad tidings of reconciliation with you, and to use the authority given to him, not for destruction, but for salvation; not to hurt, but to help; so that, as a wise and faithful steward, he may give to your family their portion in due season, and at the last may be received into everlasting joy, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Then the Archbishop and at least two other Bishops lay their hands upon the head of the Bishop Elect, the Archbishop and other Bishops saying

Receive the Holy Spirit for the Office and work of a Bishop in the Church of God, now committed to you by the imposition of our hands; in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

The Archbishop then continues

Most merciful Father, send down upon this your servant your heavenly blessing; so endue him with your Holy Spirit that, in preaching your Word, he may not only be earnest to reprove, beseech, and rebuke, with all love and godly doctrine, but may also present a wholesome example in word and conduct, in love and faith, in chastity and purity; that, having faithfully run his course, at the Last Day he may receive the crown of righteousness, laid up by the Lord Jesus, our righteous Judge, who lives and reigns with you and the same Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.

The People in a loud voice respond

Amen.

The new Bishop is now vested according to the Order of Bishops. During the presentations that follow, the Archbishop may be assisted by others.

The Archbishop presents the new Bishop with a Bible, saying

Give heed to reading, exhortation, and doctrine. Think upon the things contained in this Book. Be diligent in them, that your growth in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ may be evident to all. In doing so you shall save both yourself and those who hear you. Be to the flock of Christ a shepherd, not a wolf; feed them, do not devour them. Hold up the weak, heal the sick, bind up the broken, bring back the lapsed, and seek the lost. Do not confuse mercy with indifference; so minister discipline, that you forget not mercy; that when the Chief Shepherd appears, you may receive the never-fading crown of glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Archbishop presents him with a pastoral staff saying

Take this staff and watch over the flock of Christ.

The Archbishop may anoint the forehead of the new Bishop with the Oil of Chrism saying

Receive the anointing of this oil, and remember continually to stir up the grace of God which is given to you; for God has not given us the spirit of fear, but of power, and love, and self-control.

The Archbishop may give him a pectoral cross saying

Receive this cross; remember that he whom you serve reconciled us to God by his own blood.

The Archbishop may give him an episcopal ring saying

Take this ring; be faithful to the Bride of Christ.

The Archbishop may give him a miter saying

Receive this miter, and remember that your authority rests in God's Word and Holy Spirit.

The Archbishop then says to the People

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People And with your spirit.

The liturgy continues with the Offertory. The Deacon prepares the Table.

Standing at the Holy Table, with the Archbishop and other Ministers, the newly consecrated Bishop joins in the celebration of the Holy Communion and in the Breaking of the Bread.

When the Communion is finished, after the Post Communion Prayer, the new Bishop prays the following Collect

Go before us, O Lord, in all our doings with your most gracious favor, and further us with your continual help; that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy Name, and finally, through your mercy, obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Archbishop, or at his direction the newly-consecrated Bishop, then blesses the People saying

People Our help is in the Name of the Lord;
Bishop The maker of heaven and earth.
People Blessed be the Name of the Lord;
People From this time forth for evermore.
Bishop The blessing, mercy, and grace of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon
you, and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

The Deacon dismisses the People saying

Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power
of the Holy Spirit.
People Thanks be to God.

From the Easter Vigil through the Day of Pentecost, "Alleluia, alleluia" is added to the dismissal. It may be added at other times, except during Lent and on other penitential occasions.

The People respond

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

THE LITANY AND SUFFRAGES
for ORDINATIONS

Other petitions may be added with the consent of the Ordinary.

O God the Father,
 Have mercy upon us.

O God the Son,
 Have mercy upon us.

O God the Holy Spirit,
 Have mercy upon us.

O holy Trinity, one God,
 Have mercy upon us.

We beseech you to hear us, good Lord: That it may please you to grant peace to the whole world and to your Church,
 We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please you to sanctify and bless your holy Church throughout the world,
 We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please you to inspire all Bishops, Priests, and Deacons with the love of you and of your truth,
 We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please you to endue all ministers of your Church with devotion to your glory and to the salvation of souls,
 We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.

At the Ordination of Deacons or Priests this petition is said

That it may please you to bless *these* your servants, now to be admitted to the Order of Deacons [or Priests], and to pour your grace upon *them*, that *they* may duly execute *their* office to the edification of your Church, and to the glory of your holy Name,
We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.

At the Ordination and Consecration of a Bishop this petition is said

That it may please you to bless this our brother *N.*, and to send your grace upon him, that he may duly execute the office to which he is called, to the edification of your Church, and to the honor, praise, and glory of your Name,

We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please you to guide by your indwelling Spirit those whom you call to the ministry of your Church; that they may go forward with courage, and persevere to the end,

We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please you to increase the number of ministers in your Church, that the Gospel may be preached to all people,

We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please you to grant us true repentance, amendment of life, and the forgiveness of all our sins,

We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please you to hasten the fulfillment of your purpose, that your Church may be one,

We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please you to grant that we, with all your saints, may be partakers of your everlasting kingdom,

We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Hear us, O Lord, when we cry out to you;

Have mercy upon us and hear us.

O Lord, arise and help us;

And deliver us for your Name's sake.

Let your priests be clothed with righteousness;

And let your saints sing with joy.

O Lord, hear our prayer;

And let our cry come to you.

A D D I T I O N A L D I R E C T I O N S

On Ember Days or other occasions, if desired, the Litany of Ordinations may be used in place of the Prayers of the People at the Eucharist, or following the Collects in the Daily Office, or it may be used separately.

A maniple may also be bestowed at the vesting of a Priest or a Bishop.

When the Priest or Deacon being ordained is to be immediately instituted as Rector, the rite of the Institution of a Rector is not used. Instead, the Bishop reads the Letter of Institution (page 514) before the Peace during the Ordination liturgy.

C O N C E R N I N G T H E I N S T I T U T I O N O F A R E C T O R

The Bishop holds spiritual oversight as chief Pastor for all the churches in his Diocese. From the earliest days of the Church, the Bishop has delegated spiritual and canonical authority to ministers who lead Congregations.

The Institution should occur early in the Rector's tenure. Because the liturgy may be scheduled some weeks or months after the Rector begins the new ministry, the Bishop may wish to provide initial conveyance of authority, either by private prayer or written instrument, to the new Rector.

The Bishop may adapt the Letter of Institution (page 514) and this liturgy as needed, particularly for a Vicar or other person exercising primary pastoral authority.

LETTER OF INSTITUTION OF A RECTOR

N.N., Presbyter of the Church of God, we hereby install and institute you as Rector of _____ *Church, [City, State/Province]*, and we give you full power and authority to carry out the ministry of Rector of this Congregation, performing those duties as prescribed by the Constitution and Canons of the Anglican Church in North America and the Diocese of _____. We pray that Almighty God will enable you to fulfill this sacred responsibility.

Heed the words of Holy Scripture:

Shepherd the flock of God that is among you, exercising oversight, not under compulsion, but willingly, as God would have you; not for shameful gain, but eagerly; not domineering over those in your charge, but being examples to the flock. And when the chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the unfading crown of glory. I PETER 5:2-4

We hereby reserve to the Bishop of the Diocese of _____, and his successors, full power and authority to revoke these presents whenever under the Canons he shall have just cause to do so.

Given under my hand and seal, in the City of _____, on the _____ day of _____, in the year of our Lord 20_____, and in the _____ year of my consecration.

(Signed) _____

Bishop of _____

T H E
I N S T I T U T I O N
of a R E C T O R

A hymn, psalm, or anthem may be sung.

T H E A C C L A M A T I O N

The People standing, the Celebrant says this or a seasonal greeting.

Blessed be God: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

T H E C O L L E C T F O R P U R I T Y

The Celebrant prays (and the People may be invited to join)

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Congregation sits.

The Wardens and the new Rector stand before the Bishop.

The Bishop says

Dearly beloved, we have assembled in the presence of God for the purpose of instituting the new Rector of this Congregation.

The Wardens present the new Rector to the Bishop, saying

Reverend Father in God, on behalf of _____ Church, we present N.N. to be instituted as Rector. We believe that *he* is well qualified and has been prayerfully and lawfully selected.

The Bishop reads the Letter of Institution.

The Bishop gives the Letter to the Rector. The Rector then says

I, N.N., receive this letter from your hands and recognize your episcopal authority. I promise to be a faithful shepherd to your flock, the Lord being my helper.

The Bishop says

Let us then offer our prayers to God for all his people, for this Congregation, and for N. their Rector.

The Litany for Ordinations (page 510) is sung or said.

At the end of the Litany, the Bishop stands and says

The Lord be with you

People And with your spirit.

Bishop Let us pray

Most gracious Father, the Giver of all good and perfect gifts, in your wise providence you appoint leaders for the mission of your Church: Give grace to this your servant, to whom the charge of

this Congregation is now given: so empower *him* with the truth of sound doctrine, and endue *him* with holiness of life, that *he* may faithfully serve before you to the glory of your great Name, and the benefit of your holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LESSONS

Lay persons read the Old Testament Lesson and the Epistle. The Deacon (or a Priest) reads the Gospel. Selections are ordinarily made from the following list; but on a Major Feast, Sunday, or Feast of Dedication, selections may be made from the Propers of the Day.

JOSHUA 1:7-9 or NUMBERS 11:16-17, 24-25A

PSALM 43 or 132:1-9, or 146 or

133 AND 134 (*especially suitable for use in the evening*)

ROMANS 12:1-18 or EPHESIANS 4:7-16

JOHN 15:9-16 or LUKE 10:1-2 or JOHN 14:11-15

The People sit. One or more Lessons, as appointed, are read, the Reader first saying

A Reading from _____.

A citation giving chapter and verse may be added.

After each Lesson the Reader may say

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Or the Reader may say Here ends the Reading.

Silence may follow.

A psalm, hymn, or anthem may follow each reading.

All standing, the Deacon or Priest reads the Gospel, first saying

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according
to _____.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

After the Gospel, the Reader says

The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

T H E S E R M O N

T H E N I C E N E C R E E D (*page 501*)

A hymn may be sung.

S Y M B O L S O F T H E P A S T O R A L O F F I C E

Representatives of the Congregation and clergy, standing before the Bishop and new Rector, may present symbols of the work to which the Rector is called. The principal symbols point to leadership in divine worship (Bible and bread and wine), in Christian formation (Book of Common Prayer, and Catechism) and in Congregational mission (keys and water). Additional symbols may be considered as local circumstances dictate.

The Bishop says

Let the symbols of this office now be presented.

The Bible is presented.

N., preach the Word at all times, and let our worship and our life together manifest the grace and truth of this Book. Amen.

Bread and wine are presented.

N., preside in the breaking of the bread and the blessing of the cup, and lead us in our prayers and praises. **Amen.**

The Book of Common Prayer is presented.

N., be a *man* of prayer, and use this book to build us up as living stones of a holy temple. **Amen.**

The Catechism is presented.

N., be a teacher of the Faith, making disciples who make disciples. **Amen.**

Keys to the buildings used by the Congregation for its life and mission are presented.

N., receive these keys, and let the doors of this place be open to all, that many would come to know the good news of salvation in Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

The Bishop presents a vessel of water.

N., receive this water and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in obedience to our Lord. **Amen.**

After all symbols are presented, the Bishop concludes

N., let all these symbols be signs of the ministry which is the Lord's and ours in this place. **Amen.**

The new Rector may kneel in the midst of the church and pray

O Lord my God, I am not worthy to have you come under my roof; yet you have called your servant to stand in your house, and to serve at your altar. To you and to your service I devote myself, body, soul, and spirit. Fill my memory with the record of your mighty works; enlighten my understanding with the light of your Holy Spirit; and may all the desires of my heart and will center in what you would have me do. Make me an instrument of your salvation for the people entrusted to my care, and grant that I may faithfully preach the Gospel and administer your holy Sacraments, and by my life and teaching set forth your true and living Word. Be always with me in carrying out the duties of my ministry. In prayer, quicken my devotion; in praises, heighten my love and gratitude; in preaching, give me readiness of thought and expression; in worship, increase my zeal for godly preparation; and grant that, by the clearness and brightness of your holy Word, all the world may be drawn into your blessed kingdom. All this I ask for the sake of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

The family of the Rector may be presented at this time.

The Bishop then says to the People

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And with your spirit.

If there is no Communion, the service continues after the Peace with the Lord's Prayer, followed by the Concluding Prayer and the Blessing.

If there is to be Holy Communion, the Bishop is chief celebrant, assisted by the newly instituted Rector. The service continues with the Offertory. The following Post Communion Prayer is used.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Almighty Father, we thank you for feeding us with the holy food of the Body and Blood of your Son, and for uniting us with him in the fellowship of your Holy Spirit. We thank you for raising up among us faithful servants for the ministry of your Word and Sacraments. We pray that *N.* may be to us an effective example in word and action, in love and patience, and in holiness of life. Grant that we, with *him*, may serve you now, and always rejoice in your glory; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

THE CONCLUDING PRAYER

After the Post Communion Prayer and before the Blessing, the Bishop may say

Almighty God, you have built your Church upon the foundation of the Apostles and Prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone: Grant that, by the operation of the Holy Spirit, all Christians may be joined together in unity of spirit and in the bond of peace, that they may be a holy temple acceptable to you. Give the abundance of your grace especially to this Congregation, that with one heart we may desire the health and increase of your holy Church, and with one voice profess the faith once delivered to the saints. Defend us from the sins of heresy and schism. And grant that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by your governance, that your Church may joyfully serve you in all godliness and faithfully walk in the ways of truth and peace; so that, on the day of judgment, we all may be numbered with your saints in glory everlasting; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, the gracious Shepherd and Bishop of our souls, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.

A D D I T I O N A L D I R E C T I O N S

The Collect of the Day or another prayer suitable to the occasion may be used.

The Sermon may be preached by the Bishop, the newly instituted Rector, or some other person appointed by the Bishop.

When the new Rector has recently come from another Diocese, the diocesan Canons may be presented, after the presentation of the keys, with these words: "Obey these Canons, and be among us to share in the councils of this Diocese."

The Preface of Apostles and Ordinations is ordinarily used for this service.

C O N C E R N I N G T H E C O N S E C R A T I O N A N D D E D I C A T I O N O F A P L A C E O F W O R S H I P

The Bishop presides at this liturgy, and the Rector (or Minister in charge) takes part as indicated. At the discretion of the Bishop, other clergy and leaders from the community may be invited to participate and may be assigned appropriate parts in the liturgy.

This liturgy provides for the consecration and dedication of a Place of Worship and its furnishings. Places that may be set apart include purpose-built church structures, as well as facilities acquired and renovated for long-term use by a worshiping community. A Place of Worship may be consecrated and dedicated, even if the building is leased or mortgaged, provided the Congregation has exclusive control of the facility and to the extent the Ordinary and local canons allow.

Shared-use facilities like school auditoriums or community centers are not consecrated and dedicated, but weekly preparation for worship should include spiritual cleansing (exorcising) of any forces of darkness that may have entered, invited or uninvited.

Portions of the liturgy may be used, or adapted when necessary, for dedicating parts of a building, or furnishings that have been

added, altered, or renovated. Likewise, suitable parts of this rite may be used for dedicating a chapel or an oratory within another building.

This liturgy does not preclude the use of the Place of Worship for educational, missional, or social purposes, or for other activities that give glory to God and build up the Church.

It is desirable that all members of the Congregation, young and old, have some individual or collective part in the celebration, as well as the architect, builders, musicians, artists, benefactors, and friends.

Instructions for the setting apart of a church or chapel long in use, and for other special cases, are provided in Additional Directions (page 537). Also provided is a form for secularizing a facility previously used as a Place of Worship, when the use of the building for worship, or for the ministry of the Congregation, has ended (page 538).

T H E

C O N S E C R A T I O N A N D

D E D I C A T I O N

of a P L A C E O F W O R S H I P

On the day appointed, the clergy and people gather with the Bishop in a place apart from the church, chapel, or place of worship to be consecrated.

When all are ready, the Bishop says

Through the ages, Almighty God has moved his people to build houses of prayer and praise, and to set apart places for the ministry of his holy Word and Sacraments. With gratitude for the building [or rebuilding, or acquisition, or adornment] of _____ (*name of church*), we are now gathered to consecrate and dedicate it in God's Name.

Let us pray.

O Eternal God, mighty in power, of majesty incomprehensible, whom the heavens cannot contain, much less the walls of temples made with hands: You have graciously promised your holy presence wherever two or three of your faithful servants gather together in the Name of your Son. Be present with us who now come with humility and gratitude to consecrate this place to the honor of your great Name. We dedicate it to

the work of your kingdom, separating it from all profane use: for reading your most holy Word, for celebrating your holy Sacraments, for offering to your glorious majesty the sacrifice of prayer and thanksgiving, for the blessing of your people, and for the mission of your Church. Accept, O Lord, this service at our hands, and fill this place with your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. Amen.

The clergy and people enter the Church. Standing at the door of the church, the Bishop knocks three times on the door with his pastoral staff, saying

Lift up your heads, O you gates, and be lifted up, you everlasting doors, and the King of glory shall come in.

People Who is the King of glory? It is the LORD, strong and mighty, even the LORD, mighty in battle. The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory. PSALM 24:7-8,10

The doors are opened by the Rector and Wardens.

With the pastoral staff, the Bishop marks the threshold with the sign of the Cross of Christ, saying

Peace be to this house and to all who enter here: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Here the Bishop may use the Oil of Exorcism.

May our Lord Jesus Christ put his seal upon this place and protect it from all evil and darkness, that it may be a beacon of his truth and love.

If the Font is at the entrance, the blessing may occur here, followed by the procession and the Prayer for the Consecration of the Church; if not, the procession moves into the midst of the church.

During the procession, a hymn may be sung, or Psalm 122 or some other appropriate psalm may be sung or said.

The Congregation standing, the Bishop begins the Prayer for the Consecration of the Church

Everliving Father, watchful and caring, our source and our end:
All that we are and all that we have is yours. Hear us now, as we
dedicate this place to which we come to praise your Name, to
ask your forgiveness, to know your healing power, to hear your
Word, and to be nourished by the Body and Blood of your Son.
Be present always to guide and to judge, to illumine and to bless
your people.

A Warden or other representative of the Congregation continues

Lord Jesus Christ, make this a temple of your presence and a
house of prayer. Be always near us when we seek you in this
place. Draw us to yourself to find comfort and wisdom, to be
supported and strengthened, and to rejoice and give thanks.
Grant, Lord Christ, that here we may be united with you
and with one another, so that our lives may be sustained and
sanctified for your service.

The Rector or Minister in charge continues

Holy Spirit, open our eyes, our ears, and our hearts, that we may
grow closer to you through joy and through suffering. Be with
us in the fullness of your power as new members are added to
God's household, as we grow in grace through the years, when
we are joined in Holy Matrimony, when we turn to you in
sickness or special need, and, at the last, when we are committed
into the Father's hands.

The Bishop pronounces the Sentence of Consecration, in this or some other form

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, I, N., by divine grace Bishop of _____, by virtue of the spiritual authority entrusted to me, now therefore consecrate this Place of Worship, setting it apart from unhallowed and profane use, and dedicating it to Almighty God for the ministration of his holy Word and Sacraments, for building up the Body of Christ, for the mission of the Church, and for public worship according to the rites and ceremonies of the Anglican Church in North America.

All gathered respond, saying

Amen.

INSTRUMENTS AND BELLS

When instruments of music are to be dedicated, the Bishop proceeds to an appropriate place, and says

Father, your people worship you with many voices and sounds, in times of joy and sorrow. Move us to express the wonder, the power, and the glory of your creation and your salvation in the music we make and in the songs we sing.

Praise him with the sound of the trumpet;
People Praise him upon the lute and harp. PSALM 150:3

We dedicate *these* _____ (*names of instruments*) in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Instruments are sounded. Bells may be rung. A hymn or anthem may be sung.

THE FONT OR BASIN

If the Font has not already been set apart, the Bishop moves to the Font, lays a hand upon it, and says

Almighty and everlasting Father, in your great mercy you saved Noah and his family in the Ark from the destruction of the flood, prefiguring the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. We thank you that by faith and through the waters of Baptism we die to sin and are reborn in Christ. Grant through your Spirit that those baptized here may enjoy the liberty and splendor of the children of God.

There is one Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;
People **One God and Father of all.** EPHESIANS 4:4-5

We dedicate this Font in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Water may be poured into the Font (and the Paschal Candle lit if it to be used to bless the Font), the Bishop saying

Now, Father, sanctify this water by the power of your Holy Spirit. May all who are baptized here be cleansed from sin, be born again, and continue for ever faithful in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

If the Paschal Candle was not used to bless the Font, it may now be lit.

THE LECTERN

The Bishop proceeds to the lectern, lays a hand upon it, and says

Father, your eternal Word speaks to us through the words of Holy Scripture. Here we read about your mighty acts and purposes in history, and about those who served you faithfully. Inspired by the revelation of your Son, we seek to do your will. Give us ears to hear and hearts to obey.

Your word is a lantern to my feet

People And a light upon my path.

PSALM 119:105

We dedicate this lectern in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

At the dedication of the lectern, the Bible may be brought forward and put into place.

THE PULPIT

The Bishop goes to the pulpit, lays a hand upon it, and says

Father, in every age you have spoken through the voices of prophets, pastors, and teachers. Purify the lives and the lips of those who speak here, that the Gospel of Christ may be boldly and faithfully proclaimed, for the building up of your Church and the extension of your kingdom.

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation
of my heart

*People Be always acceptable in your sight, O LORD, my rock
and my redeemer.*

PSALM 19:14

We dedicate this pulpit in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

THE HOLY TABLE

The Bishop proceeds to the altar, and says

Father, on the night that he was betrayed, your Son Jesus Christ instituted for us the banquet of our salvation. Accept here our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, in union with the one perfect sacrifice of your Son. Grant that all who eat and drink at this Holy Table may be fed and refreshed by the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. May they come with penitent hearts, lively faith, and perfect charity; and, being filled with your grace and heavenly benediction, obtain remission of their sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life,

People And I will raise him up on the last day. JOHN 6:54

The Bishop lays a hand upon the Holy Table, and continues

We dedicate and consecrate this Table in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. May it be to us a sign of the heavenly Altar where your saints and angels praise you for ever. **Amen.**

Members of the Congregation vest the Holy Table, place the vessels on it, and light the candles.

The Bishop concludes the acts of Consecration and Dedication saying

O God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
sanctify this place;

People For everything in heaven and on earth is yours.

Bishop Yours is the kingdom, O Lord;

People And you are exalted as head above all.

Amen.

I CHRONICLES 29:11

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Bishop The Lord be with you.

People And with your spirit.

Bishop Let us pray.

O God of unchangeable power and eternal light: Look favorably on your whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery; by the effectual working of your providence, carry out in tranquility the plan of salvation; let the whole world see and know that things which were cast down are being raised up, and things which had grown old are being made new, and that all things are being brought to their perfection by him through whom all things were made, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Three Lessons are read. Lay persons read the Old Testament Lesson and the Epistle. The Deacon (or a Priest) reads the Gospel. Selections are ordinarily made from the following list; but on a Major Feast, Sunday, or Feast of Dedication, selections may be made from the Propers of the Day.

THE LESSONS

1 KINGS 8:22-30 or 2 SAMUEL 6:12-19 or HAGGAI 2:1-8

PSALM 84 or 48

REVELATION 21:2-7 or 1 CORINTHIANS 3:1-17

or 1 PETER 2:1-9

MATTHEW 7:13-25 or MATTHEW 21:10-14

The People sit. One or more Lessons, as appointed, are read, the Reader first saying

A Reading from _____.

A citation giving chapter and verse may be added.

After each Lesson the Reader may say

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Or the Reader may say Here ends the Reading.

Silence may follow.

A psalm, hymn, or anthem may follow each reading.

All standing, the Deacon or Priest reads the Gospel, first saying

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according
to _____.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

After the Gospel, the Reader says

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

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THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Deacon or a member of the Congregation leads the Prayers of the People, saying

We praise you, almighty and eternal God, that for us and for our salvation, you sent your Son Jesus Christ to be born among us, that through him we might become your sons and daughters.

Blessed be your Name, Lord God.

We praise you for his life on earth, and for his death upon the Cross, through which he offered himself as a perfect sacrifice.

Blessed be your Name, Lord God.

We praise you for raising him from the dead, and for exalting him to be our great High Priest.

Blessed be your Name, Lord God.

We praise you for sending your Holy Spirit to make us holy, and to unite us in your holy Church.

Blessed be your Name, Lord God.

Either silently or aloud we now bring before Almighty God our petitions and intercessions:

Other petitions and intercessions may be offered.

After a period of silence, the Bishop concludes with the following prayer

We give you thanks, O God, for the gifts of your people, and for the work of many hands, which have beautified this place and furnished it for the celebration of your holy mysteries. Accept and bless all we have done, and grant that in these earthly things

we may behold the order and beauty of things heavenly; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION OF SIN

The Deacon or other person appointed says the following

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence

The Deacon and People kneel as able and pray

Most merciful God,

 we confess that we have sinned against you
 in thought, word and deed,
 by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart;

 we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,

 have mercy on us and forgive us;
 that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,
 to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Bishop stands and says

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE PEACE

People The peace of the Lord be always with you.
 And with your spirit.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Preface for the Dedication of a Church is used.

After the Post Communion Prayer, the Bishop may pray

Blessed be your Name, O Lord God, for it pleases you to have your habitation among your people, and to dwell in the midst of the assembly of the saints upon earth: Bless the service of this day and grant that in this place, now set apart to your glory, your holy Name may be worshiped in truth and purity to all generations; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Bishop blesses the people and a Deacon or Priest dismisses them.

ADDITIONAL DIRECTIONS

When the clergy and people assemble before the service, they may gather out of doors, in the parish house, in a former or neighboring place of worship, or in some other building. When convenient, the procession may go around the building(s) to be dedicated and then go to the principal door. Hymns or psalms may be used in procession.

The use of portable musical instruments is suitable. When the weather is inclement, or other circumstances make it necessary, the Congregation may assemble inside the church; the Bishop, other clergy, and attendants will enter in procession through the principal door.

When a new church is being consecrated, it may be desirable that sacred vessels, ornaments, and decorations be carried into the building in the

procession. Such things as the deed for the property and the blueprint of the building(s), the keys, and the tools used in its construction may also be carried by appropriate persons.

The cross, signed on the threshold by the Bishop, may also be marked in lasting form (incised, painted, inlaid). In place of a pastoral staff, the foot of a processional cross may be used for the signing.

Selected verses of psalms, hymns, or instrumental music may be used as the ministers move from one part of the church to another.

At the dedication of the Font, children or other lay persons may be assigned the task of pouring the water.

If one reading stand is to serve as both lectern and pulpit, only one of the prayers, and one of the versicles and responses, are used, followed by the words of dedication.

At the dedication and consecration of an altar, the Oil of Chrism may appropriately be used to mark five crosses on the unadorned Altar Table, one each at the four corners and one in the center.

FOR THE DEDICATION OF CHURCHES AND CHAPELS IN SPECIAL CASES

If the place of public worship is also to serve as a school or parish hall, or for some other suitable purpose, the liturgy may be adapted to the circumstances, with the Bishop's permission.

If the church is also to be used for regular worship by other Christian bodies, it is appropriate that their representatives take part in the service, and that the service be adapted.

When buildings have been used for public worship over many years without having been consecrated, consecration and dedication are appropriate. Furnishings already dedicated are not set apart again.

SECULARIZATION OF A BUILDING PREVIOUSLY
CONSECRATED AND DEDICATED

The altar(s) and all consecrated and dedicated objects that are to be preserved are removed from the building prior to the service.

The Bishop, or a Minister appointed by the Bishop, begins with these or similar words

We who are gathered here know that this building which has been set apart for the ministry of God's holy Word and Sacraments will no longer be dedicated to this use [or will be taken down]. We thank Almighty God for all that he has accomplished here.

The Declaration of Secularization is now read.

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

On the _____ day of _____, in the year of our Lord _____, at the hands of N.N., Bishop of _____, this building was duly consecrated and dedicated [in honor of _____]. The Sentence of Consecration has been in effect until this date.

I, N.N., Bishop of _____, do hereby revoke the said Sentence, and do remit this building, and all the objects remaining in it, for any lawful and reputable use, according to the laws of this land.

This building, having now been declared deconsecrated and secularized, I declare to be no longer subject to my canonical jurisdiction or that of this Church.

This Declaration is given under my hand and seal, in the *City of*
_____, *State/Province/Commonwealth of* _____,
in the Year of our Lord _____. (Signed) _____

The service concludes with the Lord's Prayer and such other prayers, including the following litany, as the Bishop may direct.

A LITANY OF THANKSGIVING FOR A CHURCH

Let us thank God whom we worship here in the beauty of holiness.

Eternal God, the heaven of heavens cannot contain you, much less the walls of temples made with hands. Graciously receive our thanks for this place, and accept the work of our hands, offered to your honor and glory.

For the Church universal, of which these visible buildings are a symbol,

We thank you, Lord.

For your presence whenever two or three have gathered together in your Name,

We thank you, Lord.

For this place where we may be still and know that you are God,

We thank you, Lord.

For making us your children by adoption and grace, and refreshing us day by day with the bread of life.

We thank you, Lord.

For the knowledge of your will and the grace to perform it,

We thank you, Lord.

For the fulfilling of our desires and petitions as you see best for us,

We thank you, Lord.

For the pardon of our sins, which restores us to the company of your faithful people,

We thank you, Lord.

For the blessing of our vows and the crowning of our years with your goodness,

We thank you, Lord.

For the faith of those who have gone before us and for our encouragement by their perseverance,

We thank you, Lord.

For the fellowship of [N., our patron, and of] all your saints,

We thank you, Lord.

This Litany may be used on the anniversary of the consecration or dedication of a church, or on other suitable occasions, in which case the Celebrant concludes with the following Doxology.

Celebrant Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for everything in heaven and on earth is yours; yours is the kingdom, O Lord, and you are exalted as Head above all. All things come from you, O Lord,

People And of your own have we given you.

I CHRONICLES 29:11, 14^T

S P E C I A L L I T U R G I E S *of*
L E N T & H O L Y W E E K

C O N C E R N I N G A S H W E D N E S D A Y

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the season of Lent: a time of penitence, fasting, and prayer, in preparation for the great feast of the resurrection.

The season of Lent began in the early days of the Church as a time of preparation for those seeking to be baptized at the Easter Vigil. The forty days refer to our Lord's time of fasting in the wilderness; and since Sundays are never fast days, Ash Wednesday is the beginning of the Lenten Fast.

Throughout the Old Testament, ashes are used as a sign of sorrow and repentance, and Christians have traditionally used ashes to indicate sorrow for our own sin, and as a reminder that the wages of sin is death (*ROMANS 6:23*). Like Adam and Eve, we have disobeyed and rebelled against God, and are under the same judgment, “you are dust, and to dust you shall return” (*GENESIS 3:19*).

But as we are marked with ashes in the same manner that we were signed with the Cross in Baptism, we are also reminded of the life we share in Jesus Christ, the second Adam (*ROMANS 5:17, 6:4*). It is in this sure hope that we begin the journey of these forty days, that by hearing and answering our Savior’s call to repent, we may enter fully into the joyful celebration of his resurrection.

A S H W E D N E S D A Y

The Ministers may enter in silence, or a hymn, psalm, or anthem may be sung.

The People stand, and the Officiant says

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People His mercy endures for ever.

The Officiant invites the People to the observance of a holy Lent, either here or following the sermon, saying

Dear People of God: The first Christians observed with great devotion the days of our Lord's passion and resurrection, and it became the custom of the Church to prepare for them by a season of penitence and fasting. This season of Lent provided a time in which converts to the faith were prepared for Holy Baptism. It was also a time when those who, because of notorious sins, had been separated from the body of the faithful, were reconciled by penitence and forgiveness, and restored to the fellowship of the Church. In this manner, the whole Congregation was put in mind of the message of pardon and absolution set forth in the Gospel of our Savior, and of the need that all Christians continually have to renew our repentance and faith.

I invite you, therefore, in the name of the Church, to the observance of a holy Lent: by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and alms-giving; and by reading and meditating on God's holy Word.

And to make a right beginning, let us now pray for grace, that we may faithfully keep this Lent.

The Officiant and people kneel. A period of silent prayer follows.

The Officiant then says

Almighty and everlasting God, you hate nothing you have made, and you forgive the sins of all who are penitent: Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE LESSONS

The following Lessons are read. The Psalm may be said or sung.

JOEL 2:1-2, 12-17 or ISAIAH 58:1-12

PSALM 103 or 103:8-14

2 CORINTHIANS 5:20—6:10

MATTHEW 6:1-6, 16-21

If Communion is to follow, all stand for the Gospel, and the Deacon or Priest reads it, first saying

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according
to _____.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

After the Gospel, the Reader says

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

PENITENTIAL PSALM AND IMPOSITION OF ASHES

The Officiant says

Let us now call to mind our sin and the infinite mercy of God.

If ashes are to be imposed, the Officiant says

Almighty God, you have created us from the dust of the earth:
Grant that these ashes may be for us a symbol of our mortality
and a sign of our penitence, that we may remember that it is by
your grace alone that we receive the gift of eternal life in Jesus
Christ our Savior. Amen.

Then ashes are imposed with the following words

Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.

P S A L M 5 I

All kneel. Psalm 51:1-17 is sung or said.

- 1 Have mercy upon me, O God, in your great goodness; *
according to the multitude of your mercies wipe away
my offences.
- 2 Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness *
and cleanse me from my sin.
- 3 For I acknowledge my faults, *
and my sin is ever before me.
- 4 Against you only have I sinned, and done this evil in your sight, *
so that you are justified in your sentence, and blameless
in your judgment.
- 5 Behold, I was brought forth in wickedness, *
and in sin my mother conceived me.
- 6 But behold, you desire truth in the inward parts *
and shall make me understand wisdom secretly.
- 7 You shall purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; *
you shall wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
- 8 You shall make me hear of joy and gladness, *
that the bones which you have broken may rejoice.
- 9 Turn your face from my sins, *
and blot out all my misdeeds.
- 10 Create in me a clean heart, O God, *
and renew a right spirit within me.
- 11 Cast me not away from your presence, *
and take not your holy Spirit from me.
- 12 O give me the comfort of your help again, *
and sustain me with your willing Spirit.
- 13 Then shall I teach your ways unto the wicked, *
and sinners shall return unto you.
- 14 Deliver me from blood-guilt, O God, the God of my salvation, *
and my tongue shall sing of your righteousness.

- ¹⁵ O Lord, open my lips, *
and my mouth shall show forth your praise.
- ¹⁶ For you desire no sacrifice, or else I would give it to you; *
but you delight not in burnt-offerings.
- ¹⁷ The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit; *
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you shall not despise.

CONFES SION AND LITANY OF PENITENCE

The Deacon or other person appointed says

Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

Silence may follow. The Officiant and People together, all kneeling, pray

Most holy and merciful Father,
we confess to you, and to one another,
and to the whole communion of saints
in heaven and on earth,
that we have sinned, through our own fault
in thought, word, and deed;
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart, and mind,
and strength.
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We have not forgiven others, as we have been forgiven.
We have been deaf to your call to serve, as Christ served us.
We have not been true to the mind of Christ.
We have grieved your Holy Spirit.

Reader Lord, have mercy upon us:

People For we have sinned against you.

The Reader alone continues, and the People respond

For all our unfaithfulness and disobedience;
for the pride, vanity, and hypocrisy of our lives;
Lord, have mercy upon us:

People For we have sinned against you.

For our self-pity and impatience, and our envy of those
we think more fortunate than ourselves;
Lord, have mercy upon us:

People For we have sinned against you.

For our unrighteous anger, bitterness, and resentment;
for all lies, gossip, and slander against our neighbors;
Lord, have mercy upon us:

People For we have sinned against you.

For our sexual impurity, our exploitation of other people,
and our failure to give of ourselves in love;
Lord, have mercy upon us:

People For we have sinned against you.

For our self-indulgent appetites and ways,
and our intemperate pursuit of worldly goods and comforts;
Lord, have mercy upon us:

People For we have sinned against you.

For our dishonesty in daily life and work,
our ingratitude for your gifts, and our failure to heed your call.
Lord, have mercy upon us:

People For we have sinned against you.

For our blindness to human need and suffering,
and our indifference to injustice and cruelty;
Lord, have mercy upon us:

People For we have sinned against you.

For our wastefulness and misuse of your creation,
and our lack of concern for those who come after us;
Lord, have mercy upon us:

People For we have sinned against you.

For all false judgments, for prejudice and contempt of others,
and for all uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors;
Lord, have mercy upon us:

People For we have sinned against you.

For our negligence in prayer and worship;
for our presumption and abuse of your means of grace;
Lord, have mercy upon us:

People For we have sinned against you.

For seeking the praise of others rather than the approval of God;
Lord, have mercy upon us:

People For we have sinned against you.

For our failure to commend the faith that is in us;
Lord, have mercy upon us:

People For we have sinned against you.

All then pray

Show favor to your people, O Lord, who turn to you in
weeping, fasting, and prayer. For you are a merciful God, full of
compassion, long-suffering, and abounding in steadfast love.
You spare when we deserve punishment, and in your wrath
you remember mercy. Spare your people, good Lord, spare us;
in the multitude of your mercies, look upon us and forgive us;
through the merits and mediation of your blessed Son Jesus
Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE ABSOLUTION

The Bishop, if present, or the Priest, alone stands and says

Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, desires not the death of sinners, but that they may turn from their wickedness and live. He has empowered and commanded his ministers to pronounce to his people, being penitent, the absolution and remission of their sins. He pardons and absolves all who truly repent and genuinely believe his holy Gospel. For this reason, we beseech him to grant us true repentance and his Holy Spirit, that our present deeds may please him, the rest of our lives may be pure and holy, and that at the last we may come to his eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Or the following

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE COMFORTABLE WORDS

The Officiant may then say one or more of the following sentences, first saying

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

MATTHEW 11:28

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

JOHN 3:16^t

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

I TIMOTHY 1:15

If anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. I JOHN 2:1-2^T

THE PEACE

Officiant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And with your spirit.

When there is Communion, the liturgy continues with the Offertory. The Proper Preface of Lent is used. The prayer below may be said by the Celebrant before the final blessing.

If there is no Communion, the Lord's Prayer is then said. The following prayer may be used to conclude the liturgy.

Officiant Let us pray.

O Lord our God, grant us grace to desire you with our whole heart:
that desiring you, we may seek you;
and that seeking you, we may find you;
and that finding you, we may love you;
and that loving you, we may hate those sins from which you
have delivered us;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A D D I T I O N A L D I R E C T I O N S

The silence after the Invitation to a Holy Lent is an integral part of the rite, and should not be omitted or reduced to a mere pause. Other periods of silence may be observed to allow for meditation, self-examination, and prayer.

The ashes are traditionally made from the palms of the previous Palm Sunday.

In the absence of a Priest, and with the authorization of the Bishop, a Deacon or lay person may lead the liturgy, except that instead of the absolution, the following words are used:

Grant to your faithful people, merciful Lord, pardon and peace; that we may be cleansed from all our sins, and serve you with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

C O N C E R N I N G P A L M S U N D A Y

Palm Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week. The procession with palms, which was already observed in Jerusalem in the fourth century, calls to mind the triumphal entry of Jesus, our Lord and King, into Jerusalem. The procession is fundamentally an act of worship, witness, and devotion to our Lord.

Palm Sunday is unique in having two Gospel readings. Originally there were two distinct liturgies. The palms were blessed and the Triumphal Entry Gospel was read outside of the church building. The door of the church represented the gate through which Jesus entered the city.

The purpose of Jesus' journey to Jerusalem was to fulfill his Father's will; thus it is fitting that this service continues with the reading of the Passion Gospel in which the whole story of the week is anticipated. The emphasis of the liturgy turns to the days that lie ahead in Holy Week. We who hail Jesus as King one moment, may in the next deny him, even joining with the crowd in shouting, "Crucify him!"

P A L M S U N D A Y

T H E L I T U R G Y O F T H E P A L M S

When circumstances permit, the Congregation may gather at a place apart from the church, so that all may go into the church in procession. Palms or other branches to be carried in the procession may be distributed to the people as they arrive, or after the prayer of blessing.

The following or some other suitable anthem is said or sung.

Celebrant Hosanna to the Son of David, the King of Israel.

People Blessed is he who comes in the Name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

The Celebrant then greets the people and gives a brief introduction, inviting them to participate in the celebration using these or other similar words

Dear brothers and sisters, from the beginning of Lent until now we have been preparing our hearts by repentance and self-sacrifice. Today, with the whole Church, we herald the beginning of the celebration of the Paschal Mystery. On this day our Lord Jesus Christ entered Jerusalem and was welcomed as King with palms and shouts of praise. Today we greet him as our King, though we know his crown was a crown of thorns, and his throne a Cross.

Therefore, I invite you to follow our Lord this Holy Week, from his triumphal entry, through his suffering and death, to the glory of his resurrection.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And with your spirit.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Assist us mercifully with your help, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts, whereby you have given us life and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

All standing, the Deacon or Priest reads the Triumphal Entry Gospel, first saying

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to _____.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Year A MATTHEW 21:1-11

Year B MARK 11:1-11A

Year C LUKE 19:28-40

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Celebrant then says

Let us pray.

We praise you, Almighty God, for the acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph, and was hailed as King by those who spread their garments and branches of palm along his way. Sanctify these branches with your blessing, we humbly pray, that they may be for us signs of his victory. Grant that we who bear them in his Name may ever hail him as our King, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The opening anthem may be repeated.

Celebrant Hosanna to the Son of David, the King of Israel.
People Blessed is he who comes in the Name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

T H E P R O C E S S I O N

Deacon Let us go forth in peace.
People In the Name of Christ. Amen.

During the procession all hold palms or branches, and appropriate hymns or anthems are sung, such as "All glory, laud and honor" and Psalm 118:19-29.

At a suitable place, the procession may halt while the following, or some other appropriate Collect, is said.

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the Cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

In the absence of a Bishop or Priest, the preceding service may be led by a Deacon or lay reader.

AT THE EUCHARIST

When the Liturgy of the Palms immediately precedes the Eucharist, the celebration begins with the Salutation and Collect of the Day.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And with your spirit.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, in your tender love for us you sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon himself our nature, and to suffer death upon the Cross, giving us the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering, and come to share in his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

ISAIAH 52:13—53:12

PSALM 22:1-22^v, 22:1-11^v or 31:10-18^v

PHILIPPIANS 2:5-11

The Passion Gospel is announced in the following manner

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to _____.

The customary responses before and after the Gospel are omitted.

Year A MATTHEW (26:36-75) 27:1-54 (55-66)

Year B MARK (14:32-72) 15:1-39 (40-47)

Year C LUKE (22:39-71) 23:1-49 (50-56)

The Passion Gospel may be read or chanted by clergy and lay persons. Specific roles may be assigned to individuals, the choir or Congregation taking the part of the crowd.

The Congregation may be seated for the first part of the Passion. All stand at the verse that mentions the arrival at Golgotha (Matthew 27:33, Mark 15:22, Luke 23:33). All may kneel in silence after the verse that mentions Christ's death (Matthew 27:50, Mark 15:37, Luke 23:46).

Following the Sermon, when the Liturgy of the Palms has preceded, the Nicene Creed and Prayers of the People may be omitted at the Eucharist.

The Preface of Holy Week is used.

C O N C E R N I N G M A U N D Y T H U R S D A Y

The Paschal mystery—the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ—is at the heart of the Christian Gospel. The evening of Maundy Thursday begins the Triduum (the sacred three days). This service, together with Good Friday, Holy Saturday, and The Great Vigil of Easter, form a single liturgy; thus, the final blessing and dismissal is reserved for the conclusion of the Great Vigil.

Maundy Thursday receives its name from the *mandatum* (commandment) given by our Lord: “A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another” (JOHN 13:34). At the Last Supper, Jesus washed his disciples’ feet and commanded them to love and serve one another as he had done. This day commemorates the Lord’s example of servant ministry, the institution of the Eucharist, the agony in the Garden of Gethsemane, and the betrayal leading to the crucifixion.

M A U N D Y T H U R S D A Y

This liturgy is celebrated in the evening. A silent procession may replace the processional hymn.

Celebrant Blessed be our God.

People Now and for ever. Amen.

The Celebrant may say

This is the night that Christ the Son of Man gathered with his disciples in the upper room.

This is the night that Christ our Lord and Master took a towel and washed the disciples' feet, calling us to love one another as he has loved us.

This is the night that Christ our God gave us this holy feast, that we who eat this bread and drink this cup may here proclaim his perfect sacrifice.

This is the night that Christ the Lamb of God gave himself into the hands of those who would slay him.

THE COLLECT

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And with your spirit.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty Father, whose most dear Son, on the night before he suffered, instituted the Sacrament of his Body and Blood: Mercifully grant that we may receive it in thankful remembrance of Jesus Christ our Savior, who in these holy mysteries gives us a pledge of eternal life; and who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

THE LESSONS

EXODUS 12:1-14

PSALM 78:15-26^v

I CORINTHIANS 11:23-26(27-34)

JOHN 13:1-15 or LUKE 22:14-30

THE SERMON

THE FOOT-WASHING

When observed, the ceremony of the washing of feet appropriately follows the sermon. If it is desired to introduce the ceremony by a brief address, the following may be used.

Fellow servants of our Lord Jesus Christ: On the night before his death, Jesus set an example for his disciples by washing their feet, an act of humble service. He taught that strength and growth in the life of the kingdom of God come not by worldly power and authority, but by such lowly service.

Therefore, I invite you [who have been appointed as representatives of the Congregation and] who share in the royal priesthood of Christ to come forward, that we may recall whose servants we are by following the example of our Master. Come now remembering his admonition that what will be done for you is also to be done by you to others. Engrave on your hearts and mirror in your actions Jesus' words: "A servant is not greater than his master, nor is one who is sent greater than the one who sent him. If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them."

During the ceremony, the following or some other suitable hymns or anthems may be sung or said.

The Lord Jesus, rising from supper, laid aside his outer garments, took a towel, and washed his disciples' feet. Then he said to them, "Do you understand what I have done to you? If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet." JOHN 13:12,14^T

A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another.

JOHN 13:34

The liturgy continues with the Prayers of the People.

Where it is desired to administer Holy Communion on Good Friday, the Sacrament for that purpose is consecrated at this service.

The Preface of Maundy Thursday is used.

If the Stripping of the Altar is observed as a public ceremony, it takes place at the conclusion of the Maundy Thursday liturgy. It may be done in silence, or it may be accompanied by the recitation of Psalm 22, which is sung or said without the Gloria Patri.

The final blessing and dismissal are omitted. The Congregation departs in silence.

A D D I T I O N A L D I R E C T I O N S

Consecrated elements to be received on Good Friday should be kept in a place apart from the main sanctuary of the church. They may be carried to that place at the end of Communion on Maundy Thursday, prior to the stripping of the Altar. An appropriate hymn or anthem, such as "Now my tongue the mystery telling," may be sung.

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C O N C E R N I N G G O O D F R I D A Y

The Good Friday liturgy is the second part of the Triduum (the sacred three days). This most somber of all days is appropriately marked by fasting, abstinence, and penitence, leading us to focus on Jesus and the meaning of his Cross. Some churches do not use musical instruments or bells on this day. The church is often darkened. The bare, stark appearance of the church serves as a reminder of the solemnity and the sorrow of the day. The Lord of Life was rejected, mocked, scourged, and then put to death on the Cross. The faithful are reminded of the role which their own sin played in this suffering and agony, as Christ took all sin upon himself, in obedience to his Father's will. By the Cross we are redeemed, set free from bondage to sin and death. The Cross is a sign of God's never-ending love for us. It is a sign of life, in the midst of death.

In addition to the liturgies for the Triduum, there are many other edifying devotions appropriate for this day, including The Way of the Cross, Tenebrae, and The Seven Last Words.

G O O D F R I D A Y

On this day the ministers enter in silence.

All then kneel for silent prayer.

The Officiant rises and may say

All we like sheep have gone astray;
we have turned every one to his own way,
People **And the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.**

The Officiant says

Let us pray.

Almighty God, we beseech you graciously to behold this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed and given into the hands of sinners, and to suffer death upon the Cross; who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE LESSONS

GENESIS 22:1-18 or ISAIAH 52:13—53:12

PSALM 22:1-11 (12-21)^v or 40:1-16^v or 69:1-22^v

HEBREWS 10:1-25

The Passion Gospel is announced in the following manner

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

The customary responses before and after the Gospel are omitted.

JOHN 18:1—19:37 or 19:1–37

The Passion Gospel may be read or chanted by clergy and lay persons. Specific roles may be assigned to different persons, the choir or Congregation taking the part of the crowd.

The Congregation may be seated for the first part of the Passion. All stand at the verse that mentions the arrival at Golgotha (John 19:17). All may kneel in silence after the verse that mentions Christ's death (John 19:30).

THE SERMON

A hymn may be sung.

THE SOLEMN COLLECTS

All standing, the Officiant says

Dear People of God: Our heavenly Father sent his Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world through him might be saved; that all who believe in him might be delivered from the power of sin and death, and become heirs with him of everlasting life.

We pray, therefore, for people everywhere according to their needs.

The biddings may be read by a Deacon or other person appointed. The Officiant says the Collects. The People may be directed to stand or kneel.

Let us pray for the holy Church throughout the world: that the Lord our God may preserve her in unity, peace, and safety, bringing into divine subjection all powers and principalities; and that he may grant us to dwell in such peace and tranquility that we may show forth the glory of God.

Silence

Almighty Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church. Fill it with all truth, in all truth, with all peace. Where it is corrupt, purify it; where it is in error, direct it; where in anything it is amiss, reform it; where it is right, strengthen it; where it is in want, provide for it; where it is divided, reunite it; for the sake of Jesus Christ your Son our Savior. **Amen.**

Let us pray for *N.* our Bishop and for *N.* our Archbishop: that the Lord our God, who has appointed them to this office, may preserve them in health and safety for the governance of God's holy people.

Silence

Almighty and everlasting God, whose judgment upholds all things both in heaven and on earth: as you have appointed these your servants to be our Bishops, so also defend them by your mercy against all adversities; that we, acknowledging you as the great Shepherd and Overseer of our souls, may so prosper by their care that we may bring forth the fruit of righteousness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us pray for all Bishops, Priests, and Deacons; and for all God's holy People.

Silence

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

Let us pray for *N.* our *President/Sovereign/Prime Minister*, and for all in Civil Authority; that they, knowing whose ministers they are, may above all things seek God's honor and glory: and that we, remembering whose authority they bear, may faithfully and obediently honor them in accordance with God's holy Word.

Silence

Almighty God, whose kingdom is everlasting and whose power is infinite: We commend our nation to your merciful care, that being guided by your Providence, we may dwell secure in your peace. Grant to our *President/Sovereign/Prime Minister*, and to all in authority, wisdom and strength to know and to do your will. Fill them with the love of truth and righteousness; and make them ever mindful of their calling to serve this people in your fear; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Let us pray for those who are preparing for Holy Baptism [especially _____]: that the Lord our God may open their hearts to his grace and mercy; that by the washing of regeneration they may obtain the remission of all their sins, and be found faithful servants of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Silence

Almighty and everlasting God, you multiply your Church in every generation: Grant the gifts of faith and understanding to those being instructed in your holy Word; that being washed in the waters of Baptism, they may be born again and numbered among your adopted children; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us pray to God the Father Almighty, that he would cleanse the world from all evil; deliver it from pestilence and famine; set free those who are in captivity; restore the sick to health; and bring those who travel to a haven of safety.

Silence

Gracious God, the comfort of all who sorrow, the strength of all who suffer: Let the cry of those in misery and need come to you, that they may find your mercy present with them in all their afflictions; and give us, we pray, the strength to serve them for the sake of him who suffered for us, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us pray for all who are in heresy or schism: that the Lord our God may deliver them from all false doctrine, and restore them to the faith and unity of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

Silence

O God of truth and love, who desires not the death of sinners but rather that they should turn from their wickedness and live: Look with mercy on those who are deceived by the lies of the world, the flesh, and the devil; that the hearts of those who have gone astray may be restored to wisdom and return to the way of truth in the unity of your holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us pray for the Jewish people: that the Lord our God may look graciously upon them, and that they may come to know Jesus as the Messiah, and as the Lord of all.

Silence

Almighty and everlasting God, you established your covenant with Abraham and his seed: Hear the prayers of your Church, that the people through whom you brought blessing to the world may also receive the blessing of salvation, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us pray for all those who do not believe in Christ, that the Holy Spirit may enlighten them through the Gospel and bring them into the way of salvation.

Silence

Merciful God, creator of all the peoples of the earth and lover of souls: Have compassion on all who do not know you as you are revealed in your Son Jesus Christ; let your Gospel be preached with grace and power to those who have not heard it; turn the hearts of those who resist it; and bring home to your fold those who have gone astray; that there may be one flock under one Shepherd, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us commit ourselves to our God, and pray for the grace of a holy life, that, with all who have died in the peace of Christ, and those whose faith is known to God alone, we may be accounted worthy to enter into the fullness of the joy of our Lord, and receive the crown of life in the day of resurrection.

Silence

O God of unchangeable power and eternal light: Look favorably on your whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery; by the effectual working of your providence, carry out in tranquility the plan of salvation; let the whole world see and know that things which were cast down are being raised up, and things which had grown old are being made new, and that all things are being brought to their perfection by him through whom all things were made, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Appropriate devotions may follow, which may include any or all of the following. If desired, the liturgy may end here with the singing of a hymn or anthem, the Lord's Prayer, and the Concluding Prayer.

DEVOTION BEFORE THE CROSS

A wooden cross may now be brought into the church and placed in the sight of the people. The following antiphon may be said or sung three times as the cross is being uncovered.

Behold the wood of the Cross, on which was hung
the world's Salvation.

People **O come, let us adore him.**

The following or other suitable anthems may be said or sung.

THE REPROACHES

O my people, what have I done to you?
How have I wearied you? Testify against me.
I brought you forth from the land of bondage,
and led you through the waters of salvation,
and you have prepared a Cross for your Savior.

Holy God,
Holy and Mighty,
Holy Immortal One,
Have mercy upon us.

I led you through the desert forty years,
and fed you with the bread of heaven;
I brought you into the land of promise,
and you have prepared a Cross for your Savior.

Holy God,
Holy and Mighty,
Holy Immortal One,
Have mercy upon us.

What could I have done for you that I have not done?
I planted you, my vineyard, to bear sweet fruit;
but you have become very bitter to me,
and gave me vinegar for my thirst.

Holy God,
Holy and Mighty,
Holy Immortal One,
Have mercy upon us.

I passed over your first-born and delivered them from death,
and you have delivered me into the hands of my enemies;
I led you in the pillar of cloud,
and you have led me into the judgment hall of Pilate.
O my people, what have I done to you?
How have I wearied you? Testify against me.

Holy God,
Holy and Mighty,
Holy Immortal One,
Have mercy upon us.

I struck down the kings of the Canaanites for your sake,
and you struck my head with a reed;
I gave you a royal inheritance,
and you have crowned my head with thorns.
O my people, what have I done to you?
How have I wearied you? Testify against me.

Holy God,
Holy and Mighty,
Holy Immortal One,
Have mercy upon us.

I opened the rock and gave you to drink from the water of life,
and you have opened my side with a spear.
I raised you on high with great power,
and you have hanged me high upon the Cross.
O my church, what have I done to you?
How have I wearied you? Testify against me.

Holy God,
Holy and Mighty,
Holy Immortal One,
Have mercy upon us.

A N T H E M I

We glory in your Cross, O Lord,
and praise and glorify your holy resurrection;
for by virtue of your Cross
joy has come to the whole world.

May God be merciful to us and bless us,
show us the light of his countenance, and come to us.

Let your ways be known upon earth,
your saving health among all nations.

Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.

We glory in your Cross, O Lord,
and praise and glorify your holy resurrection;
for by virtue of your Cross
joy has come to the whole world.

A N T H E M 2

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you,
because by your holy Cross you have redeemed the world.

If we have died with him, we shall also live with him;
if we endure, we shall also reign with him.

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you,
because by your holy Cross you have redeemed the world.

The hymn “Sing, my tongue, the glorious battle,” or some other hymn extolling the glory of the Cross, may then be sung.

In the absence of a Bishop or Priest, all that precedes may be led by a Deacon or lay reader.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

The rite of Holy Eucharist is not celebrated on this day.

If there is no Communion, the liturgy continues with the Concluding Prayer.

If Communion is to be administered from previously consecrated elements, the following order is observed.

The Deacon or other person appointed says the following

All who truly and earnestly repent of your sins, and seek to be reconciled with your neighbors, and intend to lead the new life, following the commandments of God, and walking in his holy ways: draw near with faith and make your humble confession to Almighty God.

Silence

The Deacon and People kneel as able and pray

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
maker and judge of us all:
We acknowledge and lament our many sins and offenses,
which we have committed by thought, word, and deed
against your divine majesty,
provoking most justly your righteous anger against us.
We are deeply sorry for these our transgressions;
the burden of them is more than we can bear.
Have mercy upon us,
Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
for your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,
forgive us all that is past;
and grant that we may evermore serve and please you in
newness of life,
to the honor and glory of your Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Bishop or Priest stands and says

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Officiant then says

And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

The Officiant and People together pray the Lord's Prayer. The concluding doxology is customarily omitted.

Our Father, who art in heaven,
 hallowed be thy Name,
 thy kingdom come,
 thy will be done,
 on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
 as we forgive those
 who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil.
Amen.

Our Father in heaven,
 hallowed be your Name,
 your kingdom come,
 your will be done,
 on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.
And forgive us our sins
 as we forgive those
 who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial,
 and deliver us from evil.
Amen.

Facing the People, the Officiant may say the following invitation

Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins
of the world.

JOHN 1:29^T

The Ministers receive the Sacrament, and then immediately deliver it to the People.

CONCLUDING PRAYER

If the Lord's Prayer has not already been said, it is said here. The concluding doxology is customarily omitted.

The service always concludes with the following prayer. No blessing or dismissal is added.

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, we pray you to set your passion, Cross, and death between your judgment and our souls, now and in the hour of our death. Give mercy and grace to the living; peace and rest to the dead; to your holy Church unity and concord; and to us sinners everlasting life and glory; for with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Ministers and People depart in silence.

H O L Y S A T U R D A Y

There is no celebration of the Eucharist on this day.

The Officiant says

Let us pray.

O God, Creator of heaven and earth: Grant that, as the crucified body of your dear Son was laid in the tomb and rested on this holy Sabbath, so we may await with him the coming of the third day, and rise with him to newness of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

or this

O God of the living, on this day your Son our Savior descended to the place of the dead: Look with kindness on all of us who wait in hope for liberation from the corruption of sin and death, and give us a share in the glory of the children of God; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. **Amen.**

THE LESSONS

JOB 14:1-14

PSALM 130 or 88 or 31:1-6^v

I PETER 4:1-8

MATTHEW 27:57-66 or JOHN 19:38-42

After the Gospel, a homily may follow.

The following is then sung or said.

THE ANTHEM

Man born of woman has but a short time to live,
and is full of misery.

He springs up, and is cut down like a flower;
he flees like a shadow,
and never continues the same.

In the midst of life we are in death:
of whom do we seek strength,
but you, O Lord,
who for our sins are justly displeased?

Yet, O Lord God most holy,
O Lord most mighty,
O holy and most merciful Savior,
deliver us not into the pains of eternal death.

You know, O Lord, the secrets of our hearts;
shut not your ears to our prayer;
but spare us, Lord most holy,
O God most mighty,
O holy and merciful Savior,
most worthy Judge eternal,
do not let us, in this our final hour,
through the pain of death, fall away from you.

The Officiant and People together pray the Lord's Prayer. The concluding doxology is customarily omitted.

Our Father, who art in heaven,
 hallowed be thy Name,
 thy kingdom come,
 thy will be done,
 on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
 as we forgive those
 who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil.
Amen.

Our Father in heaven,
 hallowed be your Name,
 your kingdom come,
 your will be done,
 on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
And forgive us our sins
 as we forgive those
 who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
 and deliver us from evil.
Amen.

The Officiant concludes

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore.

Amen.

2 CORINTHIANS 13:14^T

C O N C E R N I N G T H E G R E A T V I G I L O F E A S T E R

The Great Vigil, when observed, is the first liturgy of Easter Day. It is celebrated at a convenient time between sunset on Holy Saturday and sunrise on Easter morning. It is appropriate that the service begin in darkness. The liturgy normally consists of four parts:

The Service of Light: a new fire is kindled, and from it the Paschal Candle is lit, symbolizing Christ, the light of the world. The Exsultet, an ancient song of praise, is sung or said as the climax of this part of the liturgy.

The Service of Lessons: key passages from Scripture recount the history of God's mighty acts and promises. These readings are accompanied by psalms, canticles, and prayers.

Holy Baptism is the Sacrament through which candidates are united to the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ (*ROMANS 6:3-4*), which the Church celebrates on this most holy night. When the Bishop is present, confirmation may also be administered. If there are no candidates for Baptism or confirmation, the Congregation joins in a Renewal of Baptismal Vows.

The Holy Eucharist is the proper culmination of the Easter Liturgy. As we keep this holy feast, we share the joy of our Savior's triumph and are strengthened by his grace to walk in newness of life.

T H E
G R E A T V I G I L
of E A S T E R

THE LIGHTING OF THE PASCHAL CANDLE

In the darkness, fire is kindled; after which the Celebrant says

Dear friends in Christ: On this most holy night, in which our Lord Jesus passed over from death to life, the Church invites her members, dispersed throughout the world, to gather in vigil and prayer. For this is the Passover of the Lord, in which, by hearing his Word and celebrating his Sacraments, we share in his victory over death.

The Celebrant may say the following prayer

Eternal God, who made this most holy night to shine with the brightness of your one true light: sanctify this new fire, we pray, and so set us aflame with the fire of your love, that with pure hearts and kindled affections we may attain to the radiance of your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

If the Paschal Candle is to be marked, it is done at this time (Page 595).

The Celebrant lights the Paschal Candle from the newly kindled fire, and says

May the light of Christ, rising in glory, banish all darkness from our hearts and minds.

The Deacon (or the Celebrant if there is no Deacon), bearing the Candle, leads the procession to the chancel, pausing three times and singing or saying

The light of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

If candles have been distributed to members of the Congregation, they are lit from the Paschal Candle. Other candles and lamps in the church, except for those at the Altar, may also be lit.

The Paschal Candle is placed in its stand.

Then the Deacon, or other person appointed, standing near the Candle, customarily sings or says the Exsultet.

THE EXSULTET

Rejoice now, heavenly hosts and choirs of angels,
and let your trumpets shout Salvation
for the victory of our mighty King.

Rejoice and sing now, all the round earth,
bright with a glorious splendor,
for darkness has been vanquished by our eternal King.

Rejoice and be glad now, Mother Church,
and let your holy courts, in radiant light,
resound with the praises of your people.

All you who stand near this marvelous and holy flame,
pray with me to God the Almighty
for the grace to sing the worthy praise of this great light;

through Jesus Christ his Son our Lord,
who lives and reigns with him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Deacon The Lord be with you.

People And with your spirit.

Deacon Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them up to the Lord.

Deacon Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is truly right and good, always and everywhere,
with our whole heart and mind and voice to praise you,
the invisible, almighty, and eternal God,
and your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ our Lord;
who paid for us the debt of Adam's sin,
and by his blood delivered your faithful people;
for he is the true Paschal Lamb, the very Lamb of God,
whose blood marks the doorposts of believers
and makes us holy.

This is the night when you brought our forebears,
the children of Israel, out of bondage in Egypt,
and led them through the Red Sea on dry land.

| This is the night when with a pillar of fire
you banished the darkness of our iniquity.

This is the night when all who believe in Christ
are delivered from the gloom of sin,
and are restored to grace and holiness of life.

This is the night when Christ broke the bonds of death and hell,
and rose victorious from the grave.

| Our birth would have been no gain,
had we not been redeemed.

How wonderful and beyond our knowing, O God,
is your mercy and loving kindness to us,
that to redeem a slave, you gave a Son.

| O wonderful providence of Adam's sin
destroyed completely by the death of Christ.
O happy fault, which gained for us
so great and glorious a Redeemer.

This is the night of which it is written:
the night shall be as bright as the day.

How holy is this night when wickedness is put to flight,
and sin is washed away.

It restores innocence to the fallen, and joy to those who mourn.
It casts out pride and hatred, and brings peace and concord.

How blessed is this night when earth and heaven are joined,
and Man is reconciled to God.

| Therefore, O holy Father, accept our evening sacrifice,
the offering of this candle in your honor,
the work of bees and of your servants' hands,
the gift of your most holy Church.

May it mingle with the lights of heaven,
and shine continually to drive away all darkness.

May Christ, the Morning Star who knows no setting,
find it ever burning—he who gives his light to all creation,
and who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

THE LESSONS

The Celebrant may introduce the Scripture readings in these or similar words

Let us hear the record of God's saving deeds in history, remembering how he saved his people in ages past and in the fullness of time sent his Son to be our Redeemer; and let us pray that God may bring to completion in each of us the saving work he has begun.

At least three of the following Lessons are read, of which one is always the Lesson from Exodus. After each Lesson, the Psalm or Canticle listed, or some other suitable psalm, canticle, or hymn, may be said or sung. A period of silence may be kept; and the Collect provided, or some other suitable Collect, may be said.

THE CREATION

GENESIS 1:1—2:3

PSALM 104:1-13 (14-24)^v or
A SONG OF CREATION (*Supplemental Canticle 10*)

Let us pray. *Silence*

O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE FALL

GENESIS 3

PSALM 32

Let us pray. *Silence*

O God, you sent your blessed Son, the seed of the woman, that he might crush the serpent's head and make all creation new:

Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE FLOOD

GENESIS 7:1-5, 11-18; 8:6-20; 9:8-13

PSALM 36 or PSALM 46

Let us pray. *Silence*

Grant, Lord, that we who are baptized into the death of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ may continually put to death our evil desires and be buried with him; and that through the grave and gate of death we may pass to our joyful resurrection; through the merits of him who died and was buried and rose again for us, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

ABRAHAM'S SACRIFICE OF ISAAC

GENESIS 22:1-18

PSALM 16

Let us pray. *Silence*

Almighty God, whose servant Abraham faithfully obeyed your call, and rejoiced to see the day of your Son: Multiply the number of your children by the grace of the Lamb who was slain; that your Church may also rejoice to see your promise to our father Abraham fulfilled; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

ISRAEL'S DELIVERANCE AT THE RED SEA

EXODUS 14:10—15:1

THE SONG OF MOSES (*Supplemental Canticle 5*)

Let us pray. *Silence*

O God, whose wonderful deeds of old shine forth even to our own day, by the power of your mighty arm you once delivered your chosen people from slavery under Pharaoh, to be a sign for us of the salvation offered to all nations by the water of Baptism: Grant that all the peoples of the earth may be numbered among the offspring of Abraham, and rejoice in the inheritance of Israel; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

GOD'S PRESENCE IN A RENEWED ISRAEL

ISAIAH 4:2-6

PSALM 122

Let us pray. *Silence*

O God, you led your ancient people by a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night: Grant that we, who serve you now on earth, may come to the joy of that heavenly Jerusalem, where all tears are wiped away and where your saints for ever sing your praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

SALVATION OFFERED FREELY TO ALL

ISAIAH 55:1-11

SURELY, IT IS GOD WHO SAVES ME (*Supplemental Canticle 8*) or
PSALM 42:1-7

Let us pray. *Silence*

O God, you have created all things by the power of your Word,
and you renew the earth by your Spirit: Give the water of life
to all who thirst for you, that they may bring forth abundant
fruit in your glorious kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

A NEW HEART AND A NEW SPIRIT

EZEKIEL 36:24-28

PSALM 42:1-7 or

SURELY, IT IS GOD WHO SAVES ME (*Supplemental Canticle 8*)

Let us pray. *Silence*

Heavenly Father, by the power of your Holy Spirit you promise
your faithful people new life in the water of Baptism: Guide and
strengthen us by the same Spirit, that we who are born again
may serve you in faith and love, and grow into the full stature of
your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE VALLEY OF DRY BONES

EZEKIEL 37:1-14

PSALM 30 or PSALM 126

Let us pray. *Silence*

Lord God of our salvation, you speak the word to your scattered
people, and raise us up from the valley of death: Breathe your
Spirit upon your Church, that we may live and stand before you
confident in your risen Son our Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

THE THREE YOUNG MEN IN THE FURNACE

DANIEL 3:1-28

A SONG OF CREATION (*Supplemental Canticle 10*) or
A SONG OF PRAISE (*Benedictus es, Domine*)

Let us pray. *Silence*

O God, you know that we are set in the midst of many grave dangers, and because of the frailty of our nature we cannot always stand upright: Grant that your strength and protection may support us in all dangers and carry us through every temptation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

JONAH AND THE FISH

JONAH 1:1—2:10

PSALM 130

Let us pray. *Silence*

Almighty God, by the resurrection of your Son you have brought us out of sin into righteousness and out of death into life: Grant to those who are sealed by your Holy Spirit the will and the power to proclaim you to all the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

ZEPHANIAH 3:12-20

PSALM 98

Let us pray. *Silence*

Almighty God, you called your Church to bear witness that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself: Give us

boldness to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may be drawn to you; through him who was lifted high upon the Cross, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Or, if the Solemn Collects were not said on Good Friday, the following may be used

O God of unchangeable power and eternal light: Look favorably on your whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery; by the effectual working of your providence, carry out in tranquility the plan of salvation; let the whole world see and know that things which were cast down are being raised up, and things which had grown old are being made new, and that all things are being brought to their perfection by him through whom all things were made, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Holy Baptism may be administered here or after the Gospel (and sermon). Confirmation may likewise be administered as provided in Additional Directions. In the absence of Candidates for Baptism or Confirmation, the Celebrant leads the people in the Renewal of Baptismal Vows.

THE EASTER ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

A joyful fanfare may be played, and bells may be rung. The church is lighted, and the candles at the Altar may now be lighted from the Paschal Candle.

The Gloria in Excelsis, or some other hymn of praise, is sung or said

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,

we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us.
You are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE COLLECT

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And with your spirit.
Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, you made this most holy night to shine with the glory of the Lord's resurrection: Stir up in your Church that Spirit of adoption which is given to us in Baptism, that we, being renewed both in body and mind, may worship you in sincerity and truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The service continues with the Epistle reading

ROMANS 6:3-11

*Psalm 114 or some other suitable psalm, hymn, or anthem may be said or sung.
The use of "Alleluia" is particularly appropriate.*

All stand, and the Deacon or Priest reads the Gospel, first saying

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

MATTHEW 28:1-10

After the Gospel, the Reader says

The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

BAPTISM, CONFIRMATION, AND THE RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

Holy Baptism may be administered here. Confirmation may likewise be administered as provided in Additional Directions. In the absence of Candidates for Baptism or Confirmation, the Celebrant leads the people in the Renewal of Baptismal Vows.

The celebration continues with the Prayers of the People.

The Preface of Easter is used at the Eucharist.

The following blessing may be used at the conclusion of the liturgy, in place of the usual blessing.

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. Amen.

A D D I T I O N A L D I R E C T I O N S

At the Easter Vigil, one of three rites (Holy Baptism; Holy Baptism with Confirmation, Reception, and Reaffirmation; or the Renewal of Baptismal Vows) follows either the Service of Lessons or the Sermon.

If there are Baptisms only, the order for Holy Baptism is followed, beginning with the Exhortation. If there are Baptisms and Confirmations, the order for Holy Baptism with Confirmation, Reception, and Reaffirmation is followed. If there are Confirmations but no Baptisms, the order for Holy Baptism with Confirmation, Reception, and Reaffirmation is used but ordered as follows:

Presentation of Adults Seeking the Laying on of Hands
The Profession of Faith
The Confirmations, Receptions and Reaffirmations
The prayer that begins, “Almighty and everliving God, let your fatherly hand...”

The Easter Vigil then continues with the Easter Acclamation or the Prayers of the People.

According to ancient tradition, the light for the Paschal Candle is taken from newly kindled fire and not from an already existing source of light. If a new fire is kindled outside the building, the people may be invited to gather around the fire and to follow the Paschal Candle in procession.

Other than the Paschal Candle and any candles held by the Congregation, it is desirable that the building remain as dark as possible until the Easter Acclamation.

If desired, a homily may be preached after any of the readings in the Service of Lessons.

After the Easter Acclamation, the joy of the resurrection is appropriately demonstrated by bells and music. Bells may also be rung at the end of the service. In place of the *Gloria in Excelsis*, the *Te Deum Laudamus* or the *Pascha Nostrum*, or some other hymn of praise, may be used.

In the absence of a Bishop or Priest, a Deacon or lay reader may lead the first two parts of the service, the Renewal of Baptismal Vows, and the

Ministry of the Word of the Vigil Eucharist, concluding with the Prayers of the People, the Lord's Prayer, and the Dismissal (but omitting the final blessing). When the services of a Priest cannot be obtained, and with the authorization of the Bishop, a Deacon may also officiate at public Baptism, and may administer Communion from the Sacrament previously consecrated.

Where the Vigil is not celebrated, the marking and lighting of the Paschal Candle may be used to begin the first liturgy of Easter Day.

The Paschal Candle should be lit for all principal services throughout the season of Easter. It is also traditionally used at Baptism and the Burial of the Dead throughout the year.

If desired, the Paschal Candle may be marked before it is lit, as follows.

*As the vertical of the cross is traced
the Celebrant says*

Christ, yesterday and today,

*As the horizontal is traced
the Celebrant says*

the beginning and the end,

As the Alpha is traced

Alpha

As the Omega is traced

and Omega,

*As the first number of the year is traced
the Celebrant says*

all time belongs to him,

As the second number is traced

and all ages;

As the third number is traced

to him be glory and power,

As the fourth number is traced

through every age and for ever.

Amen.

*Nails or incense studs may be
inserted into the Paschal Candle.*

By his holy and glorious wounds
may Christ our Lord guard and
keep us. *Amen.*

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C O L L E C T S *of the*
C H R I S T I A N Y E A R

A D V E N T

THE FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Preface of Advent

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Blessed Lord, who caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that by patience and the comfort of your holy Word we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Preface of Advent

THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

O Lord Jesus Christ, you sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries may likewise make ready your way, by turning the hearts of the disobedient toward the wisdom of the just, that at your second coming to judge the world, we may be found a people acceptable in your sight; for with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Preface of Advent

Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday of this week are the traditional winter Ember Days.

THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Annunciation

Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and as we are sorely hindered by our sins from running the race that is set before us, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Preface of Advent

C H R I S T M A S

CHRISTMAS EVE

O God, you have caused this holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light: Grant that we, who have known the mystery of that Light on earth, may also enjoy him perfectly in heaven; where with you and the Holy Spirit he lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

Preface of Christmas

CHRISTMAS DAY

Almighty God, you have given your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him, and to be born [this day] of a pure virgin: Grant that we, who have been born again and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with you and the same Spirit be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Preface of Christmas

The Collect for Christmas Day and any of the sets of proper lessons for Christmas Day serve for any weekdays between Holy Innocents' Day and the First Sunday of Christmas

When Christmas Day falls on a Sunday, the next Sunday is the Second Sunday of Christmas or The Circumcision and Holy Name of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, kindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Preface of Christmas

THE CIRCUMCISION AND HOLY NAME OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST *January 1*

Almighty God, your blessed Son fulfilled the covenant of circumcision for our sake, and was given the Name that is above every name: Give us grace faithfully to bear his Name, and to worship him with pure hearts according to the New Covenant; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Preface of the Presentation

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Preface of Christmas

E P I P H A N Y

THE EPIPHANY

The Manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles

O God, by the leading of a star you manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: Lead us, who know you now by faith, to your presence, where we may see your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Preface of the Epiphany

This Collect, with the psalm and lessons for the Epiphany, or those for the Second Sunday after Christmas, serve for weekdays between the Epiphany and the following Sunday.

When the Epiphany falls on a Sunday, the following Sunday is the First Sunday of Epiphany.

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

The Baptism of Our Lord

Eternal Father, at the baptism of Jesus you revealed him to be your Son, and your Holy Spirit descended upon him like a dove: Grant that we, who are born again by water and the Spirit, may be faithful as your adopted children; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Preface of the Epiphany

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshiped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Preface of the Epiphany

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Preface of the Epiphany

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

O God, you know that we are set in the midst of many grave dangers, and because of the frailty of our nature we cannot always stand upright: Grant that your strength and protection may support us in all dangers and carry us through every temptation; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Preface of the Epiphany

THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE
February 2

Almighty and everliving God, we humbly pray that, as your only-begotten Son was this day presented in the temple in the substance of our flesh, so we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts by Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Preface of the Presentation

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

O Lord, our heavenly Father, keep your household the Church continually in your true religion, that we who trust in the hope of your heavenly grace may always be defended by your mighty power; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Preface of the Lord's Day, or of the Epiphany

THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

Almighty God, look mercifully upon your people, that by your great goodness they may be governed and preserved evermore; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Preface of the Lord's Day, or of the Epiphany

THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

O God, the strength of all who put their trust in you: Mercifully accept our prayers, and because, through the weakness of our mortal nature, we can do no good thing without you, grant us the help of your grace, that in keeping your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Preface of the Lord's Day, or of the Epiphany

THE EIGHTH SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

Almighty and merciful God, in your goodness keep us, we pray, from all things that may hurt us; that we, being ready both in mind and body, may accomplish with joyful hearts those things which belong to your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Preface of the Lord's Day, or of the Epiphany

THE SECOND TO LAST SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY *World Mission Sunday*

Almighty God, through the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, you revealed the way of eternal life to every race and nation: Pour out this gift anew, that by the preaching of the Gospel your salvation may reach to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Preface of the Epiphany

This Collect, with corresponding psalms and lessons, may be substituted for any Sunday of Epiphany, except the First or the Last.

THE LAST SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY *Transfiguration*

O God, who before the passion of your only-begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Preface of the Epiphany or of the Transfiguration

L E N T

ASH WEDNESDAY

Almighty and everlasting God, you hate nothing you have made, and you forgive the sins of all who are penitent: Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Preface of Lent

This Collect, with the corresponding psalm and lessons, also serves for the weekdays that follow, except as otherwise appointed.

THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations, and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Preface of Lent

Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday of this week are the traditional spring Ember Days.

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities that may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Preface of Lent

THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

Heavenly Father, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you: Look with compassion upon the heartfelt desires of your servants, and purify our disordered affections, that we may behold your eternal glory in the face of Christ Jesus; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Preface of Lent

THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Preface of Lent

THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Passion Sunday

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of this world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Preface of Lent

H O L Y W E E K

P A L M S U N D A Y

Almighty and everlasting God, in your tender love for us you sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon himself our nature, and to suffer death upon the Cross, giving us the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering, and come to share in his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Preface of Holy Week

M O N D A Y O F H O L Y W E E K

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the Cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Preface of Holy Week

T U E S D A Y O F H O L Y W E E K

O Lord our God, whose blessed Son gave his back to be whipped and did not hide his face from shame and spitting: Give us grace to accept joyfully the sufferings of the present time, confident of the glory that shall be revealed; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Preface of Holy Week

WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK

Assist us mercifully with your grace, Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the meditation of those mighty acts by which you have promised us life and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Preface of Holy Week

MAUNDY THURSDAY

Almighty Father, whose most dear Son, on the night before he suffered, instituted the Sacrament of his Body and Blood: Mercifully grant that we may receive it in thankful remembrance of Jesus Christ our Savior, who in these holy mysteries gives us a pledge of eternal life; and who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Preface of Maundy Thursday

GOOD FRIDAY

Almighty God, we beseech you graciously to behold this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed and given into the hands of sinners, and to suffer death upon the Cross; who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

HOLY SATURDAY

O God, Creator of heaven and earth: Grant that, as the crucified body of your dear Son was laid in the tomb and rested on this holy Sabbath, so we may await with him the coming of the third day, and rise with him to newness of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

or this

O God of the living, on this day your Son our Savior descended to the place of the dead: Look with kindness on all of us who wait in hope for liberation from the corruption of sin and death, and give us a share in the glory of the children of God; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. **Amen.**

E A S T E R

E A S T E R E V E

O God, you made this most holy night to shine with the glory of the Lord's resurrection: Stir up in your Church that Spirit of adoption which is given to us in Baptism, that we, being renewed both in body and mind, may worship you in sincerity and truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Preface of Easter

E A S T E R D A Y

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may, by your life-giving Spirit, be delivered from sin and raised from death; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Preface of Easter

or this

EASTER DAY

O God, who for our redemption gave your only begotten Son to die upon the Cross, and by his glorious resurrection delivered us from the devil and the power of death: Grant us grace to die daily to sin, that we may live with him in the joy of his resurrection; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Preface of Easter

MONDAY OF EASTER WEEK

Grant, we pray, Almighty God, that we who celebrate with reverence the Paschal feast may be made worthy to attain to everlasting joys; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Preface of Easter

TUESDAY OF EASTER WEEK

O God, who by the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light: Grant that we, who have been raised with him, may abide in his presence and rejoice in the hope of eternal glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Preface of Easter

WEDNESDAY OF EASTER WEEK

O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in the fullness of his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Preface of Easter

THURSDAY OF EASTER WEEK

Almighty God, you show those in error the light of your truth so that they may turn to the path of righteousness: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Preface of Easter

FRIDAY OF EASTER WEEK

Almighty Father, who gave your only Son to die for our sins and to rise for our justification: Give us grace so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness, that we may always serve you in purity of life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Preface of Easter

SATURDAY OF EASTER WEEK

Heavenly Father, you have delivered us from the dominion of sin and death, and brought us into the kingdom of your beloved Son: Grant that, as by his death he has called us to life, so by his love he may raise us to eternal joys; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Preface of Easter

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Preface of Easter

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Almighty God, you gave your only Son to be for us both a sacrifice for sin and an example of godly living: Give us grace thankfully to receive his inestimable benefits, and daily to follow the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Preface of Easter

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Good Shepherd

O God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the Good Shepherd of your people: Grant that, when we hear his voice, we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Preface of Easter

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal glory; through Jesus Christ your

Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Preface of Easter

THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
Rogation

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Preface of Easter

Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday of this week are the traditional Rogation Days.

ASCENSION DAY

Almighty God, whose only-begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ ascended into heaven: May our hearts and minds also there ascend, and with him continually dwell; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Preface of the Ascension

The Collect for Ascension Day, with the corresponding psalm and lessons, also serves for the Friday and Saturday following, except as otherwise appointed.

THE SUNDAY AFTER THE ASCENSION

O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

Preface of the Ascension

DAY OF PENTECOST

Whitsunday

Almighty God, on this day, through the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, you revealed the way of eternal life to every race and nation: Pour out this gift anew, that by the preaching of the Gospel your salvation may reach to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Preface of Pentecost

or this

O God, who on this day taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: Grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgment in all things, and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Preface of Pentecost

The Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday of this week are the traditional summer Ember Days.

T H E S E A S O N A F T E R P E N T E C O S T

The Easter Season includes and ends with the Day of Pentecost. The First Sunday after Pentecost is Trinity Sunday. All subsequent Sundays have numbered propers and may be designated as "after Pentecost" or "after Trinity." The Collects, lessons, and prefaces for the Day of Pentecost and Trinity Sunday are not used on the following weekdays. In their place, the dated propers for the week are used. There is no seasonal preface for the numbered propers. Prefaces of the Lord's Day are used on Sundays. No preface is required on the weekdays of this season, except for Holy Days or commemorations.

TRINITY SUNDAY

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given to us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of your divine Majesty to worship the Unity: Keep us steadfast in this faith and worship, and bring us at last to see you in your one and eternal glory, O Father; who with the Son and the Holy Spirit live and reign, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Preface of Trinity Sunday

PROPER 1

Week of the Sunday from May 8 to May 14

O God, the strength of all who put their trust in you: Mercifully accept our prayers, and because, through the weakness of our mortal nature, we can do no good thing without you, grant us the help of your grace to keep your commandments, that we may please you in will and deed; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

PROPER 2

Week of the Sunday from May 15 to May 21

O Lord, you never fail to support and govern those whom you bring up in your steadfast love and fear: Keep us, we pray, under your continual protection and providence, and give us a perpetual fear and love of your holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

PROPER 3

Week of the Sunday from May 22 to May 28

O Lord, we entreat you mercifully to hear us, and grant that we, to whom you have given the desire to pray, may by your mighty aid be defended and comforted in all our adversities; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

PROPER 4

Week of the Sunday from May 29 to June 4

O God, the protector of all those who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy, that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal that we lose not the things eternal; grant this, heavenly Father, for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

PROPER 5

Week of the Sunday from June 5 to June 11

Grant, O Lord, that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by your providence, that your Church may joyfully serve you in quiet confidence and godly peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

PROPER 6

Week of the Sunday from June 12 to June 18

O Lord, from whom all good proceeds: Grant us the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may always think those things that are good, and by your merciful guidance may accomplish the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

PROPER 7

Week of the Sunday from June 19 to June 25

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

PROPER 8

Week of the Sunday from June 26 to July 2

O God, your never-failing providence sets in order all things both in heaven and on earth: Put away from us all hurtful things, and give us those things that are profitable for us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

PROPER 9

Week of the Sunday from July 3 to July 9

Grant us, O Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who can do no good thing apart from you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

PROPER 10

Week of the Sunday from July 10 to July 16

Let your merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of your humble servants; and, that we may receive what we ask, teach us by your Holy Spirit to ask only those things that are pleasing to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the same Spirit lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

PROPER 11

Week of the Sunday from July 17 to July 23

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

PROPER 12

Week of the Sunday from July 24 to July 30

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

PROPER 13

Week of the Sunday from July 31 to August 6

Almighty and merciful God, it is only by your grace that your faithful people offer you true and laudable service: Grant that we may run without stumbling to obtain your heavenly promises; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

PROPER 14

Week of the Sunday from August 7 to August 13

Almighty God, give us the increase of faith, hope, and love; and, that we may obtain what you have promised, make us love what

you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

PROPER 15

Week of the Sunday from August 14 to August 20

Keep your Church, O Lord, by your perpetual mercy; and because without you the frailty of our nature causes us to fall, keep us from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable for our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

PROPER 16

Week of the Sunday from August 21 to August 27

Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

PROPER 17

Week of the Sunday from August 28 to September 3

O Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow after us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

PROPER 18

Week of the Sunday from September 4 to September 10

O Lord God, grant your people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh, and the devil, and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

PROPER 19

Week of the Sunday from September 11 to September 17

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday after September 14 are the traditional autumn Ember Days.

PROPER 20

Week of the Sunday from September 18 to September 24

O Lord, you have taught us that without love, all our deeds are worth nothing; Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of charity, the true bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whoever lives is counted dead before you; grant this for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

PROPER 21

Week of the Sunday from September 25 to October 1

O merciful Lord, grant to your faithful people pardon and peace, that we may be cleansed from all our sins and serve you with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

PROPER 22

Week of the Sunday from October 2 to October 8

Keep, O Lord, your household the Church in continual godliness, that through your protection it may be free from all

adversities, and devoutly serve you in good works, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

PROPER 23

Week of the Sunday from October 9 to October 15

O God, our refuge and strength, true source of all godliness: Graciously hear the devout prayers of your Church, and grant that those things which we ask faithfully, we may obtain effectually; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

PROPER 24

Week of the Sunday from October 16 to October 22

Set us free, loving Father, from the bondage of our sins, and in your goodness and mercy give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

PROPER 25

Week of the Sunday from October 23 to October 29

Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

ALL SAINTS' DAY
November 1

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical Body of your Son: Give us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those ineffable joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

Preface of All Saints'

PROPER 26

Week of the Sunday from October 30 to November 5

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, as we live among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

PROPER 27

Week of the Sunday from November 6 to November 12

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

PROPER 28

Week of the Sunday from November 13 to November 19

Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people, that bringing forth in abundance the fruit of good works, they may be

abundantly rewarded when our Savior Jesus Christ comes to restore all things; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

PROPER 29

*Week of the Sunday from November 20 to November 26
Christ the King*

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Preface of Christ the King

H O L Y D A Y S

S A I N T A N D R E W

November 30

Almighty God, you gave such grace to your apostle Andrew that he readily obeyed the call of your Son Jesus Christ, and brought his brother with him: Give us, who are called by your holy Word, grace to follow him without delay, and to bring those near to us into his gracious presence; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Preface of Apostles

S A I N T T H O M A S

December 21

Everliving God, you strengthened your apostle Thomas with firm and certain faith in your Son's resurrection: Grant us so perfectly and without doubt to believe in Jesus Christ, our Lord and our God, that our faith may never be found wanting in your sight; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Preface of Apostles

S A I N T S T E P H E N

December 26

O Glorious Lord, your servant Stephen looked up to heaven and prayed for his persecutors: Grant that in all our sufferings here upon earth we may love and forgive our enemies, looking steadfastly to Jesus Christ our Lord, who sits at your right hand and intercedes for us; and who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Preface of Christmas

SAIN T JOHN THE EVANGELIST
December 27

Shed upon your Church, O Lord, the brightness of your light; that we, being illumined by the teaching of your apostle and evangelist John, may so walk in the light of your truth, that at length we may attain to the fullness of eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Preface of Christmas

T H E HOLY INNOCENTS
December 28

Almighty God, out of the mouths of children you manifest your truth, and by the death of the Holy Innocents at the hands of evil tyrants you show your strength in our weakness: We ask you to mortify all that is evil within us, and so strengthen us by your grace, that we may glorify your holy Name by the innocence of our lives and the constancy of our faith even unto death; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who died for us and now lives with you and the Holy Spirit, world without end. **Amen.**

Preface of Christmas

T H E CIRCUMCISI ON AND HOLY NAME
OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST
January 1

Almighty God, your blessed Son fulfilled the covenant of circumcision for our sake, and was given the Name that is above every name: Give us grace faithfully to bear his Name, and to worship him with pure hearts according to the New Covenant; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Preface of the Presentation

CONFESSiON OF SAiNT PETER
January 18

Almighty Father, who inspired Simon Peter, first among the apostles, to confess Jesus as Messiah and Son of the living God: Keep your Church steadfast upon the rock of this faith, that in unity and peace we may proclaim the one truth and follow the one Lord, our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Preface of Apostles

CONVERSiON OF SAiNT PAUL
January 25

O God, by the preaching of your apostle Paul you have caused the light of the Gospel to shine throughout the world: Grant, we pray, that having his wonderful conversion in remembrance, we may show ourselves thankful to you by following his holy teaching; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Preface of Apostles

THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE
February 2

Almighty and everlasting God, we humbly pray that, as your only-begotten Son was this day presented in the temple in the substance of our flesh, so we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts by Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Preface of the Presentation

S A I N T M A T T H I A S
February 24

Almighty God, who in the place of Judas chose your faithful servant Matthias to be numbered among the Twelve: Grant that your Church, being delivered from false apostles, may always be guided and governed by faithful and true pastors; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Preface of Apostles

S A I N T J O S E P H
March 19

O God, who from the family of your servant David raised up Joseph to be the guardian of your incarnate Son and the husband of his virgin mother: Give us grace to imitate his uprightness of life and his obedience to your commands; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Preface of the Presentation

T H E A N N U N C I A T I O N
March 25

Pour your grace into our hearts, O Lord, that we who have known the incarnation of your Son Jesus Christ, announced by an angel to the Virgin Mary, may by his Cross and passion be brought to the glory of his resurrection; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Preface of the Annunciation

S A I N T M A R K
April 25

Almighty God, by the hand of Mark the evangelist you have given to your Church the Gospel of Jesus Christ: We thank you for his witness, and pray that you will give us grace to know the truth, and not to be carried about by every wind of false doctrine, that we may know Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Preface of All Saints'

S A I N T P H I L I P A N D S A I N T J A M E S
May 1

Almighty God, you gave to your apostles Philip and James the grace and strength to bear witness to Jesus as the way, the truth, and the life: Grant that we, being mindful of their victory of faith, may glorify in life and death the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Preface of Apostles

T H E V I S I T A T I O N
May 31

Almighty God, by whose grace Elizabeth rejoiced with the blessed Virgin Mary and greeted her as the mother of the Lord: Look with favor on your lowly servants, that, with Mary, we may magnify your holy Name and rejoice to acclaim her Son as our Savior; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Preface of the Presentation

S A I N T B A R N A B A S

June 11

Grant, O God, that we may follow the example of your faithful servant Barnabas, who, seeking not his own renown but the well-being of your Church, gave generously of his life and substance for the relief of the poor, and went forth courageously in mission for the spread of the Gospel; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Preface of Apostles

T H E N A T I V I T Y O F S A I N T J O H N T H E B A P T I S T

June 24

Almighty God, by whose providence your servant John the Baptist was wonderfully born, and sent to prepare the way of your Son our Savior by preaching repentance: Make us so to follow his teaching and holy life, that we may truly repent, boldly rebuke vice, patiently suffer for the sake of truth, and proclaim the coming of Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Preface of Advent

S A I N T P E T E R A N D S A I N T P A U L

June 29

Almighty God, whose blessed apostles Peter and Paul glorified you by their martyrdom: Grant that your Church, instructed by their teaching and example, and knit together in unity by your Spirit, may ever stand firm upon the one foundation, which is Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Preface of Apostles

S A I N T M A R Y M A G D A L E N E
July 22

Almighty God, whose blessed Son restored Mary Magdalene to health of body and of mind, and called her to be a witness of his resurrection: Mercifully grant that, by your grace, we may be healed from all our infirmities and know you in the power of his unending life; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Preface of Apostles

S A I N T J A M E S
July 25

O gracious God, your servant and apostle James was first among the Twelve to suffer martyrdom for the Name of Jesus Christ: Pour out upon the leaders of your Church that spirit of self-denying service, by which they may have true authority among your people; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Preface of Apostles

T H E T R A N S F I G U R A T I O N
August 6

O God, who on the holy mount revealed to chosen witnesses your well-beloved Son, wonderfully transfigured, in raiment white and glistening: Mercifully grant that we, being delivered from the disquietude of this world, may by faith behold the King in his beauty; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Preface of the Transfiguration

S A I N T M A R Y T H E V I R G I N
August 15

O God, you have taken to yourself the blessed Virgin Mary, mother of your incarnate Son: Grant that we, who have been redeemed by his blood, may share with her the glory of your eternal kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Preface of Christmas

S A I N T B A R T H O L O M E W
August 24

Almighty and everlasting God, you gave your apostle Bartholomew grace truly to believe and to preach your Word: Grant that your Church may love what he believed and preach what he taught; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Preface of Apostles

H O L Y C R O S S D A Y
September 14

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ was lifted high upon the Cross that he might draw the whole world to himself: Mercifully grant that we, who glory in the mystery of our redemption, may have grace to take up our cross and follow him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

Preface of Holy Week

S A I N T M A T T H E W
September 21

Lord Jesus, you called Matthew from collecting taxes to become your apostle and evangelist: Grant us the grace to forsake all covetous desires and inordinate love of riches, that we may follow you as he did and proclaim to the world around us the good news of your salvation; for with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Preface of Apostles

H O L Y M I C H A E L A N D A L L A N G E L S
September 29

Everlasting God, you have ordained and constituted in a wonderful order the ministries of angels and mortals: Mercifully grant that, as your holy angels always serve and worship you in heaven, so by your appointment they may help and defend us here on earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Preface of Trinity Sunday

S A I N T L U K E
October 18

Almighty God, you called your servant Luke to be an evangelist and physician of the soul: Grant that, by the wholesome medicine of the doctrine he taught, all the diseases of our souls may be healed; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Preface of All Saints'

SAINT JAMES OF JERUSALEM
October 23

Grant, O God, that, following the example of your apostle James the Just, kinsman of our Lord, your Church may give itself continually to prayer and to the reconciliation of all who are at variance and enmity; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Preface of Apostles

SAINT SIMON AND SAINT JUDE
October 28

Grant, O God, that as your apostles Simon and Jude were faithful and zealous in their mission, so we may with ardent devotion make known the love and mercy of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Preface of Apostles

ALL SAINTS' DAY
November 1

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical Body of your Son: Give us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those ineffable joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

Preface of All Saints'

E M B E R D A Y S

The Ministry of the Church

For use on the traditional days or at other times

Almighty God, the giver of all good gifts, in your divine providence you have appointed various orders in your Church: Give your grace, we humbly pray, to all who are [now] called to any office and ministry for your people; and so fill them with the truth of your doctrine and clothe them with holiness of life, that they may faithfully serve before you, to the glory of your great Name and for the benefit of your holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Preface of Apostles

or this

O God, you led your holy apostles to ordain ministers in every place: Grant that your Church, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, may choose suitable persons for the ministry of Word and Sacrament, and may uphold them in their work for the extension of your kingdom; through the great Shepherd and Bishop of our souls, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Preface of Apostles

R O G A T I O N D A Y S
Agriculture and Industry

Almighty God, Lord of heaven and earth: We humbly pray that your gracious providence may give and preserve to our use the harvests of the land and of the seas, and may prosper all who labor to gather them, that we, who are constantly receiving good things from your hand, may always give you thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Preface of the Season

or this

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ in his earthly life shared our toil and hallowed our labor: Be present with your people where they work; make those who carry on the industries and commerce of this land responsive to your will; and give us all a right satisfaction in what we do, and a just return for our labor; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Preface of the Season

NATIONAL DAYS

MEMORIAL DAY & REMEMBRANCE DAY

*United States of America, Monday from May 25 to May 31;
Canada, November 11*

O King and Judge of the nations: We remember before you with grateful hearts the men and women of our armed forces, who in the day of decision ventured much for the liberties we now enjoy; grant that we may not rest until all the people of this land share the benefits of true freedom and gladly accept its disciplines; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Preface of Burial

CANADA DAY

Canada on July 1

Almighty God, whose wisdom and love are over all: Accept the prayers we offer for Canada, and give integrity to its citizens and wisdom to those in authority, that harmony and justice may be secured in obedience to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Preface of Trinity Sunday

INDEPENDENCE DAY

United States of America on July 4

Lord God, by your providence our founders won their liberties of old: Grant that we and all the people of this land may have grace to exercise these liberties in righteousness and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Preface of Trinity Sunday

T H A N K S G I V I N G D A Y
Canada and United States of America

Most merciful Father, we humbly thank you for all your gifts so freely bestowed upon us: for life and health and safety, for strength to work and leisure to rest, for all that is beautiful in creation and in human life; but above all we thank you for our spiritual mercies in Christ Jesus our Lord; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Preface of Trinity Sunday

C O M M O N O F C O M M E M O R A T I O N S

The festival of a saint is observed in accordance with the rules of precedence set forth in the Calendar of the Church Year. At the discretion of the Celebrant, and as appropriate, any of the following Collects, with one of the corresponding sets of psalms and lessons, may be used (a) at the commemoration of a saint listed in the Calendar for which no propers are provided in this Book, or (b) at the Feast of Dedication or commemoration of a saint not listed in the Calendar.

O F A M A R T Y R

Almighty God, you gave your servant *N.* boldness to confess the Name of our Savior Jesus Christ before the rulers of this world, and courage to die for this faith: Grant that we may always be ready to give a reason for the hope that is in us, and to suffer gladly for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Preface of a Martyr

OF A MISSIONARY OR EVANGELIST

Almighty and everlasting God, you called your servant *N.* to preach the Gospel to the people of _____ [*or to the _____ people*]: Raise up in this and every land evangelists and heralds of your kingdom, that your Church may proclaim the unsearchable riches of our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Preface of a Missionary or Evangelist

OF A PASTOR

O God, our heavenly Father, you raised up your faithful servant *N.* to be a [Bishop and] pastor in your Church and to feed your flock: Give abundantly to all pastors the gifts of your Holy Spirit, that they may minister in your household as true servants of Christ and stewards of your divine mysteries; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Preface of a Pastor

OF A TEACHER OF THE FAITH

Almighty God, you gave your servant *N.* special gifts of grace to understand and teach the truth revealed in Christ Jesus: Grant that by this teaching we may know you, the one true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Preface of a Teacher of the Faith

OF A MONASTIC OR RELIGIOUS

O God, your blessed Son became poor for our sake, and chose the Cross over the kingdoms of this world: Deliver us from an inordinate love of worldly things, that we, inspired by the devotion of your servant *N.*, may seek you with singleness of heart, behold your glory by faith, and attain to the riches of your everlasting kingdom, where we shall be united with our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Preface of a Monastic or Religious

OF AN ECUMENIST

Almighty God, we give you thanks for the ministry of *N.*, who labored that the Church of Jesus Christ might be one: Grant that we, instructed by *his* teaching and example, and knit together in unity by your Spirit, may ever stand firm upon the one foundation, which is Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Preface of an Ecumenist

OF A REFORMER OF THE CHURCH

O God, by your grace your servant *N.*, kindled by the flame of your love, became a burning and shining light in your Church, turning pride into humility and error into truth: Grant that we may be set aflame with the same spirit of love and discipline, and walk before you as children of light; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Preface of a Reformer of the Church

OF A RENEWER OF SOCIETY

Almighty and everlasting God, you kindled the flame of your love in the heart of your servant *N.* to manifest your compassion and mercy to the poor and the persecuted: Grant to us, your humble servants, a like faith and power of love, that we who give thanks for *his* righteous zeal may profit by *his* example; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Preface of a Renewer of Society

OF ANY COMMEMORATION

Almighty God, you have surrounded us with a great cloud of witnesses: Grant that we, encouraged by the good example of your servant *N.*, may persevere in running the race that is set before us, until at last, with *him*, we attain to your eternal joy; through Jesus Christ, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Preface of Any Commemoration

or this

Almighty God, by your Holy Spirit you have made us one with your saints in heaven and on earth: Grant that in our earthly pilgrimage we may always be supported by this fellowship of love and prayer, and know ourselves to be surrounded by their witness to your power and mercy; for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whom all our intercessions are acceptable through the Spirit, and who lives and reigns with you and the same Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

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While most of the prayers included on this list have been rendered in a contemporary idiom, some prayers, because of broad familiarity or difficulty in contemporizing, remain in traditional language.

T H E C H U R C H

I. FOR THE UNIVERSAL CHURCH

O God of unchangeable power and eternal light: Look favorably on your whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery; by the effectual working of your providence, carry out in tranquility the plan of salvation; let the whole world see and know that things which were cast down are being raised up, and things which had grown old are being made new, and that all things are being brought to their perfection by him through whom all things were made, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

2. FOR THE UNIVERSAL CHURCH

William Laud

Gracious Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church. Fill it with all truth, in all truth with all peace. Where it is corrupt, purify it; where it is in error, direct it; where in anything it is amiss, reform it. Where it is right, strengthen it; where it is in want, provide for it; where it is divided, reunite it; for the sake of Jesus Christ your Son our Savior. **Amen.**

3. FOR THE UNITY OF THE CHURCH

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, “Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you”: Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly city, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and for ever. **Amen.**

4. FOR THE UNITY OF ALL CHRISTIAN PEOPLE

O God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, our only Savior, the Prince of Peace: Give us grace to take to heart the grave dangers

we are in through our many divisions. Deliver your Church from all enmity and prejudice, and everything that hinders us from godly union. As there is one Body and one Spirit, one hope of our calling, one Lord, one Faith, one Baptism, one God and Father of us all, so make us all to be of one heart and of one mind, united in one holy bond of truth and peace, of faith and love, that with one voice we may give you praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God in everlasting glory. **Amen.**

5. FOR THE SPIRIT OF PRAYER

O Almighty God, you pour out on all who desire it the spirit of grace and of supplication: Deliver us, when we draw near to you, from coldness of heart and wanderings of mind, that with steadfast thoughts and kindled affections we may worship you in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

6. FOR A PROVINCE OR DIOCESE

O God, by your grace you have called us in *this Diocese* to be a good and godly fellowship of faith. Bless our Bishop(s) N., and other clergy, and all our people. Grant that your Word may be truly preached and truly heard, your Sacraments faithfully administered and faithfully received. By your Spirit, fashion our lives according to the example of your Son, and grant that we may show the power of your love to all among whom we live; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

7. FOR A PROVINCIAL OR DIOCESAN CONVENTION OR SYNOD

Almighty and everlasting God, by your Holy Spirit you presided in the council of the blessed Apostles, and you promised, through your Son Jesus Christ, to be with your Church to the end of the world: Be with the council of your Church assembled

[here] in your Name and presence. Save us from all error, ignorance, prejudice, and pride; and of your great mercy direct, sanctify, and govern us in our work, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit; that the order and discipline of your Church may be maintained, and that the Gospel of Christ may be truly preached, truly received, and truly followed in all places, breaking down the kingdom of sin, Satan, and death; till all your scattered sheep, being gathered into one fold, become partakers of everlasting life; through the merits and death of Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

8. FOR A PROVINCIAL OR DIOCESAN CONVENTION OR SYNOD

Gracious and everliving Father, you have given the Holy Spirit to abide with us for ever: Bless, we pray, with the Holy Spirit's grace and presence, the Bishop(s), Priests, Deacons, and all the Laity who assemble in your Name; that your Church, being preserved in true faith and godly discipline, may fulfill the will of him who loved her and gave himself for her, your Son Jesus Christ our Savior; who now lives and reigns with you and the same Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

9. FOR VESTRY AND CHURCH MEETINGS

Almighty and everliving God, source of all wisdom and understanding, be present with those who take counsel [in _____] for the renewal and mission of your Church. Teach us in all things to seek first your honor and glory. Guide us to perceive what is right, and grant us both the courage to pursue it and the grace to accomplish it; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

10. FOR THE SELECTION OF A BISHOP OR OTHER MINISTER

Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall

choose a *Bishop* for this *Diocese* that we may receive a faithful pastor who will preach the Gospel, care for your people, equip us for ministry, and lead us forth in fulfillment of the Great Commission; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

11. FOR THE LOCAL CONGREGATION

O God the Holy Spirit, Sanctifier of the faithful: Sanctify this *Congregation* by your abiding presence. Bless those who minister in holy things. Enlighten the minds of your people more and more with the light of the everlasting Gospel. Bring erring souls to the knowledge of our Savior Jesus Christ; and those who are walking in the way of life, keep steadfast to the end. Give patience to the sick and afflicted, and renew them in body and soul. Guard those who are strong and prosperous from forgetting you. Increase in us your many gifts of grace, and make us all fruitful in good works. This we ask, O blessed Spirit, whom with the Father and the Son we worship and glorify, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

12. FOR THE LOCAL CONGREGATION

Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear our prayers, and grant that in this *Congregation* the pure Word of God may be preached and the Sacraments duly administered. Strengthen and confirm the faithful; protect and guide the children; visit and relieve the sick; turn and soften the wicked; arouse the careless; recover the fallen; restore the penitent; remove all hindrances to the advancement of your truth; and bring us all to be of one heart and mind within your holy Church, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

13. FOR VOCATIONS TO ORDAINED MINISTRY

Lord Jesus, you are the Good Shepherd who cares for his flock: We ask you to bestow upon your Church the gifts of the Holy Spirit in abundance, and to raise up from among us faithful and able persons called to the ministries of Deacon, Priest, and Bishop. Inspire them to spend and be spent for the sake of the Gospel, and make them holy and loving servants and shepherds of the flock for whom you shed your most precious blood. Grant this for the sake of your love. **Amen.**

See also the Ember Day Collects on page 634

14. FOR CHURCH MUSICIANS AND ARTISTS

O God, whom saints and angels delight to worship in heaven: Be ever present with your servants on earth who seek through art and music to perfect the praises of your people. Grant them even now true glimpses of your beauty, and make them worthy at length to behold it unveiled for evermore; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

15. FOR MONASTIC ORDERS AND VOCATIONS

O Lord Jesus Christ, you became poor for our sake that we might be made rich through your poverty: Guide and sanctify, we pray, those whom you call to follow you in poverty, chastity, and obedience; that by their prayer and service they may enrich your Church, and by their life and worship may glorify your Name; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

16. FOR THE MISSION OF THE CHURCH

O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far

off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

17. FOR THE MISSION OF THE CHURCH

O God, our heavenly Father, you manifested your love by sending your only-begotten Son into the world, that all might live through him: Pour out your Spirit on your Church, that we may fulfill his command to preach the Gospel to all people. Send forth laborers into your harvest; defend them in all dangers and temptations; and hasten the time when the fullness of the Gentiles shall be gathered in, and faithful Israel shall be saved; through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

See also the Prayers for Mission in Morning and Evening Prayer on pages 24, 25 & 51

18. FOR MISSIONARY SOCIETIES

Lord Jesus, you commanded us to make disciples of all nations: Bless all those who work together for the spread of the Gospel [especially _____]; make them faithful and true witnesses to proclaim your glorious Name. Send down the grace of the Holy Spirit upon all your people, that we may give cheerfully of our substance for the evangelization of the world, and that the light of your truth may shine brightly in every place. Hear us, O merciful Savior, who with the Father and the Holy Spirit live and reign, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

19. FOR ALL MISSIONARIES

O God, you desire that all people be saved and come to knowledge of the truth: Prosper all those who live, preach, and teach the Gospel at home and in distant lands [especially _____]; protect them in all perils, support them in their loneliness, sustain them in the hour of trial; give them your abundant grace to bear faithful witness; and endue them with burning zeal and love, that they may turn many to righteousness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

20. FOR A SPIRIT OF EVANGELISM

Almighty God our Savior, you desire that none should perish, and you have taught us through your Son that there is great joy in heaven over every sinner who repents: Grant that our hearts may ache for a lost and broken world. May your Holy Spirit work through our words, deeds, and prayers, that the lost may be found and the dead made alive, and that all your redeemed may rejoice around your throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

C R E A T I O N

21. FOR JOY IN GOD'S CREATION

O heavenly Father, you have filled the world with beauty: Open our eyes to behold your gracious hand in all your works; that, rejoicing in your whole creation, we may learn to serve you with gladness; for the sake of him through whom all things were made, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

22. FOR STEWARDSHIP OF CREATION

O merciful Creator, your loving hand is open wide to satisfy the needs of every living creature: Make us always thankful for your loving providence, and give us grace to honor you with all that

you have entrusted to us; that we, remembering the account we must one day give, may be faithful stewards of your good gifts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

23. FOR THE HARVEST OF LANDS AND WATERS

O gracious Father, you open your hand and fill all living things with plenteousness: Bless the lands and waters, and multiply the harvests of the world; send forth your breath, and renew the face of the earth; show your loving-kindness, that our land may yield its increase; and save us from selfish use of what you provide, that the poor and needy may give thanks to your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

See also Prayer 48 and the Rogation Day Collects on page 635

24. FOR RAIN

O God, our heavenly Father, by your Son Jesus Christ you have promised to those who seek your kingdom and its righteousness all things necessary to sustain their life: Send us, we pray, in this time of need, such moderate rain and showers, that we may receive the fruits of the earth, to our comfort and to your honor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

25. IN TIME OF SCARCITY AND FAMINE

O God, our heavenly Father, whose blessed Son has taught us to seek our daily bread from you: Behold the affliction of your people, and send *us* swift aid in *our* time of need. Increase the fruits of the earth by your heavenly benediction; and grant that we, receiving your gifts with thankful hearts, may use them to your glory, for the relief of those in need, and for our own health; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

26. IN TIMES OF NATURAL DISASTER

Almighty God, by your Word you laid the foundations of the earth, set the bounds of the sea, and still the wind and waves. Surround us with your grace and peace, and preserve us through this *storm* [or _____]. By your Spirit, lift up those who have fallen, strengthen those who work to rescue or rebuild, and fill us with the hope of your new creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

T H E N A T I O N

27. FOR THE PEACE OF THE WORLD

Eternal God, in whose perfect kingdom no sword is drawn but the sword of righteousness, no strength known but the strength of love: So mightily spread abroad your Spirit, that all peoples may be gathered under the banner of the Prince of Peace; to whom be dominion and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

28. FOR THE PEACE OF THE WORLD

Almighty God, from whom all thoughts of truth and peace proceed: Kindle, we pray, in the hearts of all people the true love of peace, and guide with your pure and peaceable wisdom those who take counsel for the nations of the earth; that in tranquility your kingdom may go forward, till the earth is filled with the knowledge of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

29. FOR COURTS OF JUSTICE

Almighty God, you sit on your throne giving righteous judgment: We humbly ask you to bless all courts of justice and all magistrates in this land; give them a spirit of wisdom and understanding, that fearing no power but yours alone, they may discern the truth and impartially administer the law; through him who shall come to be our Judge, your Son our Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

30. FOR CIVIL AUTHORITIES

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, send down on those who hold public office [especially _____] the spirit of wisdom, charity, and justice; that with steadfast purpose they may faithfully serve in their offices to promote the well-being of all people; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

31. FOR AN ELECTION

Almighty God, to whom we must account for all our powers and privileges: Guide and direct, we humbly pray, the minds of all those who are called to elect fit persons to serve [in _____]. Grant that in the exercise of *our* choice *we* may promote your glory, and the welfare of this *nation*. This we ask for the sake of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

32. FOR THOSE IN THE ARMED FORCES

Almighty God, we commend to your gracious care and keeping all the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad. Defend them day by day with your heavenly grace; strengthen them in their trials and temptations; give them courage to face the perils which beset them; and grant them a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

33. FOR OUR ENEMIES

O God, the Creator of all, whose Son commanded us to love our enemies: Lead them and us from prejudice to truth; deliver them and us from hatred, cruelty, and revenge; and in your good time enable us all to stand reconciled before you in Jesus Christ; in whose Name we pray. **Amen.**

Specific to Canada

34. FOR THE SOVEREIGN

Almighty and everlasting God, we are taught by your holy Word that the hearts of kings are in your rule, and that you direct them according to your wisdom: We humbly ask you so to govern the heart of *N.* your servant, our *Queen* and Governor, that in all *her* thoughts, words, and deeds, *she* may ever seek your honour and glory, and act to preserve your people committed to *her* charge in prosperity, peace, and godliness; Grant this, O merciful Father, for the sake of your dear Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

35. FOR THE ROYAL FAMILY

Almighty God, the fountain of all goodness, we humbly ask you to bless our most gracious Sovereign, *Queen N.*, [*here may be named other members of the Royal Family*] and all the Royal Family: Endue them with your Holy Spirit; enrich them with your heavenly grace; prosper them with all happiness; and bring them to your everlasting kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

36. FOR THE PRIME MINISTER OF CANADA, LIEUTENANT GOVERNORS, AND THE PREMIERS OF THE PROVINCES

Lord of all power and mercy, we ask you to assist with your favour the Governor General and Prime Minister, and the Lieutenant Governors and Premiers of the Provinces. Cause them to walk before you in truth and righteousness, and to fulfill their office to your glory and the public good; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Specific to the United States or Mexico

37. FOR THE PRESIDENT AND ALL IN CIVIL AUTHORITY

O Lord our Governor, whose glory fills all the world: We commend this Nation to your merciful care, that we may be guided by your providence, and dwell secure in your peace. Grant to the President of this Nation, the Governor of this State [*or Commonwealth*], and to all in authority, wisdom and strength to know and to do your will. Fill them with the love of truth and righteousness, and make them continually mindful of their calling to serve this people in reverent obedience to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.

38. FOR CONGRESS OR A STATE LEGISLATURE

O God, the fountain of wisdom, whose will is good and gracious, and whose law is truth: So guide and bless our Senators and Representatives assembled in Congress [*or the Legislature of this State, Commonwealth, etc.*], that they may enact laws pleasing in your sight, to the glory of your Name and the welfare of this people; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

39. FOR OUR NATION

Almighty God, who hast given us this good land for our heritage: We humbly beseech thee that we may always prove ourselves a people mindful of thy favor and glad to do thy will. Bless our land with honorable industry, sound learning, and pure conduct. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion; from pride and arrogance, and from every evil way. Defend our liberties, and fashion into one united people the multitudes brought hither out of many kindreds and tongues. Endue with

the spirit of wisdom those to whom, in thy Name, we entrust the authority of government, that there may be justice and peace at home, and that, through obedience to thy law, we may show forth thy praise among the nations of the earth. In the time of prosperity, fill our hearts with thankfulness, and in the day of trouble, suffer not our trust in thee to fail; all of which we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

S O C I E T Y

40. FOR ALL SORTS AND CONDITIONS OF MEN

O God, the creator and preserver of all mankind, we humbly beseech thee for all sorts and conditions of men; that thou wouldest be pleased to make thy ways known unto them, thy saving health unto all nations. More especially we pray for thy holy Church universal, that it may be so guided and governed by thy good Spirit, that all who profess and call themselves Christians may be led into the way of truth, and hold the faith in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace, and in righteousness of life. Finally, we commend to thy fatherly goodness all those who are in any ways afflicted or distressed, in mind, body, or estate, [especially those for whom our prayers are desired]; that it may please thee to comfort and relieve them according to their several necessities, giving them patience under their sufferings, and a happy issue out of all their afflictions. And this we beg for Jesus Christ's sake. **Amen.**

41. FOR CITIES, TOWNS, AND OTHER COMMUNITIES

Heavenly Father, you sent your Son among us to proclaim the kingdom of God in cities, towns, villages, and lonely places. Behold and visit, we pray, the community of _____. Renew the bonds of charity that uphold our civic life. Send us honest and able leaders. Deliver us from poverty, prejudice,

and oppression, that peace may prevail with righteousness, and justice with mercy. And at the last, bring us to your Holy City, the new Jerusalem, where we shall know perfect unity and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

42. FOR THE HUMAN FAMILY

O God, you made us in your own image, and you have redeemed us through your Son Jesus Christ: Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

43. FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE

Almighty God, you created us in your own image: Grant us grace to contend fearlessly against evil and to make no peace with oppression; and help us to use our freedom rightly in the establishment of justice in our communities and among the nations, to the glory of your holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

44. IN TIMES OF SOCIAL CONFLICT OR DISTRESS

Increase, O God, the spirit of neighborliness among us, that in peril we may uphold one another, in suffering tend to one another, and in homelessness, loneliness, or exile befriend one another. Grant us brave and enduring hearts that we may strengthen one another, until the disciplines and testing of these days are ended, and you again give peace in our time; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

45. FOR THOSE WHO SERVE OTHERS

O Lord our heavenly Father, whose blessed Son came not to be served, but to serve: We ask you to bless all who, following in his steps, give themselves to the service of others [especially _____]; endue them with wisdom, patience, and courage, that they may strengthen the weak and raise up those who fall, and, being inspired by your love, may worthily minister to the suffering, the friendless, and the needy; for the sake of him who laid down his life for us, your Son our Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

46. FOR COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

O Lord Jesus Christ, in your earthly life you shared our toil and hallowed our labor: Guide those who maintain the commerce and industries of this land, and give to all who labor pride in their work, a just reward, and joy both in supplying need and in serving you; who with the Father and the Holy Spirit live and reign, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

47. FOR THE UNEMPLOYED

Heavenly Father, we remember before you those who suffer want and anxiety from lack of work. Guide the people of this land so to use our public and private wealth that all may find suitable and fulfilling employment, and receive a just reward for their labor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

48. FOR AGRICULTURE AND FARMING

Almighty God, we thank you for making the earth fruitful, so that it may produce what is needed to sustain our life: Bless those who work in the fields; give us seasonable weather; and grant that we may all share the fruits of the earth, rejoicing in your goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

See also Prayer 23 and the Rogation Day Collects on page 635

49. FOR SCHOOLS, COLLEGES, AND UNIVERSITIES

Almighty God, by your gift alone we come to wisdom and true understanding: Look with favor, we pray, on our universities, colleges, and schools, [especially _____,] that knowledge may be increased among us, and wholesome learning flourish and abound. Bless those who teach and those who learn; and grant that in humility of heart they may ever look to you, the fountain of all wisdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

50. FOR THE MEDICAL PROFESSIONS

Almighty God, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ went about doing good, and healing all manner of sickness and disease among the people: Continue in our *hospitals* his gracious work among us [especially in _____]; console and heal the sick; grant to the physicians, nurses, and assisting staff wisdom and skill, diligence and patience; prosper their work, O Lord, and send down your blessing upon all who serve the suffering; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

51. FOR THOSE WHO INFORM PUBLIC OPINION

Almighty God, your truth endures from age to age: Direct in our time, we pray, those who speak where many listen and write what many read; that they may speak your truth to make the heart of this people wise, its mind discerning, and its will righteous; to the honor of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THOSE IN NEED

52. FOR THOSE WE LOVE

Almighty God, we entrust all who are dear to us [especially _____] to your never-failing care and love, for this life and the life to come, knowing that you are doing for *them* better things than we can desire or pray for; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

See also Additional Prayers in Family Prayer on pages 76-78

53. FOR THOSE WHO TRAVEL

O God, our heavenly Father, whose glory fills the whole creation, and whose presence we find wherever we go: Preserve those who travel [especially _____]; surround *them* with your loving care; protect *them* from every danger; and bring *them* in safety to their journey's end; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

54. FOR THE ABSENT

O God, whose fatherly care reaches to the ends of the earth: We ask you graciously to behold and bless those we love who are now absent from us [especially _____]. Defend them from all dangers of soul and body, and grant that both they and we, drawing nearer to you, may be bound together by your love, in the communion of your Holy Spirit and in the fellowship of your saints; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

55. FOR THOSE WHO LIVE ALONE

Almighty God, whose Son had nowhere to lay his head: Grant that all those who live alone [especially _____] may not be lonely in their solitude, but that, following in his steps, they may find fulfillment in loving you and their neighbors; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

56. FOR THE ELDERLY

Look with mercy, O God our Father, on all whose increasing years bring them weakness, distress, or isolation [especially ____]. Provide for *them* homes of dignity and peace; give *them* understanding helpers, and the willingness to accept help; and as *their* strength diminishes, increase *their* faith and *their* assurance of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

57. FOR THOSE WITH CHRONIC DISEASE

Heavenly Father, sustainer of our life and source of our hope: Comfort and relieve all who endure long-term illness or persistent handicap [especially ____]. Give your grace to all who minister to *their* needs, that *they* may be strengthened in *their* weakness and have confidence in your loving care; through him who knows our weakness and has shared our sorrows, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

58. FOR A PERSON IN TROUBLE OR BEREAVEMENT

O merciful Father, you have taught us in your holy Word that you do not willingly afflict or grieve the children of men: Look with pity on the sorrows of your servant *N*. Remember *him*, O Lord, in mercy; nourish *his* soul with patience; comfort *him* with a sense of your goodness; lift up your countenance upon *him*; and give *him* peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

59. FOR THE DISCOURAGED AND DOWNCAST

O God, almighty and merciful, you heal the broken-hearted, and turn the sadness of the sorrowful to joy, Let your fatherly goodness be upon all whom you have made. Remember in pity all those who are this day destitute, homeless, elderly, infirm, or forgotten. Bless the multitude of your poor. Lift up those who

are cast down. Mightily befriend innocent sufferers, and sanctify to them the endurance of their wrongs. Cheer with hope all who are discouraged and downcast, and by your heavenly grace preserve from falling those whose poverty tempts them to sin. Though they be troubled on every side, suffer them not to be distressed; though they are perplexed, save them from despair. Grant this, O Lord, for the love of him who for our sakes became poor, your Son our Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

60. FOR PRISONERS

O God, you forgive when we deserve punishment, and in your wrath you remember mercy: We humbly ask you, of your goodness, to comfort all prisoners [and especially those who are condemned to die]. Give them a right understanding of themselves, and of your promises, that trusting wholly in your mercy, they may not place their confidence anywhere but in you. Relieve the distressed; deliver the innocent; bring the guilty to repentance; and as you alone bring light out of darkness, and good out of evil, grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit they may be set free from the chains of sin, and brought to newness of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

61. FOR THE RECOVERY OF A SICK PERSON

Almighty and immortal God, giver of life and health: We implore your mercy for your servant *N.*, that by your blessing upon *him* and upon those who minister to *him* with your healing gifts, *he* may be restored to health of body and mind, according to your gracious will, and may give thanks to you in your holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

See also Additional Prayers in The Rites of Healing on pages 231–235

62. FOR THOSE AFFLICTED WITH MENTAL SUFFERING

Almighty God, whose Son took upon himself the afflictions of your people: Regard with your tender compassion those suffering from anxiety, depression, or mental illness [especially _____]; bear *their* sorrows and *their* cares; supply all *their* needs; help *them* to put *their* whole trust and confidence in you; and restore *them* to strength of mind and cheerfulness of spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

63. FOR THOSE IN BONDAGE TO ADDICTION

O blessed Lord, you ministered to all who came to you: Look with compassion upon those who through addiction have lost their health and freedom. Restore to them the assurance of your unfailing mercy; remove from them the fears that beset them; strengthen them in the work of their recovery; and to those who minister to them, give patient understanding and persevering love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

64. FOR THE UNREPENTANT

Merciful God, you desire not the death of sinners, but rather that they should turn to you and live; and through your only Son you have revealed yourself as the God who pardons iniquity. Have mercy on the unrepentant and those who do not believe [especially ____]. Awaken in *them*, by your Word and Holy Spirit, a deep sense of *their* sinfulness and peril. Take from *them* all ignorance, hardness of heart, and contempt of your Word. Grant *them* to know and feel that there is no other Name under heaven given among men by which they must be saved, but only the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ. And so bring *them* home and number *them* among your children, that *they* may be yours for ever; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

FAMILY AND PERSONAL LIFE

65. FOR FAMILIES

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, you set the solitary in families: We commend to your continual care the homes in which your people dwell. Put far from them every root of bitterness, the desire of vainglory, and the pride of life. Fill them with faith, virtue, knowledge, temperance, patience, and true godliness. Knit together in constant affection those who, in holy matrimony, have been made one flesh; turn the hearts of parents to their children, and the hearts of children to their parents; and so enkindle fervent charity among us all, that we may evermore be joined to one another with bonds of loving-kindness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

See also Additional Prayers in Family Prayer on pages 76-78

66. FOR THE CARE OF CHILDREN

Almighty God, heavenly Father, you have blessed us with the joy and care of children: Give us calm strength and patient wisdom so to train them, that they may love all that is true, and pure, and lovely, and of good report, following the example of their Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

67. FOR A BIRTHDAY

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servant *N.* as *he* begins another year. Grant that *he* may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen *his* trust in your goodness all the days of *his* life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

68. FOR A CHILD, OR FOR A BIRTHDAY

Watch over your child *N.*, O Lord, as *his* days increase; bless *him* and guide *him*, and keep *him* unspotted from the world. Strengthen *him* when *he* stands; comfort *him* when discouraged or sorrowful; raise *him* up if *he* falls; and in *his* heart may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of *his* life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

69. FOR A MARRIAGE OR ANNIVERSARY

O God, you have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and his Church: Send your blessing upon these your servants [as they begin another year], that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

70. FOR INNER RENEWAL THROUGH THE WORD

Gracious God and most merciful Father, you have granted us the rich and precious jewel of your holy Word: Assist us with your Spirit, that the same Word may be written in our hearts to our everlasting comfort, to reform us, to renew us according to your own image, to build us up and edify us into the perfect dwelling place of your Christ, sanctifying and increasing in us all heavenly virtues; grant this, O heavenly Father, for Jesus Christ's sake. **Amen.**

71. FOR CHRIST TO BE FORMED IN US

Lord Jesus, Master Carpenter of Nazareth, on the Cross through wood and nails you wrought our full salvation: Wield well your tools in this, your workshop, that we who come to you rough-hewn may be fashioned into a truer beauty by your hand; who with the Father and the Holy Spirit live and reign, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

72. FOR KNOWING AND LOVING GOD

O God, the light of the minds that know you, the life of the souls that love you, and the strength of the wills that serve you: Help us so to know you that we may truly love you, and so to love you that we may fully serve you, whom to serve is perfect freedom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

73. A PRAYER OF SELF-DEDICATION

William Temple

Almighty and eternal God, so draw our hearts to you, so guide our minds, so fill our imaginations, so control our wills, that we may be wholly yours, utterly dedicated to you; and then use us, we pray, as you will, and always to your glory and the welfare of your people; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

74. FOR DESIRING GOD

Francis Xavier

O God, grant that we may desire you, and desiring you seek you, and seeking you find you, and finding you be satisfied in you for ever. **Amen.**

75. FOR HOLY THOUGHT

O God, without whose beauty and goodness our souls are unfed, without whose truth our reason withers: Consecrate our lives to your will, giving us such purity of heart, such depth of faith,

and such steadfastness of purpose, that in time we may come to think your own thoughts after you; through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

76. FOR GUIDANCE

Go before us, O Lord, in all our doings with your most gracious favor, and further us with your continual help; that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy Name, and finally, through your mercy, obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

77. FOR GUIDANCE

O God, by whom the meek are guided in judgment, and light rises up in darkness for the godly: Grant us, in all our doubts and uncertainties, the grace to ask what you would have us do, that the Spirit of wisdom may save us from all false choices; that in your light we may see light, and in your straight path we may not stumble; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

78. TO PLEASE GOD RATHER THAN MEN *Thomas à Kempis*

Our God, in whom we trust: Strengthen us not to regard overmuch who is for us or who is against us, but to see to it that we be with you in everything we do. **Amen.**

79. FOR MERCY

Almighty God, you have not dealt with us according to our sins, nor rewarded us according to our iniquities; grant that we, who for our evil deeds deserve to be punished, by the might of your grace may mercifully be relieved; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

80. FOR TRUSTFULNESS IN TIMES OF WORRY AND ANXIETY

Most loving Father, you will us to give thanks for all things, to dread nothing but the loss of you, and to cast all our care on the One who cares for us. Preserve us from faithless fears and worldly anxieties, and grant that no clouds of this mortal life may hide from us the light of that love which is immortal, and which you have manifested unto us in your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

81. FOR HELP TO BEAR BEREAVEMENT

Heavenly Father, help us to entrust our loved ones to your care. Though sorrow darkens our lives, help us to look up to you, remembering the cloud of witnesses by which we are surrounded. And grant that we on earth, rejoicing ever in your presence, may share with them the rest and peace which your presence gives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

82. FOR QUIET CONFIDENCE

O God of peace, who hast taught us that in returning and rest we shall be saved, in quietness and in confidence shall be our strength: By the might of thy Spirit lift us, we pray thee, to thy presence, where we may be still and know that thou art God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Throughout the Day

83. IN THE MORNING

Almighty God, you alone gave us the breath of life, and you alone can keep alive in us the holy desires you impart. We beseech you, for your compassion's sake, to sanctify all our thoughts and endeavors, that we may neither begin an action

without a pure intention nor continue it without your blessing. And grant that, having the eyes of our mind enlightened to behold things invisible and unseen, we may in heart be inspired by your wisdom, in work be upheld by your strength, and in the end be accepted as your faithful servants; through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

See also Morning Prayer (pages 10–26) and Family Prayer (pages 67–68)

84. GRACE AT MEALS

Blessed are you, O Lord God, King of the Universe, for you give us food to sustain our lives and make our hearts glad; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

See also Additional Prayers in Family Prayer on page 78.

85. IN THE EVENING

John Henry Newman

O Lord, support us all the day long through this trouble-filled life, until the shadows lengthen, and the evening comes, and the busy world is hushed, and the fever of life is over, and our work is done. Then in your mercy grant us a safe lodging, and a holy rest, and peace at the last. **Amen.**

See also Evening Prayer (pages 41–53), Compline (pages 57–65), and Family Prayer (pages 71–74)

86. FOR SLEEP

Father, in your mercy dispel the darkness of this night, and let your servant sleep in peace, that at the dawn of a new day I may wake with joy in your Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

PERSONAL DEVOTION

87. FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE PEACE OF GOD

In the Tradition of Francis of Assisi

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace: where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is error, truth; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. O divine Master, grant that I may seek not so much to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. **Amen.**

88. FOR DAILY GROWTH

Richard of Chichester

Thanks be to thee, my Lord Jesus Christ, for all the pains and insults thou hast borne for me, and all the benefits thou hast given me. O most merciful Redeemer, Friend, and Brother: Grant that I may see thee more clearly, love thee more dearly, and follow thee more nearly, day by day. **Amen.**

89. FOR SEEKING GOD

Anselm of Canterbury

Teach me to seek you, and as I seek you, show yourself to me; for I cannot seek you unless you show me how, and I will never find you unless you show yourself to me. Let me seek you by desiring you, and desire you by seeking you; let me find you by loving you, and love you in finding you. **Amen.**

90. FOR GRACE TO SEEK GOD IN EVERY WAY

Benedict of Nursia

Gracious and holy Father, please give me intellect to understand you, reason to discern you, diligence to seek you, wisdom to find you, a spirit to know you, a heart to meditate upon you, ears to

hear you, eyes to see you, a tongue to proclaim you, a way of life pleasing to you, patience to wait for you, and perseverance to look for you. Grant me a perfect end, your holy presence, a blessed resurrection, and life everlasting. **Amen.**

91. FOR SUBMISSION TO GOD'S WILL *Joseph Mercier*

O Holy Spirit, beloved of my soul, I adore you. Enlighten me, guide me, strengthen me, console me. Tell me what I should do; give me your orders. I promise to submit myself to all that you desire of me and to accept all that you permit to happen to me. Let me only know your will. **Amen.**

92. FOR SATISFACTION IN CHRIST *Julian of Norwich*

O God, of your goodness, give me yourself, for you are enough for me. I can ask for nothing less that is completely to your honor, and if I do ask anything less, I shall always be in want. Only in you I have all. **Amen.**

93. A COVENANT PRAYER *John Wesley*

I am no longer my own, but thine. Put me to what thou wilt, rank me with whom thou wilt. Put me to doing, put me to suffering. Let me be employed by thee or laid aside for thee, exalted for thee or brought low for thee. Let me be full, let me be empty. Let me have all things, let me have nothing. I freely and heartily yield all things to thy pleasure and disposal. And now, O glorious and blessed God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, thou art mine, and I am thine. So be it. And the covenant which I have made on earth, let it be ratified in heaven. **Amen.**

94. FOR A VIRTUOUS HEART

Thomas Aquinas

Give me, O Lord, a steadfast heart, which no unworthy thought can drag down; an unconquered heart, which no tribulation can wear out; an upright heart, which no unworthy purpose can tempt aside. Bestow upon me understanding to know you, diligence to seek you, wisdom to find you, and faithfulness that finally may embrace you. **Amen.**

95. IN TIMES OF SUFFERING OR WEAKNESS

Dear Lord and Savior Jesus Christ: I hold up all my weakness to your strength, my failure to your faithfulness, my sinfulness to your perfection, my loneliness to your compassion, my little pains to your great agony on the Cross. I pray that you will cleanse me, strengthen me, guide me, so that in all ways my life may be lived as you would have it lived, without cowardice and for you alone. Show me how to live in true humility, true contrition, and true love. **Amen.**

96. FOR UNION WITH CHRIST

Anima Christi

Soul of Christ, sanctify me. Body of Christ, save me. Blood of Christ, inebriate me. Water from the side of Christ, wash me. Passion of Christ, strengthen me. O good Jesus, hear me. Within thy wounds hide me. Permit me not to be separated from thee. From the wicked foe defend me. In the hour of my death call me, and bid me come to thee, that with thy saints I may praise thee for ever and ever. **Amen.**

AT TIMES OF PRAYER AND WORSHIP

97. PREPARATION FOR PERSONAL PRAYER

Holy Spirit, breath of God and fire of love, I cannot pray without your aid: Kindle in me the fire of your love, and illumine me with your light; that with a steadfast will and holy thoughts I may approach the Father in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ my Lord, who reigns with you and the Father in eternal union. **Amen.**

98. FOR THE ACCEPTANCE OF PRAYER

Heavenly Father, you have promised to hear what we ask in the Name of your Son: Accept and fulfill our petitions, we pray, not as we ask in our ignorance, nor as we deserve in our sinfulness, but as you know and love us in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

99. FOR THE ACCEPTANCE OF PRAYER

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

100. FOR THE ANSWERING OF PRAYER

Almighty God, you have promised to hear the petitions of those who ask in the Name of your Son: Mercifully incline your ear to us as we make our prayers and supplications to you; and grant that what we ask faithfully, according to your will, we may obtain effectually, for the relief of our necessities and the setting forth of your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

101. BEFORE THE READING OF SCRIPTURE

Blessed Lord, who caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that by patience and the comfort of your Holy Word we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

102. ON SUNDAYS

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

103. PREPARATION FOR PUBLIC WORSHIP

Guide and direct us, O Lord, always and everywhere with your holy light, that we may discern with clear vision your presence among us, and partake with worthy intention of your divine mysteries. We ask this for Jesus Christ's sake. **Amen.**

104. BEFORE RECEIVING COMMUNION

Be present, be present, O Jesus, our great High Priest, as you were present with your disciples, and be known to us in the breaking of bread; who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

105. AFTER RECEIVING COMMUNION

O Lord Jesus Christ, in this wonderful Sacrament you have given us a memorial of your passion: Grant us, we pray, so to

venerate the sacred mysteries of your Body and Blood, that we may ever perceive within ourselves the fruit of your redemption; who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

106. FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Dear Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I desire to possess you within my soul. And since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to you, together with all your faithful people [gathered around every altar of your Church], and I embrace you with all the affections of my soul. Never permit me to be separated from you. **Amen.**

107. AFTER COMMUNION

Liturgy of St. Basil

Finished and perfected is the mystery of thy dispensation to us, O Christ our God: For we have beheld the likeness of thy death, we have seen thy resurrection in the breaking of the bread, and we have partaken of thine inexhaustible and divine delights, of which do thou make us worthy, both now and in thy kingdom and unto the ages of ages. **Amen.**

108. AFTER PUBLIC WORSHIP

Grant, Almighty God, that the words we have heard this day with our ears may by your grace be grafted in our hearts, that they may bring forth in us the fruit of a righteous life, to the honor and praise of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

DEATH, THE DEPARTED, AND
THE COMMUNION OF SAINTS

109. FOR WATCHFULNESS

Lancelot Andrewes

Thou, who with thine own mouth hast told us that at midnight the bridegroom shall come: Grant that the cry, "The bridegroom cometh!" may sound evermore in our ears, that so we be never unprepared to meet him, or forgetful of the souls for whom he died, for whom we watch and pray. And save us, O Lord. **Amen.**

110. FOR JOY AT THE END OF LIFE

Miles Coverdale

Lord Jesus, be mindful of your promise. Think of us, your servants, and when we shall depart, speak to our spirits these loving words: "Today you shall be with me in joy." O Lord Jesus Christ, remember us, your servants who trust in you, when our tongues cannot speak, when the sight of our eyes fails, and when our ears are stopped. Let our spirits always rejoice in you and be joyful about our salvation, which you, through your death, have purchased for us. **Amen.**

111. FOR AN ANNIVERSARY OF ONE DEPARTED

Almighty God, we remember this day before you your faithful servant *N.*, and we pray that, having opened to *him* the gates of larger life, you will receive *him* more and more into your joyful service, that *he* may win, with you and your servants everywhere, the eternal victory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

112. THE COMMUNION OF SAINTS

O God of the spirits of all flesh, we praise and magnify thy holy Name for all thy servants who have finished their course in thy faith and fear [especially thy servant *N.*]; and we beseech thee

that, encouraged by their examples and strengthened by their fellowship, we also may be found meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light; through the merits of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

113. THE COMMUNION OF SAINTS

O eternal Lord God, you hold all souls in life: Shed forth upon your whole Church in Paradise and on earth the bright beams of your light and heavenly comfort; and grant that we, following the good example of those who have loved and served you here and are now at rest, may enter with them into the fullness of your unending joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

114. FOR ALL FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Almighty God, with whom the souls of the faithful who have departed this life are in joy and felicity: We praise and magnify your holy Name for all your servants who have finished their course in your faith and fear; and we most humbly pray that, at the day of resurrection, we and all who are members of the mystical body of your Son may be set on his right hand, and hear his most joyful voice: "Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world." Grant this, O merciful Father, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**

See also Additional Prayers in Burial of the Dead on pages 263-265

115. FOR THE COMING OF GOD'S KINGDOM

Hasten, O Father, the coming of your kingdom; and grant that we your servants, who now live by faith, may with joy behold your Son at his coming in glorious majesty; even Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**

T H A N K S G I V I N G S

I I 6. A LITANY OF THANKSGIVING

Let us give thanks to God our Father for all his gifts so freely bestowed upon us:

For the beauty and wonder of your creation, in earth and sky and sea,

We thank you, Lord.

For our daily food and drink, our homes and families, and our friends,

We thank you, Lord.

For minds to think, and hearts to love, and hands to serve,

We thank you, Lord.

For health and strength to work, and time to rest and worship,

We thank you, Lord.

For all who are patient in suffering and faithful in adversity,

We thank you, Lord.

For all who earnestly seek after truth, and all who labor for justice,

We thank you, Lord.

For all that is good and gracious in the lives of men and women,

revealing the image of Christ,

We thank you, Lord.

For the communion of saints, in all times and places,

We thank you, Lord.

Above all, we give you thanks for the great mercies and promises given to us in Christ Jesus our Lord;

**To him be praise and glory, with you, O Father,
and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen**

See also the General Thanksgiving on page 25 and A Litany of Thanksgiving for a Church on page 539

117. A THANKSGIVING PRAYER

Accept, O Lord, our thanks and praise for all that you have done for us. We thank you for the splendor of the whole creation, for the beauty of this world, for the wonder of life, and for the mystery of love. We thank you for the blessing of family and friends, and for the loving care which surrounds us on every side. We thank you for setting us at tasks that demand our best efforts, and for leading us to accomplishments that satisfy and delight us. We thank you also for those disappointments and failures that lead us to acknowledge our dependence on you alone. Above all, we thank you for your Son Jesus Christ; for the truth of his Word and the example of his life; for his steadfast obedience, by which he overcame temptation; for his dying, through which he conquered death; and for his rising to life again, in which we are raised to the life of your kingdom. Grant us the gift of your Spirit, that we may know Christ and make him known; and through him, at all times and in all places, may give thanks to you in all things. **Amen.**

118. FOR THE MISSION OF THE CHURCH

Almighty God, you sent your Son Jesus Christ to reconcile the world to yourself: We praise and bless you for those whom you have sent in the power of the Spirit to preach the Gospel to all nations. We thank you that in all parts of the earth a community of love has been gathered together by their prayers and labors, and that in every place your servants call upon your Name; for the kingdom and the power and the glory are yours, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

119. FOR THE HARVEST

Most gracious God, by whose knowledge the depths are broken up and the clouds drop down the dew: We yield you hearty thanks and praise for the return of seed-time and harvest, for

the increase of the ground and the gathering in of its fruits, and for all the other blessings your merciful providence has bestowed upon this nation and people. And, we pray, give us a just sense of these great mercies, that we may walk before you in humility, holiness, and obedience all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all glory and honor, world without end. **Amen.**

120. FOR THE BEAUTY OF THE EARTH

We give you thanks, most gracious God, for the beauty of earth and sky and sea; for the richness of mountains, plains, and rivers; for the wonder of your creatures, large and small; and for all the loveliness that surrounds us. We praise you for these good gifts, and pray that we may safeguard them for our posterity. Grant that we may continue to grow in our grateful enjoyment of your abundant creation, to the honor and glory of your Name, now and for ever. **Amen.**

121. FOR THE DIVERSITY OF RACES AND CULTURES

O God, who created all peoples in your image: We thank you for the diversity of races and cultures in this world. Show us your presence in those who differ from us, and enrich our lives with their fellowship, until our knowledge of your love is made perfect in our love for all your children; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

122. FOR MILITARY VETERANS

O Judge of the nations, we thank you with grateful hearts for the men and women of our country who in the day of decision ventured much for the liberties we now enjoy. Grant that we may not rest until all the people of this land share the benefits of true freedom and gladly accept its disciplines. This we ask in the Name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

I 23. FOR DELIVERANCE FROM PERIL

Almighty God, our strong tower of defense in time of trouble: We offer you praise and heartfelt thanks for our deliverance from the dangers which lately surrounded us [and for your gracious gift of peace]. We confess that your goodness alone has preserved us; and we ask you still to continue your mercies toward us, that we may always know and acknowledge you as our Savior and mighty Deliverer; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

I 24. FOR THE RESTORATION OF HEALTH

Almighty God and heavenly Father, we bless and praise your Name on behalf of your servant *N.*, and we give you humble thanks that you have been pleased to deliver *him* from sickness. Grant, O gracious Father, that by your help *he* may live in this world according to your will, and be made a partaker of everlasting glory in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

I 25. FOR THE SAINTS AND FAITHFUL DEPARTED

We give thanks to you, O Lord our God, for all your servants and witnesses of time past: for Abraham, the father of believers, and Sarah his wife; for Moses, the lawgiver, and Aaron, the priest; for Miriam and Joshua, Deborah and Gideon, and Samuel with Hannah his mother; for David, King over Israel; for Isaiah and all the prophets; for Mary, the mother of our Lord; for Peter and Paul and all the apostles; for Mary and Martha, and Mary Magdalene; for Stephen, the first martyr, and all the martyrs and saints in every age and in every land. In your mercy, O Lord our God, give us, as you gave to them, the hope of salvation and the promise of eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the first-born of many from the dead. Amen.

C A L E N D A R S
& L E C T I O N A R I E S

THE CALENDAR *of the CHRISTIAN YEAR*

AN INTRODUCTION

The Christian Year consists of two cycles of holy days. The first is the Paschal Cycle, which follows the lunar calendar and identifies the first Sunday after the full moon that falls on or after March 21 as Easter Day. (Easter Day cannot occur before March 22 or after April 25.) The season of Lent precedes Eastertide and the Season after Pentecost follows it. The second cycle, the Incarnation Cycle, follows the solar calendar and places our Lord's birth on December 25 (Christmas Day) with the season of Advent preceding it. The season of Epiphany follows the twelve days of the Christmas season (Christmastide.)

SUNDAYS

The sequence of the Sundays of the Calendar depends on the date of Easter, because every Sunday is a celebration of our Lord's resurrection from the dead. Nevertheless, Sundays also reflect the character of the seasons in which they are set. Following ancient Jewish tradition, the celebration of any Sunday begins at sundown on the Saturday that precedes it. Therefore at Evening Prayer on Saturdays (other than Holy Days), the Collect appointed for the ensuing Sunday is used.

PRINCIPAL FEASTS

Easter Day	Christmas Day	<i>December 25</i>
Ascension Day	The Epiphany	<i>January 6</i>
The Day of Pentecost	All Saints' Day	<i>November 1</i>
Trinity Sunday		

These feasts take precedence over any other day or observance. All Saints' Day may also be observed on the Sunday following November 1, in addition to its observance on the fixed date. In Canada, when Remembrance Day observances fall on the first Sunday of November, All Saints' Day may be observed on the preceding Sunday.

HOLY DAYS

The Holy Days, traditionally called Red-Letter Days, observed in this church, in addition to the Principal Feasts, are the following:

The Circumcision and Holy Name	<i>January 1</i>
The Presentation of Christ in the Temple	<i>February 2</i>
Joseph, the Guardian of Jesus	<i>March 19</i>
The Annunciation	<i>March 25</i>
The Feasts of the Apostles	
The Feasts of the Evangelists	
The Visitation	<i>May 31</i>
The Nativity of John the Baptist	<i>June 24</i>
Mary Magdalene	<i>July 22</i>
The Transfiguration	<i>August 6</i>
The Virgin Mary	<i>August 15</i>
Holy Cross Day	<i>September 14</i>
Holy Michael and All Angels	<i>September 29</i>
James of Jerusalem	<i>October 23</i>
Stephen, Deacon and Martyr	<i>December 26</i>
The Holy Innocents	<i>December 28</i>

Any of these feasts that fall on a Sunday, other than in Advent, Lent, and Easter, may be observed on that Sunday or transferred to the nearest following weekday.

The last three Sundays before Lent may be observed as Septuagesima, Sexagesima, and Quinquagesima.

No holy day or observance can replace the fixed propers for Ash Wednesday, Holy Week, or Easter Week.

DAYS OF DISCIPLINE, DENIAL, AND SPECIAL PRAYER

Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent, and Good Friday, the day of our Lord's Crucifixion, are traditionally days of special devotion and total abstinence. Maundy Thursday is observed with rites recalling the Last Supper and betrayal at Gethsemane.

The weekdays of Lent and every Friday of the year (outside the 12 Days of Christmas and the 50 days of Eastertide) are encouraged as days of fasting. Ember Days and Rogation Days may also be kept in this way.

Fasting, in addition to reduced consumption, normally also includes prayer, self-examination, and acts of mercy.

Ember Days are set aside for prayers for those called to Holy Orders, and occur on the following Wednesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays:

After St. Lucy's Day *December 13*

After the First Sunday in Lent

After the Day of Pentecost

After Holy Cross Day *September 14*

Rogation Days are the three days preceding Ascension Day, especially devoted to asking for God's blessing on agriculture and industry.

National Days with proper lessons are:

Memorial Day (*United States on the Monday closest to May 28*)

Canada Day (*Canada on July 1*)

Independence Day (*United States on July 4*)

Thanksgiving Day (*Canada on the second Monday in October;*
United States on the fourth Thursday in November)

Remembrance Day (*Canada on November 11*)

COMMEMORATIONS

The Book of Common Prayer of 1662 appointed days of optional commemoration (Black Letter Days). In this edition of the Book of Common Prayer, two categories of optional commemorations are presented: Anglican and Ecumenical. These commemorations may be transferred or observed as local needs dictate. Collects and Lessons are offered in nine categories: Martyr, Missionary or Evangelist, Pastor, Teacher of the Faith, Monastic or Religious, Ecumenist, Reformer of the Church, Renewer of Society, and any Saint. The daily psalms and readings at Morning and Evening prayer are not usually superseded by these commemorations.

Those preparing weekday liturgies are encouraged to limit the number of commemorations, especially in Advent or Lent, in order that the spirit of the season be maintained.

C A L E N D A R

OF HOLY DAYS *and* COMMEMORATIONS
IN THE ANGLICAN CHURCH IN NORTH AMERICA

JANUARY			
DAY	RED-LETTER HOLY DAYS	OPTIONAL COMMEMORATIONS ANGLICAN	OPTIONAL COMMEMORATIONS ECUMENICAL
1	The Circumcision and Holy Name of Our Lord Jesus Christ		
2		Vedanayagam Samuel Azariah, <i>Bishop in South India, Evangelist, 1945</i>	
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6	The Epiphany of Our Lord Jesus Christ		
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10		William Laud, <i>Archbishop of Canterbury, Martyr, 1645</i>	
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13			Hilary of Poitiers, <i>Bishop and Teacher of the Faith, 367</i>
14		Kentigern, <i>Missionary to Strathclyde and Cumbria, 603</i>	
15			

JANUARY			
DAY	RED-LETTER HOLY DAYS	OPTIONAL COMMEMORATIONS ANGLICAN	OPTIONAL COMMEMORATIONS ECUMENICAL
16			
17			Anthony, <i>Hermit in Egypt</i> , 356
18	Confession of Peter the Apostle		
19		Wulfstan, <i>Bishop of Worcester</i> , 1095	
20			Fabian, <i>Bishop of Rome and Martyr</i> , 250
21			Agnes, <i>Martyr at Rome</i> , 304
22			Vincent, <i>Deacon of Saragossa, Martyr</i> , 304
23			
24			
25	Conversion of Paul the Apostle		
26			Timothy and Titus, <i>Companions of Paul the Apostle</i>
27			Lydia, Dorcas, and Phoebe, <i>Helpers of the Apostles</i>
28			Thomas Aquinas, <i>Friar, Priest, and Teacher of the Faith</i> , 1274
29		Lesslie Newbigin, <i>Bishop and Ecumenist</i> , 1998	
30		Charles, <i>King and Martyr</i> , 1649	
31		Samuel Shoemaker, <i>Priest and Renewer of Society</i> , 1963	

FEBRUARY			
DAY	RED-LETTER HOLY DAYS	OPTIONAL COMMEMORATIONS ANGLICAN	OPTIONAL COMMEMORATIONS ECUMENICAL
1		Brigid, <i>Abbess of Kildare, 523</i>	
2	The Presentation of Our Lord Jesus Christ in the Temple		
3			Anskar, <i>Bishop and Missionary to Denmark and Sweden, 865</i>
4			Cornelius the Centurion
5			Martyrs of Japan, 1597
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10			Scholastica, <i>Abbess, 543</i>
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13		Absalom Jones, <i>First African-American Priest, 1818</i>	
14			Cyril and Methodius, <i>Apostles to the Slavs, 869, 885</i>
15		Thomas Bray, <i>Priest and Missionary, founder of SPG and SPCK, 1730</i>	
16			
17		Janani Luwum, <i>Archbishop of Uganda and Martyr, 1977</i>	
18			Martin Luther, <i>Reformer of the Church, 1546</i>

FEBRUARY			
DAY	RED-LETTER HOLY DAYS	OPTIONAL COMMEMORATIONS ANGLICAN	OPTIONAL COMMEMORATIONS ECUMENICAL
19			
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21			William “Billy” Graham, <i>Evangelist</i> , 2018
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23			Polycarp, <i>Bishop of Smyrna, Martyr</i> , 156
24	Matthias the Apostle		
25			
26			
27		George Herbert, <i>Priest and Poet</i> , 1633	
28			John Cassian, <i>Monk and Teacher of the Faith</i> , 453
MARCH			
1		David, <i>Bishop and Apostle of Wales</i> , 601	
2		Chad, <i>Bishop of Lichfield and Missionary</i> , 672	
3		John and Charles Wesley, <i>Priests and Reformers of the Church</i> , 1791, 1788	
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7			Perpetua and Her Companions, <i>Martyrs at Carthage</i> , 203
8		Felix, <i>Bishop and Missionary to the Angles</i> , 647	

M A R C H

DAY	RED-LETTER HOLY DAYS	OPTIONAL COMMEMORATIONS ANGLICAN	OPTIONAL COMMEMORATIONS ECUMENICAL
9			
10		Robert Machray, <i>First Primate of Canada, 1904</i>	
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12			Gregory the Great, <i>Bishop of Rome and Teacher of the Faith, 604</i>
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17		Patrick, <i>Bishop and Apostle to the Irish, 461</i>	
18			Cyril, <i>Bishop of Jerusalem and Teacher of the Faith, 386</i>
19	Joseph, <i>Husband of the Virgin Mary and Guardian of Jesus</i>		
20		Cuthbert, <i>Bishop-Abbot of Lindisfarne and Missionary, 687</i>	
21		Thomas Cranmer, <i>Archbishop of Canterbury and Martyr, 1556</i>	
22		James DeKoven, <i>Priest, 1879</i>	
23			Gregory the Illuminator, <i>Missionary to Armenia, 333</i>
24			

M A R C H			
DAY	RED-LETTER HOLY DAYS	OPTIONAL COMMEMORATIONS ANGLICAN	OPTIONAL COMMEMORATIONS ECUMENICAL
25	The Annunciation of our Lord Jesus Christ to the Virgin Mary		
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27		Charles Henry Brent, <i>Bishop and Missionary to the Philippines, 1929</i>	
28			
29		John Keble, <i>Priest and Reformer of the Church, 1866</i>	
30			
31		John Donne, <i>Priest and Poet, 1631</i>	
A P R I L			
1		Frederick Denison Maurice, <i>Priest and Renewer of Society, 1872</i>	
2		Henry Budd, <i>First Native Priest in Canada, 1850</i>	
3		James Lloyd Breck, <i>Priest and Missionary, 1879</i>	
4			Martin Luther King, Jr., <i>Renewer of Society, 1968</i>
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7			Tikhon, <i>Bishop and Ecumenist, 1925</i>
8		William Augustus Muhlenberg, <i>Priest, Reformer of the Church, and Renewer of Society, 1877</i>	

APRIL			
DAY	RED-LETTER HOLY DAYS	OPTIONAL COMMEMORATIONS ANGLICAN	OPTIONAL COMMEMORATIONS ECUMENICAL
9			
10		William Law, <i>Priest and Teacher of the Faith</i> , 1761	
11		George Augustus Selwyn, <i>Bishop and Missionary to New Zealand</i> , 1878	
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19		Alphege, <i>Archbishop of Canterbury and Martyr</i> , 1012	
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21		Anselm, <i>Archbishop of Canterbury and Teacher of the Faith</i> , 1109	
22			
23			George, <i>Martyr</i> , c. 304
24		Arthur Michael Ramsey, <i>Archbishop of Canterbury, Ecumenist, and Teacher of the Faith</i> , 1988	
25	Mark the Evangelist		
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APRIL			
DAY	RED-LETTER HOLY DAYS	OPTIONAL COMMEMORATIONS ANGLICAN	OPTIONAL COMMEMORATIONS ECUMENICAL
29			Catherine of Siena, <i>Reformer of the Church</i> , 1380
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MAY			
1	Philip and James, <i>Apostles</i>		
2			Athanasius, <i>Bishop of Alexandria and Teacher of the Faith</i> , 373
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8		Julian of Norwich, <i>Anchoress</i> , c. 1417	
9			Gregory of Nazianzus, <i>Bishop of Constantinople and Teacher of the Faith</i> , 389
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15			Pachomius, <i>Abbot and Organizer of Monasticism</i> , 346
16		The Martyrs of the Sudan, 2011	
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MAY			
DAY	RED-LETTER HOLY DAYS	OPTIONAL COMMEMORATIONS ANGLICAN	OPTIONAL COMMEMORATIONS ECUMENICAL
18			
19		Dunstan, <i>Archbishop of Canterbury and Reformer of the Church</i> , 988	
20		Alcuin, <i>Deacon and Abbot of Tours</i> , 804	
21			Helena, <i>Mother of Constantine and Protector of the Holy Places</i> , 330
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23			
24		Jackson Kemper, <i>First Missionary Bishop in the United States</i> , 1870	
25		Bede the Venerable, <i>Priest and Monk of Jarrow, Teacher of the Faith</i> , 735	
26		Augustine, <i>First Archbishop of Canterbury and Missionary</i> , 605	
27			John Calvin, <i>Reformer of the Church</i> , 1564
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29			
30		Josephine Butler, <i>Renewer of Society</i> , 1906	
31	The Visitation of the Virgin Mary to Elizabeth and Zechariah		

JUNE

DAY	RED-LETTER HOLY DAYS	OPTIONAL COMMEMORATIONS ANGLICAN	OPTIONAL COMMEMORATIONS ECUMENICAL
1			Justin, <i>Teacher of the Faith and Martyr at Rome</i> , c. 165
2			Blandina and Her Companions, <i>Martyrs at Lyons</i> , 177
3		The Martyrs of Uganda, 1886, 1977	
4			John XXIII, <i>Bishop of Rome, Ecumenist, and Reformer of the Church</i> , 1963
5		Boniface, <i>Archbishop of Mainz, Missionary to the Germans, and Martyr</i> , 754	
6		William Grant Broughton, <i>Bishop and Missionary to Australia</i> , 1853	
7			
8		Thomas Ken, <i>Bishop of Bath and Wells, Non-juror</i> , 1711	
9		Columba, <i>Abbot of Iona and Missionary to the Scots</i> , 597	
10			Ephrem of Edessa, <i>Deacon and Teacher of the Faith</i> , 373
11	Barnabas the Apostle		
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14			Basil the Great, <i>Bishop of Caesarea and Teacher of the Faith</i> , 379
15		Evelyn Underhill, <i>Teacher of the Faith</i> , 1941	

JUNE

DAY	RED-LETTER HOLY DAYS	OPTIONAL COMMEMORATIONS ANGLICAN	OPTIONAL COMMEMORATIONS ECUMENICAL
16			
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18		Bernard Mizeki, <i>Catechist and Martyr in Rhodesia, 1896</i>	
19		Sundar Singh, <i>Evangelist in India and Teacher of the Faith, 1929</i>	
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22		Alban, <i>First Martyr of Britain, c. 250</i>	
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24	The Nativity of John the Baptist		
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27			Cyril of Alexandria, <i>Bishop and Teacher of the Faith, 444</i>
28			Irenaeus, <i>Bishop of Lyons and Teacher of the Faith, 200</i>
29	Peter and Paul, <i>Apostles</i>		
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JULY

1			<i>Canada Day</i>
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4			<i>Independence Day (USA)</i>
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JULY

DAY	RED-LETTER HOLY DAYS	OPTIONAL COMMEMORATIONS ANGLICAN	OPTIONAL COMMEMORATIONS ECUMENICAL
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11			Benedict of Nursia, <i>Abbot and Founder of the Benedictine Order</i> , c. 550
12			Nathan Soderblom, <i>Archbishop of Uppsala and Ecumenist</i> , 1931
13			
14			Bonaventure, <i>Friar, Bishop, and Teacher of the Faith</i> , 1274
15			Olga and Vladimir, <i>Patrons of the Church in Russia</i> , 969, 1016
16			
17		William White, <i>Bishop of Pennsylvania and First Presiding Bishop of the Church in the USA</i> , 1836	
18			Macrina, <i>Nun and Teacher of the Faith</i> , 379
19			Gregory, <i>Bishop of Nyssa and Teacher of the Faith</i> , 396
20			Margaret of Antioch, <i>Martyr</i> , 4th c.
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22	Mary Magdalene		
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J U L Y			
DAY	RED-LETTER HOLY DAYS	OPTIONAL COMMEMORATIONS A N G L I C A N	OPTIONAL COMMEMORATIONS E C U M E N I C A L
24			Thomas à Kempis, <i>Priest and Teacher of the Faith</i> , 1471
25	James the Elder, <i>Apostle</i>		
26			The Parents of the Virgin Mary
27		William Reed Huntington, <i>Priest and Ecumenist</i> , 1909	
28			
29			Lazarus, Mary, and Martha of Bethany, <i>Companions of our Lord</i>
30		William Wilberforce, <i>Renewer of Society</i> , 1833	
31			
A U G U S T			
1			Joseph of Arimathea
2			
3			
4			
5		Oswald, <i>King of Northumbria and Martyr</i> , 642	
6	The Transfiguration of Our Lord Jesus Christ		
7		John Mason Neale, <i>Priest and Reformer of the Church</i> , 1866	
8			Dominic, <i>Priest and Friar</i> , 1221

AUGUST			
DAY	RED-LETTER HOLY DAYS	OPTIONAL COMMEMORATIONS ANGLICAN	OPTIONAL COMMEMORATIONS ECUMENICAL
9		Mary Sumner, <i>Founder of the Mothers' Union and Renewer of Society</i> , 1921	
10			Laurence, <i>Deacon and Martyr at Rome</i> , 258
11			Clare, <i>Abbess of Assisi</i> , 1253
12		Charles Inglis, <i>First Bishop of Canada</i> , 1787	
13		Jeremy Taylor, <i>Bishop of Down and Connor, Teacher of the Faith</i> , 1667	
14			Roger Schutz, <i>Monk of Taizé and Ecumenist</i> , 2005
15	The Virgin Mary, <i>Mother of Our Lord Jesus Christ</i>		
16			
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18			
19			
20			Bernard, <i>Abbot of Clairvaux and Teacher of the Faith</i> , 1153
21		Jonathan Myrick Daniels, <i>Martyr</i> , 1965	
22			
23			
24	Bartholomew the Apostle		
25			Louis, <i>King of France</i> , 1270
26			

AUGUST			
DAY	RED-LETTER HOLY DAYS	OPTIONAL COMMEMORATIONS ANGLICAN	OPTIONAL COMMEMORATIONS ECUMENICAL
27			Monica, <i>Mother of Augustine of Hippo</i> , 387
28			Augustine, <i>Bishop of Hippo and Teacher of the Faith</i> , 430
29			The Beheading of John the Baptist
30		Charles Chapman Grafton, <i>Bishop of Fond du Lac and Ecumenist</i> , 1912	
31		Aidan, <i>Abbot-Bishop of Lindisfarne, Missionary to Northumbria</i> , 651	
SEPTEMBER			
1			
2		The Martyrs of Papua New Guinea, 1901 and 1942	
3			
4		Birinus, <i>Bishop of Dorchester and Evangelist to Wessex</i> , 650	
5			Mother Teresa of Calcutta, <i>Renewer of Society</i> , 1997
6		Alan Gardiner, <i>Missionary and Founder of SAMs</i> , 1851	
7		Hannah More, <i>Renewer of Society and Founder of Sunday Schools</i> , 1833	
8			
9		Constance and her Companions, <i>Martyrs of Memphis</i> , 1878	
10		Alexander Crummell, <i>Priest and Missionary to Liberia</i> , 1898	

S E P T E M B E R			
DAY	RED-LETTER HOLY DAYS	OPTIONAL COMMEMORATIONS A N G L I C A N	OPTIONAL COMMEMORATIONS E C U M E N I C A L
11			
12		John Henry Hobart, <i>Bishop of New York and Reformer of the Church, 1830</i>	
13			John Chrysostom, <i>Bishop of Constantinople and Teacher of the Faith, 407</i>
14	Holy Cross Day		
15			Cyprian, <i>Bishop of Carthage and Martyr, 258</i>
16		Ninian, <i>Bishop of Galloway and Missionary to the Picts, 432</i>	
17		Edward Bouverie Pusey, <i>Priest and Teacher of the Faith, 1882</i>	
18			
19		Theodore of Tarsus, <i>Archbishop of Canterbury, 690</i>	
20		John Coleridge Patteson, <i>Bishop of Melanesia, and his Companions, Martyrs, 1871</i>	
21	Matthew, <i>Apostle and Evangelist</i>		
22			
23			
24			
25			Sergius, <i>Monk and Reformer of the Church in Russia, 1392</i>
26		Lancelot Andrewes, <i>Bishop of Winchester and Teacher of the Faith, 1626</i>	

S E P T E M B E R

DAY	RED-LETTER HOLY DAYS	OPTIONAL COMMEMORATIONS ANGLICAN	OPTIONAL COMMEMORATIONS ECUMENICAL
27		Wilson Carlile, <i>Evangelist and Founder of the Church Army</i> , 1942	
28			
29	Holy Michael and All Angels		
30			Jerome, <i>Monk of Bethlehem and Translator of the Bible</i> , 420

O C T O B E R

1		Remigius, <i>Bishop of Reims and Missionary to the Franks</i> , 533	
2			
3		George Bell, <i>Advocate for the Confessing Church, Bishop and Ecumenist</i> , 1958	
4			Francis of Assisi, <i>Friar and Deacon, Reformer of the Church</i> , 1226
5			
6		William Tyndale, <i>Priest, Translator of the Bible, and Martyr</i> , 1536	
7			
8			
9		Robert Grosseteste, <i>Bishop of Lincoln</i> , 1253	
10		Paulinus, <i>Bishop of York and Missionary</i> , 644	
11			Philip, <i>Deacon and Evangelist</i>

O C T O B E R			
DAY	RED-LETTER HOLY DAYS	OPTIONAL COMMEMORATIONS A N G L I C A N	OPTIONAL COMMEMORATIONS E C U M E N I C A L
12		Cecil Frances Alexander, <i>Hymn-writer and Teacher of the Faith, 1895</i>	
13		Edward the Confessor, <i>King of England, 1066</i>	
14		Samuel Isaac Joseph Schereschewsky, <i>Bishop of Shanghai, 1906</i>	
15			Teresa of Ávila, <i>Nun and Reformer of the Church, 1582</i>
16		Hugh Latimer and Nicholas Ridley, <i>Bishops and Martyrs, 1555</i>	
17			Ignatius, <i>Bishop of Antioch and Martyr, ca. 115</i>
18	Luke the Evangelist and Companion of Paul		
19		Henry Martyn, <i>Priest and Missionary to India and Persia, 1812</i>	
20			
21			
22			
23	James of Jerusalem, <i>Bishop and Martyr, Brother of Our Lord</i>		
24			
25			

O C T O B E R			
DAY	RED-LETTER HOLY DAYS	OPTIONAL COMMEMORATIONS A N G L I C A N	OPTIONAL COMMEMORATIONS E C U M E N I C A L
26		Alfred the Great, <i>King of the West Saxons and Reformer of the Church</i> , 899	
27			
28	Simon and Jude, <i>Apostles</i>		
29		James Hannington, <i>Bishop of Eastern Equatorial Africa</i> , and his Companions, <i>Martyrs</i> , 1885	
30			
31			
N O V E M B E R			
1	All Saints' Day		
2			Commemoration of the Faithful Departed
3		Richard Hooker, <i>Priest and Teacher of the Faith</i> , 1600	
4			
5			Elizabeth and Zechariah, <i>Parents of John the Baptist</i>
6		William Temple, <i>Archbishop of Canterbury and Teacher of the Faith</i> , 1944	
7			Willibrord, <i>Archbishop of Utrecht and Missionary to Frisia</i> , 739
8			
9			
10			Leo the Great, <i>Bishop of Rome and Teacher of the Faith</i> , 461

NOVEMBER			
DAY	RED-LETTER HOLY DAYS	OPTIONAL COMMEMORATIONS ANGLICAN	OPTIONAL COMMEMORATIONS ECUMENICAL
11			Martin, <i>Bishop of Tours</i> , 397
12			
13		Charles Simeon, <i>Priest and Evangelist</i> , 1836	
14		Consecration of Samuel Seabury, <i>First Bishop in the United States</i> , 1784	
15			Herman, <i>Monk and Missionary to the Native Alaskans</i> , 1837
16		Margaret, <i>Queen of Scotland, Reformer of the Church, and Renewer of Society</i> , 1093	
17		Hugh, <i>Bishop of Lincoln and Renewer of Society</i> , 1200	
18			Elizabeth of Hungary, <i>Renewer of Society</i> , 1231
19		Hilda, <i>Abbess of Whitby</i> , 680	
20		Edmund, <i>King of East Anglia and Martyr</i> , 870	
21			
22			Cecilia, <i>Martyr at Rome</i> , c. 230
23			Clement, <i>Bishop of Rome and Martyr</i> , c. 100
24			
25			Catherine of Alexandria, <i>Martyr</i> , c. 305
26			
27			
28			

NOVEMBER

DAY	RED-LETTER HOLY DAYS	OPTIONAL COMMEMORATIONS ANGLICAN	OPTIONAL COMMEMORATIONS ECUMENICAL
29		Clive Staples Lewis, <i>Teacher of the Faith</i> , 1963	
30	Andrew the Apostle		

DECEMBER

1		Nicholas Ferrar, <i>Deacon and Founder of the Little Gidding Community</i> , 1637	
2		Channing Moore Williams, <i>Missionary Bishop in China and Japan</i> , 1910	
3			
4			John of Damascus, <i>Priest and Teacher of the Faith</i> , 760
5			Clement of Alexandria, <i>Priest and Teacher of the Faith</i> , 210
6			Nicholas, <i>Bishop of Myra</i> , c.326
7			Ambrose, <i>Bishop of Milan and Teacher of the Faith</i> , 397
8		Richard Baxter, <i>Pastor and Teacher of the Faith</i> , 1691	
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13			Lucy, <i>Martyr at Syracuse</i> , 304
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D E C E M B E R			
DAY	RED-LETTER HOLY DAYS	OPTIONAL COMMEMORATIONS A N G L I C A N	OPTIONAL COMMEMORATIONS E C U M E N I C A L
16		<i>O Sapientia*</i> <i>O Wisdom from on high</i>	
17		<i>O Adonai</i> <i>O Lord of Might</i>	
18		<i>O Radix Jesse</i> <i>O Root of Jesse</i>	
19		<i>O Clavis David</i> <i>O Key of David</i>	
20		<i>O Oriens</i> <i>O Dayspring</i>	
21	Thomas the Apostle	<i>O Rex Gentium</i> <i>O Desire of Nations</i>	
22		<i>O Emmanuel</i> <i>O Come, Emmanuel</i>	
23		<i>O Virgo Virginum</i> <i>O Virgin of Virgins</i>	
24			
25	The Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ <i>Christmas</i>		
26	Stephen, Deacon and Martyr		
27	John, <i>Apostle</i> <i>and Evangelist</i>		
28	The Holy Innocents		
29		Thomas Becket, <i>Archbishop</i> <i>of Canterbury, Martyr, 1170</i>	
30			
31		John Wyclif, <i>Priest and</i> <i>Translator of the Bible into</i> <i>English, 1384</i>	

* These traditional Advent antiphons are the basis for the hymn, "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel."

A TABLE for FINDING THE
DATE OF EASTER

YEAR	EASTER SUNDAY						
2001	Apr 15	2031	Apr 13	2061	Apr 10	2091	Apr 8
2002	Mar 31	2032	Mar 28	2062	Mar 26	2092	Mar 30
2003	Apr 20	2033	Apr 17	2063	Apr 15	2093	Apr 12
2004	Apr 11	2034	Apr 9	2064	Apr 6	2094	Apr 4
2005	Mar 27	2035	Mar 25	2065	Mar 29	2095	Apr 24
2006	Apr 16	2036	Apr 13	2066	Apr 11	2096	Apr 15
2007	Apr 8	2037	Apr 5	2067	Apr 3	2097	Mar 31
2008	Mar 23	2038	Apr 25	2068	Apr 22	2098	Apr 20
2009	Apr 12	2039	Apr 10	2069	Apr 14	2099	Apr 12
2010	Apr 4	2040	Apr 1	2070	Mar 30	2100	Mar 28
2011	Apr 24	2041	Apr 21	2071	Apr 19	2101	Apr 17
2012	Apr 8	2042	Apr 6	2072	Apr 10	2102	Apr 9
2013	Mar 31	2043	Mar 29	2073	Mar 26	2103	Mar 25
2014	Apr 20	2044	Apr 17	2074	Apr 15	2104	Apr 13
2015	Apr 5	2045	Apr 9	2075	Apr 7	2105	Apr 5
2016	Mar 27	2046	Mar 25	2076	Apr 19	2106	Apr 18
2017	Apr 16	2047	Apr 14	2077	Apr 11	2107	Apr 10
2018	Apr 1	2048	Apr 5	2078	Apr 3	2108	Apr 1
2019	Apr 21	2049	Apr 18	2079	Apr 23	2109	Apr 21
2020	Apr 12	2050	Apr 10	2080	Apr 7	2110	Apr 6
2021	Apr 4	2051	Apr 2	2081	Mar 30	2111	Mar 29
2022	Apr 17	2052	Apr 21	2082	Apr 19	2112	Apr 17
2023	Apr 9	2053	Apr 6	2083	Apr 4	2113	Apr 2
2024	Mar 31	2054	Mar 29	2084	Mar 26	2114	Apr 22
2025	Apr 20	2055	Apr 18	2085	Apr 15	2115	Apr 14
2026	Apr 5	2056	Apr 2	2086	Mar 31	2116	Mar 29
2027	Mar 28	2057	Apr 22	2087	Apr 20	2117	Apr 18
2028	Apr 16	2058	Apr 14	2088	Apr 11	2118	Apr 10
2029	Apr 1	2059	Mar 30	2089	Apr 3	2119	Mar 26
2030	Apr 21	2060	Apr 18	2090	Apr 16	2120	Apr 14

**A TABLE for FINDING
MOVEABLE DATES**
Organized by the date of Easter

EASTER DAY	SUNDAYS AFTER EPIPHANY	ASH WEDNESDAY	ASCENSION DAY	PENTECOST	COLLECT TO BEGIN WITH AFTER TRINITY SUNDAY	ADVENT SUNDAY
Mar 22	4	Feb 4	Apr 30	May 10	Proper 3	Nov 29
Mar 23	4	Feb 5	May 1	May 11	Proper 3	Nov 30
Mar 24	4	Feb 6	May 2	May 12	Proper 3	Dec 1
Mar 25	5	Feb 7	May 3	May 13	Proper 3	Dec 2
Mar 26	5	Feb 8	May 4	May 14	Proper 3	Dec 3
Mar 27	5	Feb 9	May 5	May 15	Proper 4	Nov 27
Mar 28	5	Feb 10	May 6	May 16	Proper 4	Nov 28
Mar 29	5	Feb 11	May 7	May 17	Proper 4	Nov 29
Mar 30	5	Feb 12	May 8	May 18	Proper 4	Nov 30
Mar 31	5	Feb 13	May 9	May 19	Proper 4	Dec 1
Apr 1	6	Feb 14	May 10	May 20	Proper 4	Dec 2
Apr 2	6	Feb 15	May 11	May 21	Proper 4	Dec 3
Apr 3	6	Feb 16	May 12	May 22	Proper 5	Nov 27
Apr 4	6	Feb 17	May 13	May 23	Proper 5	Nov 28
Apr 5	6	Feb 18	May 14	May 24	Proper 5	Nov 29
Apr 6	6	Feb 19	May 15	May 25	Proper 5	Nov 30
Apr 7	6	Feb 20	May 16	May 26	Proper 5	Dec 1
Apr 8	7	Feb 21	May 17	May 27	Proper 5	Dec 2
Apr 9	7	Feb 22	May 18	May 28	Proper 5	Dec 3
Apr 10	7	Feb 23	May 19	May 29	Proper 6	Nov 27
Apr 11	7	Feb 24	May 20	May 30	Proper 6	Nov 28
Apr 12	7	Feb 25	May 21	May 31	Proper 6	Nov 29
Apr 13	7	Feb 26	May 22	Jun 1	Proper 6	Nov 30
Apr 14	7	Feb 27	May 23	Jun 2	Proper 6	Dec 1
Apr 15	8	Feb 28	May 24	Jun 3	Proper 6	Dec 2
Apr 16	8	Mar 1	May 25	Jun 4	Proper 6	Dec 3

EASTER DAY	SUNDAYS AFTER EPIPHANY	ASH WEDNESDAY	ASCENSION DAY	PENTECOST	COLLECT TO BEGIN WITH AFTER TRINITY SUNDAY	ADVENT SUNDAY
Apr 17	8	Mar 2	May 26	Jun 5	Proper 7	Nov 27
Apr 18	8	Mar 3	May 27	Jun 6	Proper 7	Nov 28
Apr 19	8	Mar 4	May 28	Jun 7	Proper 7	Nov 29
Apr 20	8	Mar 5	May 29	Jun 8	Proper 7	Nov 30
Apr 21	8	Mar 6	May 30	Jun 9	Proper 7	Dec 1
Apr 22	9	Mar 7	May 31	Jun 10	Proper 7	Dec 2
Apr 23	9	Mar 8	Jun 1	Jun 11	Proper 7	Dec 3
Apr 24	9	Mar 9	Jun 2	Jun 12	Proper 8	Nov 27
Apr 25	9	Mar 10	Jun 3	Jun 13	Proper 8	Nov 28

NOTE: In Leap Years, the number of Sundays after Epiphany will be the same as if Easter Day were one day later than it is listed here. Additionally, the date of Ash Wednesday will be one day later in the month of February.

SUNDAY, HOLY DAY, *and* COMMEMORATION LECTIONARY

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

The public reading of Scripture in the liturgies of the Church is among the most important features of any act of worship. No one should be admitted to this high privilege who has not thoroughly prepared the passage to be read, so that the lesson can be read with clarity, authority, and understanding.

This lectionary provides a three-year cycle of four readings for each Sunday of the Christian Year. Year A begins with Advent Sunday in those years evenly divisible by 3. Thus, Advent 2019 begins a new cycle with Year A. Multiple sets of lessons are assigned for Christmas Day, Easter Day, and All Saints' Day. Also included are single sets of readings for all other Prayer Book Principal Feasts and Holy Days (Red-Letter Days), including Ash Wednesday and the days of Holy Week and Easter Week. Lessons for Ember Days, Rogation Days, National Days, and Commemorations (Black-Letter Days) are appointed as well.

Readings from the Apocrypha are in italics. It is appropriate to conclude readings from the Apocrypha with "Here ends the Reading."

The number of readings on any Sunday or Holy Day may be lessened according to pastoral circumstance, provided the Gospel is always read at Eucharist. The English Standard Version of the Scriptures is the normative text; however, the Psalms should be read or sung in a version intended for that

purpose. The Bishop of the Diocese is to be consulted where a regular pattern of fewer than four lessons is adopted as the Sunday customary of a Congregation, or when a pattern of alternate readings or a "sermon series" is proposed. The rector of a Congregation may direct that an appointed lesson be shortened or lengthened, provided the plain sense is retained.

Feasts of Dedication, special observances customary in the local setting, or days of national or provincial mourning or celebration may employ lessons other than those regularly established for a given Sunday.

SUNDAY, HOLY DAY, and COMMEMORATION LECTIONARY

DAY	YEAR A	YEAR B	YEAR C
ADVENT			
THE FIRST	Isa 2:1-5 Ps 122	Isa 64:1-9a Ps 80 or 80:1-7 ^v	Zech 14:(1-2)3-9 Ps 50 or 50:1-6
SUNDAY IN	Rom 13:8-14	1 Cor 1:1-9	1 Thess 3:6-13
ADVENT	Matt 24:29-44	Mark 13:24-37	Luke 21:25-33
THE SECOND	Isa 11:1-10 Ps 72:1-15(16-19)	Isa 40:1-11 Ps 85	Mal 3:1-5 Ps 126
SUNDAY IN	Rom 15:1-13	2 Pet 3:8-18	1 Cor 4:(1-7)8-21
ADVENT	Matt 3:1-12	Mark 1:1-8	Luke 3:1-6
THE THIRD	Isa 35:1-10 Ps 146	Isa 65:17-25 Ps 126	Zeph 3:14-20 Ps 85
SUNDAY IN	James 5:7-20	1 Thess 5:12-28	Phil 4:4-9
ADVENT	Matt 11:2-19	John 3:22-30 or John 1:19-28	Luke 3:7-20
THE FOURTH	Isa 7:10-17 Ps 24	2 Sam 7:1-17 Ps 132:(1-7) 8-19	Mic 5:2-5a Ps 80:1-7 ^v
SUNDAY IN	Rom 1:1-7	Rom 16:25-27	Heb 10:1-10
ADVENT	<i>Annunciation</i> Matt 1:18-25	Luke 1:26-38	Luke 1:39-56

DAY	YEAR A	YEAR B	YEAR C
CHRISTMAS			
CHRISTMAS DAY I	Isa 9:1-7 Ps 96 Titus 2:11-14 Luke 2:1-14(15-20)	Isa 9:1-7 Ps 96 Titus 2:11-14 Luke 2:1-14(15-20)	Isa 9:1-7 Ps 96 Titus 2:11-14 Luke 2:1-14(15-20)
CHRISTMAS DAY II	Isa 62:6-12 Ps 97 Titus 3:4-7 Luke 2:(1-14)15-20	Isa 62:6-12 Ps 97 Titus 3:4-7 Luke 2:(1-14)15-20	Isa 62:6-12 Ps 97 Titus 3:4-7 Luke 2:(1-14)15-20
CHRISTMAS DAY III	Isa 52:7-12 Ps 98 Heb 1:1-12 John 1:1-18	Isa 52:7-12 Ps 98 Heb 1:1-12 John 1:1-18	Isa 52:7-12 Ps 98 Heb 1:1-12 John 1:1-18
THE FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS	Isa 61:10-62:5 Ps 147:12-20 ^v Gal 3:23—4:7 John 1:1-18	Isa 61:10-62:5 Ps 147:12-20 ^v Gal 3:23—4:7 John 1:1-18	Isa 61:10-62:5 Ps 147:12-20 ^v Gal 3:23—4:7 John 1:1-18
THE CIRCUMCISION & HOLY NAME OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST <i>January 1</i>	Ex 34:1-9 Ps 8 Rom 1:1-7 Luke 2:15-21	Ex 34:1-9 Ps 8 Rom 1:1-7 Luke 2:15-21	Ex 34:1-9 Ps 8 Rom 1:1-7 Luke 2:15-21
THE SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS	Jer 31:7-14 Ps 84 Eph 1:3-14 Luke 2:41-52 or Matt 2:1-12	Jer 31:7-14 Ps 84 Eph 1:3-14 Matt 2:13-23 or Matt 2:1-12	Jer 31:7-14 Ps 84 Eph 1:3-14 Luke 2:22-40 or Matt 2:1-12
EPIPHANY			
THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST <i>January 6</i>	Isa 60:1-9 Ps 72 or 72:1-11 Eph 3:1-13 Matt 2:1-12	Isa 60:1-9 Ps 72 or 72:1-11 Eph 3:1-13 Matt 2:1-12	Isa 60:1-9 Ps 72 or 72:1-11 Eph 3:1-13 Matt 2:1-12

^v Psalm verse numbers correspond to the New Coverdale Psalter found in this book

DAY	YEAR A	YEAR B	YEAR C
THE FIRST SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY <i>Baptism of our Lord</i>	Isa 42:1-9 Ps 89:1-29 ^v or 89:20-29 ^v Acts 10:34-38 Matt 3:13-17	Isa 42:1-9 Ps 89:1-29 ^v or 89:20-29 ^v Acts 10:34-38 Mark 1:7-11	Isa 42:1-9 Ps 89:1-29 ^v or 89:20-29 ^v Acts 10:34-38 Luke 3:15-22
THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY	Ex 12:21-28 Ps 40:1-11 ^v 1 Cor 1:1-9 John 1:29-42	1 Sam 3:1-20 Ps 63:1-9(10-12) ^v 1 Cor 6:9-20 John 1:43-51	Isa 62:1-5 Ps 96 1 Cor 12:1-11 John 2:1-11
THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY	Amos 3:1-11 Ps 139:1-18 ^v 1 Cor 1:10-17 Matt 4:12-22	Jer 3:19-4:4 Ps 130 1 Cor 7:17-24 Mark 1:14-20	Neh 8:1-12 Ps 113 1 Cor 12:12-27 Luke 4:14-21
THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY	Mic 6:1-8 Ps 37:1-11 ^v 1 Cor 1:18-31 Matt 5:1-12	Deut 18:15-22 Ps 111 1 Cor 8:1-13 Mark 1:21-28	Jer 1:4-10 Ps 71:11-20 ^v 1 Cor 14:12-25 Luke 4:21-32
PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE <i>February 2</i>	Mal 3:1-4 Ps 84 Heb 2:14-18 Luke 2:22-40	Mal 3:1-4 Ps 84 Heb 2:14-18 Luke 2:22-40	Mal 3:1-4 Ps 84 Heb 2:14-18 Luke 2:22-40
THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY	2 Kings 22:8-20 Ps 27 1 Cor 2:1-16 Matt 5:13-20	2 Kings 4:8-21 (22-31)32-37 Ps 142 1 Cor 9:16-23 Mark 1:29-39	Judg 6:11-24 Ps 85 1 Cor 15:1-11 Luke 5:1-11
THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY	<i>Ecclesiasticus</i> 15:11-20 Ps 119:(1-8)9-16 1 Cor 3:1-9 Matt 5:21-37	2 Kings 5:1-15a Ps 42:1-7(8-15) 1 Cor 9:24-27 Mark 1:40-45	Jer 17:5-10 Ps 1 1 Cor 15:12-20 Luke 6:17-26
THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY	Lev 19:1-2,9-18 Ps 71 or 71:11-23 ^v 1 Cor 3:10-23 Matt 5:38-48	Isa 43:18-25 Ps 32 2 Cor 1:18-22 Mark 2:1-12	Gen 45:3-11,21-28 Ps 37:(1-7)8-17 ^v 1 Cor 15:35-49 Luke 6:27-38

DAY	YEAR A	YEAR B	YEAR C
THE EIGHTH SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY	Isa 49:8-18(19-23) Ps 62 1 Cor 4:1-13 Matt 6:24-34	Hos 2:14-23 Ps 103 or 103:1-14 2 Cor 3:4-18 Mark 2:18-22	Jer 7:1-15 Ps 92 1 Cor 15:50-58 Luke 6:39-49
THE SECOND TO LAST SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY	Isa 49:1-7 Ps 67 Acts 1:1-8 Matt 9:35-38	Gen 12:1-3 Ps 86:8-13 Rev 7:9-17 Matt 28:16-20	Isa 61:1-4 Ps 96 Rom 10:9-17 John 20:19-31
THE LAST SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY <i>Transfiguration</i>	Ex 24:12-18 Ps 99 Phil 3:7-14 Matt 17:1-9	1 Kings 19:9-18 Ps 27 2 Pet 1:13-21 Mark 9:2-9	Ex 34:29-35 Ps 99 1 Cor 12:27—13:13 Luke 9:28-36

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ASH WEDNESDAY	Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 or Isa 58:1-12 Ps 103 or 103:8-14 2 Cor 5:20—6:10 Matt 6:1-6, 16-21	Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 or Isa 58:1-12 Ps 103 or 103:8-14 2 Cor 5:20—6:10 Matt 6:1-6, 16-21	Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 or Isa 58:1-12 Ps 103 or 103:8-14 2 Cor 5:20—6:10 Matt 6:1-6, 16-21
THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT	Gen 2:4-9, 15-17, 25—3:7 Ps 51 or Ps 51:1-12 ^v Rom 5:12-21 Matt 4:1-11	Gen 9:8-17 Ps 25 or 25:3-9 1 Pet 3:18-22 Mark 1:9-13	Deut 26:(1-4)5-11 Ps 91 or 91:9-16 Rom 10:4-13 Luke 4:1-13
THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT	Gen 12:1-9 Ps 33:12-21 ^v Rom 4:1-5(6-12)13-17 John 3:1-16	Gen 22:1-14 Ps 16 or 16:6-12 ^v Rom 8:31-39 Mark 8:31-38	Gen 15:1-18 Ps 27 or 27:9-17 ^v Phil 3:17—4:1 Luke 13:(22-30)31-35
THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT	Ex 17:1-7 Ps 95 Rom 1:16-32 John 4:5-26(27-38) 39-42	Ex 20:1-21 Ps 19:7-14 Rom 7:12-25 John 2:13-22	Ex 3:1-15 Ps 103 or 103:1-12 1 Cor 10:1-13 Luke 13:1-9(10-17)

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[†]These lessons may be substituted for any Sunday of Epiphany, except the First or the Last

DAY	YEAR A	YEAR B	YEAR C
THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT	1 Sam 16:1-13 Ps 23 Eph 5:1-14 John 9:1-13, 28-38 (39-41)	2 Chr 36:14-23 Ps 122 Eph 2:1-10 John 6:1-15	Josh (4:19-24) 5:1(2-8)9-12 Ps 34 or 34:1-8 2 Cor 5:17-21 Luke 15:1-1-32
THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT <i>Passion Sunday</i>	Ezek 37:1-14 Ps 130 Rom 6:15-23 John 11:(1-17)18-44	Jer 31:31-34 Ps 51 or 51:10-15 ^v Heb (4:14-16) 5:1-10 John 12:20-33(34-36)	Isa 43:16-21 Ps 126 Phil 3:7-16 Luke 20:9-19
HOLY WEEK			
PALM SUNDAY: LITURGY OF THE PALMS	Matt 21:1-11 Ps 118:19-29	Mark 11:1-11a Ps 118:19-29	Luke 19:29-40 Ps 118:19-29
PALM SUNDAY	Isa 52:13—53:12 Ps 22:1-21 ^v or Ps 22:1-11 ^v Phil 2:5-11 Matt (26:36-75) 27:1-54 (55-66)	Isa 52:13—53:12 Ps 22:1-11 ^v or Ps 22:1-21 ^v Phil 2:5-11 Mark (14:32-72) 15:1-39 (40-47)	Isa 52:13—53:12 Ps 22:1-11 ^v or Ps 22:1-21 ^v Phil 2:5-11 Luke (22:39-71) 23:1-49 (50-56)
MONDAY IN HOLY WEEK	Isa 42:1-9 Ps 36:5-10 Heb 11:39—12:3 John 12:1-11 or Mark 14:3-9	Isa 42:1-9 Ps 36:5-10 Heb 11:39—12:3 John 12:1-11 or Mark 14:3-9	Isa 42:1-9 Ps 36:5-10 Heb 11:39—12:3 John 12:1-11 or Mark 14:3-9
TUESDAY IN HOLY WEEK	Isa 49:1-6 Ps 71:1-11 ^v 1 Cor 1:18-31 John 12:37-38,42-50 or Mark 11:15-19	Isa 49:1-6 Ps 71:1-11 ^v 1 Cor 1:18-31 John 12:37-38,42-50 or Mark 11:15-19	Isa 49:1-6 Ps 71:1-11 ^v 1 Cor 1:18-31 John 12:37-38,42-50 or Mark 11:15-19
WEDNESDAY IN HOLY WEEK	Isa 50:4-9 Ps 69:6-14,21-22 ^v Heb 9:11-28 Matt 26:1-5,14-25	Isa 50:4-9 Ps 69:6-14,21-22 ^v Heb 9:11-28 Matt 26:1-5,14-25	Isa 50:4-9 Ps 69:6-14,21-22 ^v Heb 9:11-28 Matt 26:1-5,14-25

DAY	YEAR A	YEAR B	YEAR C
MAUNDY THURSDAY	Ex 12:1-14	Ex 12:1-14	Ex 12:1-14
	Ps 78:15-26 ^v	Ps 78:15-26 ^v	Ps 78:15-26 ^v
	1 Cor 11:23-26(27-34) John 13:1-15 or Luke 22:14-30	1 Cor 11:23-26(27-34) John 13:1-15 or Luke 22:14-30	1 Cor 11:23-26(27-34) John 13:1-15 or Luke 22:14-30
GOOD FRIDAY	Gen 22:1-18 or Isa 52:13—53:12	Gen 22:1-18 or Isa 52:13—53:12	Gen 22:1-18 or Isa 52:13—53:12
	Ps 22:1-11(12-21) ^v or Ps 40:1-16 ^v or Ps 69:1-22 ^v	Ps 22:1-11(12-21) ^v or Ps 40:1-16 ^v or Ps 69:1-22 ^v	Ps 22:1-11(12-21) ^v or Ps 40:1-16 ^v or Ps 69:1-22 ^v
	Heb 10:1-25	Heb 10:1-25	Heb 10:1-25
	John (18:1-40) 19:1-37	John (18:1-40) 19:1-37	John (18:1-40) 19:1-37
	Job 14:1-17	Job 14:1-17	Job 14:1-17
HOLY SATURDAY	Ps 130 or 31:1-6 ^v	Ps 130 or 31:1-6 ^v	Ps 130 or 31:1-6 ^v
	1 Pet 4:1-8	1 Pet 4:1-8	1 Pet 4:1-8
	Matt 27:57-66 or John 19:38-42	Matt 27:57-66 or John 19:38-42	Matt 27:57-66 or John 19:38-42

EASTER

THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER	Gen 1:1—2:3	Gen 1:1—2:3	Gen 1:1—2:3
	Gen 3	Gen 3	Gen 3
	Gen 7:1-5,11-18; 8:6-20; 9:8-13	Gen 7:1-5,11-18; 8:6-20; 9:8-13	Gen 7:1-5,11-18; 8:6-20; 9:8-13
	Gen 22:1-18	Gen 22:1-18	Gen 22:1-18
	Ex 14:10—15:1	Ex 14:10—15:1	Ex 14:10—15:1
	Isa 4:2-6	Isa 4:2-6	Isa 4:2-6
	Isa 55:1-11	Isa 55:1-11	Isa 55:1-11
	Ezek 36:24-28	Ezek 36:24-28	Ezek 36:24-28
	Ezek 37:1-14	Ezek 37:1-14	Ezek 37:1-14
	Dan 3:1-28	Dan 3:1-28	Dan 3:1-28

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EASTER DAY:	<i>Use one of the Old Testament Lessons from the Vigil</i>	<i>Use one of the Old Testament Lessons from the Vigil</i>	<i>Use one of the Old Testament Lessons from the Vigil</i>
EARLY SERVICE	Ps 114 Rom 6:3-11 Matt 28:1-10	Ps 114 Rom 6:3-11 Matt 28:1-10	Ps 114 Rom 6:3-11 Matt 28:1-10
EASTER DAY: PRINCIPAL SERVICE	Acts 10:34-43 or Ex 14:10-14, 21-31 Ps 118:14-17, 22-24 Col 3:1-4 or Acts 10:34-43 John 20:1-10 (11-18) or Matt 28:1-10	Acts 10:34-43 or Isa 25:6-9 Ps 118:14-17, 22-24 Col 3:1-4 or Acts 10:34-43 Mark 16:1-8	Acts 10:34-43 or Isa 51:9-11 Ps 118:14-17, 22-24 Col 3:1-4 or Acts 10:34-43 Luke 24:1-12
EASTER DAY: EVENING SERVICE	Dan 12:1-3 Ps 136 1 Cor 5:6-8 Luke 24:13-35	Dan 12:1-3 Ps 136 1 Cor 5:6-8 Luke 24:13-35	Dan 12:1-3 Ps 136 1 Cor 5:6-8 Luke 24:13-35
MONDAY OF EASTER WEEK	Acts 2:14, 22-32 Ps 16 Matt 28:9-15	Acts 2:14, 22-32 Ps 16 Matt 28:9-15	Acts 2:14, 22-32 Ps 16 Matt 28:9-15
TUESDAY OF EASTER WEEK	Acts 2:14, 36-41 Ps 33:17-21 ^v John 20:11-18	Acts 2:14, 36-41 Ps 33:17-21 ^v John 20:11-18	Acts 2:14, 36-41 Ps 33:17-21 ^v John 20:11-18
WEDNESDAY OF EASTER WEEK	Acts 3:1-10 Ps 105:1-8 ^v Luke 24:13-35	Acts 3:1-10 Ps 105:1-8 ^v Luke 24:13-35	Acts 3:1-10 Ps 105:1-8 ^v Luke 24:13-35
THURSDAY OF EASTER WEEK	Acts 3:11-26 Ps 8 Luke 24:36-49	Acts 3:11-26 Ps 8 Luke 24:36-49	Acts 3:11-26 Ps 8 Luke 24:36-49
FRIDAY OF EASTER WEEK	1 Pet 1:3-9 Ps 116:1-9 ^v John 21:1-14	1 Pet 1:3-9 Ps 116:1-9 ^v John 21:1-14	1 Pet 1:3-9 Ps 116:1-9 ^v John 21:1-14
SATURDAY OF EASTER WEEK	Acts 4:1-22 Ps 118:14-18 Mark 16:9-20	Acts 4:1-22 Ps 118:14-18 Mark 16:9-20	Acts 4:1-22 Ps 118:14-18 Mark 16:9-20

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THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER	Acts 2:14a,22-32 or Gen 8:6-16, 9:8-16 Ps. 111 1 Pet 1:3-9 John 20:19-31	Acts 3:12a, 13-15, 17-26 or Isa 26:1-9, 19 Ps 111 1 John 5:1-5 John 20:19-31	Acts 5:12a, 17-22, 25-29 or Job 42:1-6 Ps 111 Rev 1:(1-8)9-19 John 20:19-31
THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER	Acts 2:14a,36-47 or Isa 43:1-12 Ps 116:11-16 ^v 1 Pet 1:13-25 Luke 24:13-35	Acts 4:5-14 or Mic 4:1-5 Ps 98 or 98:1-5 1 John 1:1-2:2 Luke 24:36-49	Acts 9:1-19a or Jer 32:36-41 Ps 33 or 33:1-11 ^v Rev 5:(1-5)6-14 John 21:1-14
THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	Acts 6:1-9, 7:2a, 5:1-60 or Neh 9:(1-3)6-15 Ps 23 1 Pet 2:13-25 <i>Good Shepherd</i> John 10:1-10	Acts 4:(23-31)32-37 or Ezek 34:1-10 Ps 23 1 John 3:1-10 John 10:11-16	Acts 13:14b-16, 26-39 or Num 27:12-23 Ps 100 Rev 7:9-17 John 10:22-30
THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	Acts 17:1-15 or Deut 6:20-25 Ps 66:1-11 ^v or 66:1-8 ^v 1 Pet 2:1-12 John 14:1-14	Acts 8:26-40 or Deut 4:32-40 Ps 66:1-11 ^v or 66:1-8 ^v 1 John 3:(11-17)18-24 John 14:15-21	Acts 13:44-52 or Lev 19:1-2, 9-18 Ps 145 or 145:1-9 ^v Rev 19:1-9 John 13:31-35
THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER <i>Regation Sunday</i>	Acts 17:(16-21)22-34 or Isa 41:17-20 Ps 148 or 148:7-14 1 Pet 3:8-18 John 15:1-11	Acts 11:19-30 or Isa 45:11-13, 18-19 (20-25) Ps 33 or 33:1-8, 18-22 ^v 1 John 4:7-21 John 15:9-17	Acts 14:8-18 or Joel 2:21-27 Ps 67 Rev 21:1-4, 22-22:5 John 14:21-29
ASCENSION DAY	Acts 1:1-11 Ps 47 or 110:1-5 Eph 1:15-23 Luke 24:44-53 or Mark 16:9-20	Acts 1:1-11 Ps 47 or 110:1-5 Eph 1:15-23 Luke 24:44-53 or Mark 16:9-20	Acts 1:1-11 Ps 47 or 110:1-5 Eph 1:15-23 Luke 24:44-53 or Mark 16:9-20
THE SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION DAY	Acts 1:(1-5)6-14 or Ezek 39:21-29 Ps 68:1-20 or 47 1 Pet 4:12-19 John 17:1-11	Acts 1:15-26 or Ex 28:1-49-10, 29-30 Ps 68:1-20 or 47 1 John 5:6-15 John 17:11b-19	Acts 16:16-34 or 1 Sam 12:19-24 Ps 68:1-20 or 47 Rev 22:10-21 John 17:20-26

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PENTECOST	Gen 11:1-9 or Acts 2:1-11(12-21)	Gen 11:1-9 or Acts 2:1-11(12-21)	Gen 11:1-9 or Acts 2:1-11(12-21)
	Ps 104:24-35 ^v Acts 2:1-11(12-21) or 1 Cor 12:4-13 John 14:8-17	Ps 104:24-35 ^v Acts 2:1-11(12-21) or 1 Cor 12:4-13 John 14:8-17	Ps 104:24-35 ^v Acts 2:1-11(12-21) or 1 Cor 12:4-13 John 14:8-17

THE SEASON AFTER PENTECOST

Sundays may also be named "After Trinity"

The Lessons for each Sunday are used at celebrations of the Holy Communion during the following week.

TRINITY	Gen 1:1—2:3 Ps 150	Ex 3:1-6 Ps 93	Isa 6:1-7 Ps 29
SUNDAY	2 Cor 13:5-14 Matt 28:16-20	Rom 8:12-17 John 3:1-16	Rev 4:1-11 John 16:(5-11)12-15
PROPER 1			
<i>Weekdays following the Sunday from May 8 to May 14</i>	<i>Ecclesiasticus 15:11-20 Ps 119:1-16 1 Cor 3:1-9 Matt 5:21-37</i>	<i>2 Kings 5:1-15a Ps 42 1 Cor 9:24-27 Mark 1:40-45</i>	<i>Jer 17:5-10 Ps 1 1 Cor 15:12-20 Luke 6:17-26</i>
PROPER 2			
<i>Weekdays following the Sunday from May 15 to May 21</i>	<i>Lev 19:1-2,9-18 Ps 71 or 71:11-23^v 1 Cor 3:10-23 Matt 5:38-48</i>	<i>Isa 43:18-25 Ps 32 2 Cor 1:18-22 Mark 2:1-12</i>	<i>Gen 45:3-11,21-28 Ps 37:(1-6)7-17^v 1 Cor 15:35-49 Luke 6:27-38</i>
PROPER 3			
<i>Sunday from May 22 to May 28</i>	<i>Isa 49:8-18(19-23) Ps 62 1 Cor 4:1-13 Matt 6:24-34</i>	<i>Hos 2:14-23 Ps 103 or 103:1-14 2 Cor 3:4-18 Mark 2:18-22</i>	<i>Jer 7:1-15 Ps 92 1 Cor 15:50-58 Luke 6:39-49</i>
PROPER 4			
<i>Sunday from May 29 to June 4</i>	<i>Deut 11:18-32 Ps 31 or Ps 31:18-27^v Rom 3:21-31 Matt 7:21-27</i>	<i>Deut 5:6-21 Ps 81:1-10(11-16) 2 Cor 4:1-12 Mark 2:23-28</i>	<i>1 Kings 8:22-30,41-43 Ps 96 Gal 1:1-10 Luke 7:1-10</i>

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PROPER 5 <i>Sunday from</i> <i>June 5 to</i> <i>June 11</i>	Hos 5:15—6:6 Ps 50 Rom 4:13-18 Matt 9:9-13	Gen 3:1-21 Ps 130 2 Cor 4:13-18 Mark 3:20-35	1 Kings 17:17-24 Ps 30 Gal 1:11-24 Luke 7:11-17
PROPER 6 <i>Sunday from</i> <i>June 12 to</i> <i>June 18</i>	Ex 19:1-8 Ps 100 Rom 5:1-11 Matt 9:35-10:15	Ezek 31:1-6(7-9)10-14 Ps 92 2 Cor 5:1-10 Mark 4:26-34	2 Sam 11:26-12:15 Ps 32:1-6(7-12) ^v Gal 2:11-21 Luke 7:36-8:3
PROPER 7 <i>Sunday from</i> <i>June 19 to</i> <i>June 25</i>	Jer 20:7-13 Ps 69:1-15(16-18) ^v Rom 5:15b-19 Matt 10:16-33	Job 38:1-11(12-15) 16-18 Ps 107:1-3(4-22)23-32 2 Cor 5:14-21 Mark 4:35-41(5:1-20)	Zech 12:8-10,13:1 Ps 63 Gal 3:23-29 Luke 9:18-24
PROPER 8 <i>Sunday from</i> <i>June 26 to</i> <i>July 2</i>	Isa 2:10-17 Ps 89:1-18 ^v Rom 6:1-11 Matt 10:34-42	Deut 15:7-11 Ps 112 2 Cor 8:1-15 Mark 5:22-43	1 Kings 19:15-21 Ps 16 Gal 5:1,13-25 Luke 9:51-62
PROPER 9 <i>Sunday from</i> <i>July 3 to</i> <i>July 9</i>	Zech 9:9-12 Ps 145:1-13(14-21) ^v Rom 7:21-8:6 Matt 11:25-30	Ezek 2:1-7 Ps 123 2 Cor 12:2-10 Mark 6:1-6	Isa 66:10-16 Ps 66 or 66:1-8 ^v Gal 6:(1-5)6-18 Luke 10:1-20
PROPER 10 <i>Sunday from</i> <i>July 10 to</i> <i>July 16</i>	Isa 55 Ps 65 Rom 8:7-17 Matt 13:1-9,18-23	Amos 7:7-15 Ps 85 Eph 1:1-14(15-23) Mark 6:7-13	Deut 30:9-14 Ps 25:1-14(15-21) ^v Col 1:1-14 Luke 10:25-37
PROPER 11 <i>Sunday from</i> <i>July 17 to</i> <i>July 23</i>	<i>Wisdom</i> 12:13, 16-19 Ps 86 Rom 8:18-25 Matt 13:24-30,34-43	Isa 57:14-21 Ps 22:23-31 ^v Eph 2:11-22 Mark 6:30-44	Gen 18:1-14 Ps 15 Col 1:21-29 Luke 10:38-42
PROPER 12 <i>Sunday from</i> <i>July 24 to</i> <i>July 30</i>	1 Kings 3:3-14 Ps 119:121-136 Rom 8:26-34 Matt 13:31-33,44-50	2 Kings 2:1-15 Ps 114 Eph 3:(1-7)8-21 Mark 6:45-52	Gen 18:20-33 Ps 138 Col 2:6-15 Luke 11:1-13

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PROPER 13 <i>Sunday from July 31 to August 6</i>	Neh 9:16-21 Ps 78:(1-13)14-26 ^v Rom 8:35-39 Matt 14:13-21	Ex 16:2-4(5-8)9-15 Ps 78:(1-13)14-26 ^v Eph 4:1-16 John 6:24-35	Eccl 1:12—2:11 Ps 49:1-12(13-21) ^v Col 3:5-17 Luke 12:13-21
PROPER 14 <i>Sunday from August 7 to August 13</i>	Jon 2:1-10 Ps 29 Rom 9:1-5 Matt 14:22-33	Deut 8:1-10 Ps 34:(1-7)8-15(16-22) Eph 4:17—5:2 John 6:37-51	Gen 15:1-6 Ps 33:(1-9)10-21 ^v Heb 11:1-16 Luke 12:32-40
PROPER 15 <i>Sunday from August 14 to August 20</i>	Isa 56:1-8 Ps 67 Rom 11:13-24 Matt 15:21-28	Prov 9:1-6 Ps 147 Eph 5:3-14 John 6:53-59	Jer 23:23-29 Ps 82 Heb 12:1-14 Luke 12:49-56
PROPER 16 <i>Sunday from August 21 to August 27</i>	Isa 51:1-6 Ps 138 Rom 11:25-36 Matt 16:13-20	Josh 24:1-2a,14-25 Ps 16 Eph 5:15-33(6:1-9) John 6:60-69	Isa 28:14-22 Ps 46 Heb 12:(15-17)18-29 Luke 13:22-30
PROPER 17 <i>Sunday from August 28 to September 3</i>	Jer 15:15-21 Ps 26 Rom 12:1-8 Matt 16:21-27	Deut 4:1-9 Ps 15 Eph 6:10-20 Mark 7:1-23	<i>Ecclesiasticus</i> 10:7-18 Ps 112 Heb 13:1-8 Luke 14:1,7-14
PROPER 18 <i>Sunday from September 4 to September 10</i>	Ezek 33:1-11 Ps 119:33-48 Rom 12:9-21 Matt 18:15-20	Isa 35:4-7a Ps 146 James 1:17-27 Mark 7:31-37	Deut 30:15-20 Ps 1 Philemon (1-3)4-21(22-25) Luke 14:25-33
PROPER 19 <i>Sunday from September 11 to September 17</i>	<i>Ecclesiasticus</i> 27:30—28:7 Ps 103 or 103:1-14 Rom 14:5-12 Matt 18:21-35	Isa 50:4-9 Ps 116:1-9(10-16) ^v James 2:1-18 Mark 9:14-29	Ex 32:1,7-14 Ps 51:1-17 ^v 1 Tim 1:12-17 Luke 15:1-10
PROPER 20 <i>Sunday from September 18 to September 24</i>	Jonah 3:10—4:11 Ps 145:(1-13)14-21 ^v Phil 1:21-27 Matt 20:1-16	<i>Wisdom</i> 1:16—2:1, 12-22 Ps 54 James 3:16—4:6 Mark 9:30-37	Amos 8:4-12 Ps 138 1 Tim 2:1-7(8-15) Luke 16:1-13

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PROPER 21 <i>Sunday from September 25 to October 1</i>	Ezek 18:1-4,25-32 Ps 25:1-14(15-21) Phil 2:1-13 Matt 21:28-32	Num 11:4-6,10-17, 24-29 Ps 19:(1-6)7-14 James 4:7-12(13—5:6) Mark 9:38-48	Amos 6:1-7 Ps 146 1 Tim 6:11-19 Luke 16:19-31
PROPER 22 <i>Sunday from October 2 to October 8</i>	Isa 5:1-7 Ps 80:(1-6)7-19 ^v Phil 3:14-21 Matt 21:33-44	Gen 2:18-24 Ps 8 Heb 2:(1-8)9-18 Mark 10:2-16	Hab 1:1-13, 2:1-4 Ps 37:1-17 ^v 2 Tim 1:1-14 Luke 17:5-10
PROPER 23 <i>Sunday from October 9 to October 15</i>	Isa 25:1-9 Ps 23 Phil 4:4-13 Matt 22:1-14	Amos 5:6-15 Ps 90:1-12(13-17) Heb 3:1-6 Mark 10:17-31	Ruth 1:1-19a Ps 113 2 Tim 2:1-15 Luke 17:11-19
PROPER 24 <i>Sunday from October 16 to October 22</i>	Mal 3:6-12 Ps 96 1 Thess 1:1-10 Matt 22:15-22	Isa 53:4-12 Ps 91 Heb 4:12-16 Mark 10:35-45	Gen 32:3-8,22-30 Ps 121 2 Tim 3:14—4:5 Luke 18:1-8
PROPER 25 <i>Sunday from October 23 to October 29</i>	Ex 22:21-27 Ps 1 1 Thess 2:1-8 Matt 22:34-46	Isa 59:9-20 Ps 13 Heb 5:11—6:12 Mark 10:46-52	Jer 14:(1-6)7-10,19-22 Ps 84 2 Tim 4:6-18 Luke 18:9-14
ALL SAINTS' DAY <i>November 1</i>	<i>Ecclesiasticus 44:1-14</i> <i>or Rev 7:9-17</i> Ps 149 Rev 7:9-17 <i>or</i> Eph 1:(11-14)15-23 Matt 5:1-12 <i>or</i> Luke 6:20-26(27-36)	<i>Ecclesiasticus 44:1-14</i> <i>or Rev 7:9-17</i> Ps 149 Rev 7:9-17 <i>or</i> Eph 1:(11-14)15-23 Matt 5:1-12 <i>or</i> Luke 6:20-26(27-36)	<i>Ecclesiasticus 44:1-14</i> <i>or Rev 7:9-17</i> Ps 149 Rev 7:9-17 <i>or</i> Eph 1:(11-14)15-23 Matt 5:1-12 <i>or</i> Luke 6:20-26(27-36)
PROPER 26 <i>Sunday from October 30 to November 5</i>	Mic 3:5-12 Ps 43 1 Thess 2:9-20 Matt 23:1-12	Deut 6:1-9 Ps 119:1-16 Heb 7:23-28 Mark 12:28-34	Isa 1:10-20 Ps 32 2 Thess 1:1-12 Luke 19:1-10

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PROPER 27 <i>Sunday from</i> <i>November 6 to</i> <i>November 12</i>	Amos 5:18-24 Ps 70 1 Thess 4:13-18 Matt 25:1-13	1 Kings 17:8-16 Ps 146 Heb 9:24-28 Mark 12:38-44	Job 19:23-27a Ps 17 2 Thess 2:13—3:5 Luke 20:27-38
PROPER 28 <i>Sunday from</i> <i>November 13 to</i> <i>November 19</i>	Zeph 1:7,12-18 Ps 90:1-12(13-17) 1 Thess 5:1-10 Matt 25:14-30	Dan 12:1-4a(4b-13) Ps 16 Heb 10:31-39 Mark 13:14-23	Mal 3:13—4:6 Ps 98 2 Thess 3:6-16 Luke 21:5-19
PROPER 29 <i>Sunday from</i> <i>November 20 to</i> <i>November 26</i> <i>Christ the King</i>	Ezek 34:11-20 Ps 95 1 Cor 15:20-28 Matt 25:31-46	Dan 7:9-14 Ps 93 Rev 1:1-8 John 18:33-37	Jer 23:1-6 Ps 46 Col 1:11-20 Luke 23:35-43

HOLY DAYS

ST. ANDREW <i>November 30</i>	Deut 30:11-14 Ps 19 or 19:1-6 Rom 10:8b-18 Matt 4:18-22 Hab 2:1-4 Ps 126 Heb 10:35—11:1 John 20:19-29	THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE <i>February 2</i> ST. MATTHIAS <i>February 24</i>	Mal 3:1-4 Ps 84 Heb 2:14-18 Luke 2:22-40 Acts 1:15-26 Ps 15 Phil 3:12-21 John 15:1-16
ST. THOMAS <i>December 21</i>	Jer 26:1-9(10-11)12-15 Ps 31:1-6(7-27) ^v Acts 6:8—7:2a,51-60 Matt 23:29-39	ST. JOSEPH <i>March 19</i>	2 Sam 7:4,8-16 Ps 89:1-4(5-18)19-29 ^v Rom 4:13-18 Luke 2:41-52
ST. STEPHEN <i>December 26</i>	Ex 33:18-23 Ps 92:1-4(5-10)11-14 1 John 1 John 21:9-25 or John 1:1-18	THE ANNUNCIATION <i>March 25</i>	Isa 7:10-14 Ps 40:1-13 ^v or <i>Magnificat</i> Heb 10:5-10 Luke 1:26-38
ST. JOHN <i>December 27</i>	Jer 31:15-17 Ps 124 Rev 21:1-7 Matt 2:13-18	ST. MARK <i>April 25</i>	Isa 52:7-10 Ps 2 Eph 4:7-8,11-16 Mark 16:15-20
HOLY INNOCENTS <i>December 28</i>	Ex 34:1-9 Ps 8 Rom 1:1-7 Luke 2:15-21	ST. PHILIP & ST. JAMES <i>May 1</i>	Isa 30:18-21 Ps 119:33-40 2 Cor 4:1-7 John 14:6-14
CIRCUMCISION & HOLY NAME <i>January 1</i>	Acts 4:8-13 Ps 23 1 Pet 5:1-11 Matt 16:13-19	THE VISITATION <i>May 31</i>	Zeph 3:14-18 Ps 113 or <i>Ecce Deus</i> Col 3:12-17 Luke 1:39-56
CONFESSiON OF ST. PETER <i>January 18</i>	Acts 26:9-21 Ps 67 Gal 1:11-24 Matt 10:16-25	ST. BARNABAS <i>June 11</i>	Isa 42:5-12 Ps 112 Acts 11:19-30,13:1-3 Matt 10:7-16
CONVERSiON OF ST. PAUL <i>January 25</i>			

^v Psalm verse numbers correspond to the New Coverdale Psalter found in this book

HOLY DAYS

NATIVITY OF ST.	Isa 40:1-11	Prov 3:1-12
JOHN THE BAPTIST	Ps 85:7-13	Ps 119:33-40
<i>June 24</i>	Acts 13:14b-26	2 Tim 3:1-17
	Luke 1:57-80	Matt 9:9-13
ST. PETER &	Ezek 34:11-16	Gen 28:10-17
ST. PAUL	Ps 87	Ps 103
<i>June 29</i>	2 Tim 4:1-8	Rev 12:7-12
	John 21:15-19	John 1:47-51
ST. MARY	Judg 4:4-10 or <i>Judith</i> 9:1,11-14	<i>Ecclesiasticus</i> 38:1-14
MAGDALENE	Ps 42:1-7(8-15)	Ps 147:1-11 ^v
<i>July 22</i>	2 Cor 5:14-20a	2 Tim 4:1-13
	John 20:11-18	Luke 4:14-21
ST. JAMES	Jer 45:1-5	Acts 15:12-22a
<i>July 25</i>	Ps 7:1-11(12-18)	Ps 1
	Acts 11:27—12:3	1 Cor 15:1-11
	Matt 20:20-28	Matt 13:54-58
THE TRANSFIGURA-	Ex 34:29-35	ST. SIMON &
TION	Ps 99	ST. JUDE
<i>August 6</i>	2 Pet 1:13-21	<i>October 28</i>
	Luke 9:28-36	Deut 32:1-4
ST. MARY THE	Isa 61:10-11	Ps 119:89-96
VIRGIN	Ps 34	Eph 2:13-22
<i>August 15</i>	Gal 4:4-7	John 15:17-27
	Luke 1:46-55	<i>Ecclesiasticus</i> 44:1-14 or Rev 7:9-17
ST. BARTHOLOMEW	Deut 18:15-18	Ps 149
<i>August 24</i>	Ps 91	Rev 7:9-17 or
	1 Cor 4:9-16	Eph 1:(11-14)15-23
	Luke 22:24-30	Matt 5:1-12 or
		Luke 6:20-26(27-36)
HOLY CROSS DAY	Isa 45:21-25	
<i>September 14</i>	Ps 98	
	Phil 2:5-11	
	John 12:31-36a	

EMBER, ROGATION AND NATIONAL DAYS & COMMONS

EMBER DAYS		THE COMMON of THE COMMEMORATIONS	
EMBER DAYS I	Num 11:16-17, 24-29	MARTYR	Jer 15:15-21
	Ps 99		Ps 34
	1 Cor 3:5-11		Rev 7:9-17
EMBER DAYS II	John 4:31-38	MISSIONARY OR EVANGELIST	Luke 12:4-12
	1 Sam 3:1-10		Isa 49:1-7
	Ps 63:1-8 ^v		Ps 98
ROGATION DAYS I	Eph 4:11-16	PASTOR	Rom 10:11-18
	Matt 9:35-38		Luke 5:1-11
	Deut 11:10-15		Isa 6:1-8
ROGATION DAYS II	Ps 147	TEACHER OF THE FAITH	Ps 71:1-24 ^v
	Rom 8:18-25		1 Pet 5:1-11 or
	Mark 4:26-32		Acts 20:24-35
NATIONAL DAYS		Matt 24:42-50	Matt 24:42-50
THANKSGIVING DAY	<i>Ecclesiasticus</i> 38:27-32		Prov 3:13-26
	Ps 107:1-9		Ps 119:89-106
	1 Cor 3:10-14		1 John 1:1-10
CANADA AND THE UNITED STATES	Matt 6:19-24	MONASTIC OR RELIGIOUS	Matt 13:47-52
	Deut 8		Lam 3:22-33
	Ps 65:1-8(9-14)		Ps 1
CANADA DAY <i>July 1</i>	James 1:17-27	ECUMENIST	Heb 4:1-13 or
	Matt 6:25-33		Acts 2:42-47
	Deut 6:1-15		Mark 10:23-31
INDEPENDENCE DAY <i>July 4</i>	Ps 145	REFORMER OF THE CHURCH	Ezk 34:11-16
	1 Peter 2:1-6		Ps 133
	Matt 22:16-21 or		Eph 3:14-21
REMEMBRANCE DAY (CANADA) <i>Nov 11</i> &	Matt 25:14-30	RENEWER OF SOCIETY	John 17:10-26
	Deut 10:17-21		Jer 1:4-10
	Ps 145		Ps 46
MEMORIAL DAY (USA) <i>Monday</i> <i>Nearest May 28</i>	Heb 11:8-16	RENEWER OF SOCIETY	1 Cor 3:10-23
	Matt 5:43-48		Matt 5:13-20
	<i>Wisdom</i> 3:1-9		Ex 3:7-12
	Ps 121		Ps 145:1-13 ^v
	Rev 7:9-17		Rom 12:9-21
	John 11:21-27 or		Luke 6:20-38
	John 15:12-17		

^v Psalm verse numbers correspond to the New Coverdale Psalter found in this book

ANY	Mic 6:6-8 Ps 1 1 Cor 1:18-31 Joh 3:16-21	ANY	<i>Wisdom</i> 3:1-9 Ps 15 Phil 4:4-9 Luke 6:17-23
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PROPERS FOR VARIOUS OCCASIONS

OF THE HOLY TRINITY	<i>Propers for Trinity Sunday</i>
OF THE HOLY SPIRIT	<i>Propers for Day of Pentecost</i>
OF THE HOLY ANGELS	<i>Propers for Holy Michael and All Angels</i>
OF THE INCARNATION	<i>Propers for Christmas Day</i>
OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST	<i>Propers for Maundy Thursday</i>
OF THE HOLY CROSS	<i>Propers for Holy Cross Day</i>
FOR THE DEPARTED	<i>Propers for Burial of the Dead</i>
OF THE REIGN OF CHRIST	<i>Propers for Christ the King</i>
FOR BAPTISM	<i>Propers of the Day</i>
FOR CONFIRMATION	<i>Propers of the Day</i>
ANNIVERSARY OF THE	
DEDICATION OF A CHURCH	<i>Propers for Consecration of a Place of Worship</i>
FOR A CHURCH CONVENTION	Isaiah 55:1-13 Ps 19:7-14 2 Cor 4:1-10 John 15:1-11
FOR THE UNITY OF THE CHURCH	Isaiah 35:1-10 Ps 122 Ephesians 4:1-6 John 17:6a, 15-23
FOR THE MINISTRY	<i>Propers for Ember Days</i>
FOR THE MISSION OF THE CHURCH	<i>Propers for World Mission Sunday</i>
FOR THE NATION	<i>Propers for a National Day</i>
FOR PEACE	Micah 4:1-5 Psalm 85:7-13 Ephesians 2:13-18 or Colossians 3:12-15 John 16:23-33 or Matthew 5:33-48
FOR THE SICK	<i>Scriptures on page 235</i>
FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE	Isaiah 42:1-7 Psalm 72 James 2:5-9, 12-17 Matthew 10:32-42
FOR LABOR DAY	<i>Propers for Rogation Days</i>

DAILY OFFICE LECTORY

USE OF PSALMS IN THE DAILY OFFICE

Recitation of the Psalms is central to daily worship throughout the Christian Tradition. Anglicanism at the time of the Reformation established that the entire Psalter should be read in the Daily Office every month. This one-month cycle is printed on the following page, and is indicated within the Psalter itself.

An alternate sixty-day cycle of shorter psalm readings is also printed alongside the readings in this lectionary. Proper psalms for the feasts of Epiphany, the Presentation, the Annunciation, the Transfiguration, All Saints', and Christmas have been included within the sixty-day psalm cycle.

For any day, the psalms appointed may be reduced in number according to local circumstance, provided that the entire Psalter is read regularly. If only one Office is prayed in a day, any of the psalms appointed for that day may be used.

The Gloria Patri (Glory be...) may be said after each psalm, or at the conclusion of all the psalms of the Office. The manner of recitation of the psalms can be adapted to size of Congregation and physical setting: responsive (between leader and people), antiphonal (alternating sides of the Congregation), or in unison, and by whole or half verse. For purposes of reflective pause, half-verse recitation, or musical chant, the asterisk (*) printed in each verse indicates the place where the verse divides.

Verse numbers correspond to the New Coverdale Psalter found in this book, which may differ from other translations.

TRADITIONAL ONE-MONTH PSALM CYCLE

DATE	MORNING PRAYER PSALMS	EVENING PRAYER PSALMS
1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5	6, 7, 8
2	9, 10, 11	12, 13, 14
3	15, 16, 17	18
4	19, 20, 21	22, 23
5	24, 25, 26	27, 28, 29
6	30, 31	32, 33, 34
7	35, 36	37
8	38, 39, 40	41, 42, 43
9	44, 45, 46	47, 48, 49
10	50, 51, 52	53, 54, 55
11	56, 57, 58	59, 60, 61
12	62, 63, 64	65, 66, 67
13	68	69, 70
14	71, 72	73, 74
15	75, 76, 77	78
16	79, 80, 81	82, 83, 84, 85
17	86, 87, 88	89
18	90, 91, 92	93, 94
19	95, 96, 97	98, 99, 100, 101
20	102, 103	104
21	105	106
22	107	108, 109
23	110, 111, 112, 113	114, 115
24	116, 117, 118	119:1-32
25	119:33-72	119:73-104
26	119:105-144	119:145-176
27	120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125	126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131
28	132, 133, 134, 135	136, 137, 138
29	139, 140	141, 142, 143
30	144, 145, 146	147, 148, 149, 150

If there is a 31st day of the month, psalms are chosen from among the Songs of Ascents (120 to 134).

ANNUAL CYCLE OF LESSONS APPOINTED

The principle adopted at the Reformation was that “the whole of Holy Scripture (or the greatest part thereof)” should be read each year. This cycle of lessons is based on that principle.

The first lesson is normally taken from the Old Testament or the Apocrypha. The Old Testament is read in its entirety once each year (with the exception of a few passages in Leviticus, Numbers, Joshua, Judges, Ezra, Nehemiah, Ezekiel, and the majority of Chronicles). These readings may be shortened if necessary, as long as the plain sense of the text is not lost. The dagger symbol (†) indicates a way to abbreviate a longer chapter if desired. The Gospels and Acts are read in their entirety twice each year, at Morning Prayer during the first part of the year, at Evening Prayer during the second part of the year. The Epistles are read twice each year in the opposite pattern, except for the Revelation to John, which is read only once, during the Advent season. Less of the Apocrypha has been included than in the 1662 *Book of Common Prayer*; however, select passages have been retained, in keeping with the classic Anglican principle that “the Church doth read [these books] for example of life and instruction of manners; but yet doth it not apply them to establish any doctrine” (Article VI of the Thirty-Nine Articles).

In general, readings move continuously through books of the Bible, interrupted only by Holy Days. For most Holy Days a single proper lesson is included, usually in Morning Prayer. For major feasts of our Lord, two proper lessons are included. The Holy Days connected to the date of Easter (Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday, Easter Day, Ascension, and Pentecost) have a variable calendar date year to year. Proper readings for these days are provided in additional tables in the midst of the lectionary, and are indicated at the earliest possible date with a double dagger (‡).

If Morning Prayer is the principal liturgy on a Sunday, the psalms and lessons appointed for the day should be replaced with the psalm and two of the lessons from the **SUNDAY, HOLY DAY, AND COMMEMORATION LECTORY**. On other Holy Days, the psalm and lessons from the **SUNDAY, HOLY DAY, AND COMMEMORATION LECTORY** may be used, if those lessons are not to be used at a celebration of the Eucharist on that day.

When a Lesson begins with a pronoun, the reader should substitute the appropriate noun.

Readings from the Apocrypha are in italics. It is appropriate to conclude readings from the Apocrypha with “Here ends the Reading.” Should an alternate reading be desired to replace the Apocrypha, the reading appointed as the first lesson of the other Office for that day may be divided between the two Offices.

This Daily Office Lectionary may be adapted for use in a two-year cycle (indicated by I and II in the monthly headings) by reading only the two lessons appointed for Morning Prayer in odd-numbered years (e.g., 2019) and the two lessons appointed for Evening Prayer in even-numbered years (e.g., 2020). The two lessons each day may be divided across the two Offices. In this way, the New Testament will be read through once each year, and the Old Testament will be read through in two years.

JANUARY (I)

MORNING PRAYER			60 DAY PSALTER—MP
DATE	FIRST LESSON	SECOND LESSON	
1 <i>Circ. & Name</i>	Gen 1	John 1:1-28	1, 2
2	Gen 2	John 1:29-end	5, 6
3	Gen 3	John 2	9
4	Gen 4	John 3:1-21	8, 11
5	Gen 5	John 3:22-end	12, 13, 14
6 Epiphany	Gen 6	Matt 2:1-12	96, 97
7	Gen 7	John 4:1-26	18:1-20 ^v
8	Gen 8	John 4:27-end	19
9	Gen 9	John 5:1-24	22
10	Gen 10 † 1-9, 15-22, 30-32	John 5:25-end	25
11	Gen 11 † 1-9, 27-32	John 6:1-21	26, 28
12	Gen 12	John 6:22-40	29, 30
13	Gen 13	John 6:41-end	34
14	Gen 14	John 7:1-24	32, 36
15	Gen 15	John 7:25-52	37:1-17 ^v
16	Gen 16	John 7:53—8:30	40
17	Gen 17	John 8:31-end	42, 43
18 Conf. Peter	Gen 18	Matt 16:13-20	45
19	Gen 19 † 1-29	John 9	47, 48
20	Gen 20	John 10:1-21	50
21	Gen 21 † 1-21	John 10:22-end	52, 53, 54
22	Gen 22	John 11:1-44	56, 57
23	Gen 23	John 11:45-end	59
24	Gen 24 † 1-28, 53-58	John 12:1-19	61, 62
25 Conv. Paul	Acts 9:1-22	John 12:20-end	68:1-18
26	Gen 25 † 7-11, 19-34	John 13	69:1-18 ^v
27	Gen 26 † 1-25	John 14:1-14	66
28	Gen 27 † 1-13, 18-36, 39-40	John 14:15-end	71
29	Gen 28	John 15:1-17	74
30	Gen 29 † 1-28	John 15:18-end	75, 76
31	Gen 30 † 1-2, 22-43	John 16:1-15	78:1-18 ^v

† *Optional abbreviation*

JANUARY (II)

**60 DAY
PSALTER—EP**

3, 4
7
10
15, 16
17
67, 72
18:21–52 ^v
20, 21
23, 24
27
31
33
35
38
37:18–41 ^v
39, 41
44
46
49
51
55
58, 60
63, 64
65, 67
68:19–36
69:19–37 ^v
70, 72
73
77
79, 82
78:19–40 ^v

EVENING PRAYER		
DATE	FIRST LESSON	SECOND LESSON
1 <i>Circ. & Name</i>	Gal 1	Luke 2:8–21
2	Jer 1	Gal 2
3	Jer 2	† 1–22 Gal 3
4	Jer 3	Gal 4
5	Jer 4	Gal 5
6 Epiphany	Jer 5	John 2:1–12
7	Jer 6	Gal 6
8	Jer 7	† 1–28, 34 1 Thess 1
9	Jer 8	1 Thess 2:1–16
10	Jer 9	1 Thess 2:17–3 end
11	Jer 10	1 Thess 4:1–12
12	Jer 11	1 Thess 4:13–5:11
13	Jer 12	1 Thess 5:12–end
14	Jer 13	2 Thess 1
15	Jer 14	2 Thess 2
16	Jer 15	2 Thess 3
17	Jer 16	1 Cor 1:1–25
18 Conf. Peter	Jer 17	1 Cor 1:26–2 end
19	Jer 18	1 Cor 3
20	Jer 19	1 Cor 4:1–17
21	Jer 20	1 Cor 4:18–5 end
22	Jer 21	1 Cor 6
23	Jer 22	1 Cor 7
24	Jer 23 † 1–9, 16–18, 21–40	1 Cor 8
25 Conv. Paul	Jer 24	1 Cor 9
26	Jer 25 † 1–19, 26–31	1 Cor 10
27	Jer 26	1 Cor 11
28	Jer 27	1 Cor 12
29	Jer 28	1 Cor 13
30	Jer 29 † 1–14, 24–32	1 Cor 14:1–19
31	Jer 30	1 Cor 14:20–end

† *Optional abbreviation*

FEBRUARY (I)

MORNING PRAYER			60 DAY PSALTER-MP
DATE	FIRST LESSON	SECOND LESSON	
1	Gen 31 † 1-3, 17-45	John 16:16-end	78:41-73 ^v
2 Presentation	Gen 32 † 1-13, 21-32	Luke 2:22-40	24, 81
3	Gen 33	John 17	83
4	Gen 34	John 18:1-27	86, 87
5	Gen 35	John 18:28-end	89:1-18 ^v
6	Gen 36 † 1-8	John 19:1-37	90
7	Gen 37 † 3-8, 12-36	John 19:38-end	92, 93
8	Gen 38 † 1-26	John 20	95, 96
9	Gen 39	John 21	99, 100, 101
10	Gen 40	Matt 1:1-17	103
11	Gen 41 † 1-15, 25-40	Matt 1:18-end	105:1-22 ^v
12	Gen 42 † 1-28	Matt 2	106:1-18 ^v
13	Gen 43 † 1-10, 15-34	Matt 3	107:1-22
14	Gen 44 † 1-20, 30-34	Matt 4	108, 110
15	Gen 45	Matt 5:1-20	111, 112
16	Gen 46 † 1-7, 28-34	Matt 5:21-48	115
17	Gen 47 † 1-15, 23-31	Matt 6:1-18	119:1-24
18	Gen 48	Matt 6:19-end	119:49-72
19	Gen 49	Matt 7	119:89-104
20	Gen 50	Matt 8:1-17	119:129-152
21	Exod 1	Matt 8:18-end	118
22	Exod 2	Matt 9:1-17	122, 123
23	Exod 3	Matt 9:18-34	127, 128
24 Matthias	Acts 1:15-26	Matt 9:35—10:23	132, 133
25	Exod 4	Matt 10:24-end	136
26	Exod 5	Matt 11	139
27	Exod 6 † 1-13	Matt 12:1-21	140
28	Exod 7	Matt 12:22-end	144

If the year is a leap year, the following lessons are appointed for February 29^b:

29	2 Kings 2	Luke 24:44-53	90
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‡ Ash Wednesday falls between February 4th and March 10th. See pages 713-715 to determine its date in a given year. The Lessons are:

Psalms	First Lesson	Second Lesson	Psalms	First Lesson	Second Lesson
38	Isa 58:1-12	Luke 18:9-14	6, 32	Jonah 3	1 Cor 9:24-27

FEBRUARY (II)

60 DAY PSALTER—EP

80
84
85
88
89:19-51 ^v
91
94
97, 98
102
104
105:23-44 ^v
106:19-46 ^v
107:23-43
109
113, 114
116, 117
119:25-48
119:73-88
119:105-128
119:153-176
120, 121
124, 125, 126
129, 130, 131
134, 135
137, 138
141, 142
143
145

EVENING PRAYER		
DATE	FIRST LESSON	SECOND LESSON
1	Jer 31 † 1-17, 27-37	1 Cor 15:1-34
2 <i>Presentation</i>	Jer 32 † 1-15, 36-44	1 Cor 15:35- <i>end</i>
3	Jer 33	1 Cor 16
4	Jer 34	2 Cor 1:1—2:11
5	Jer 35	2 Cor 2:12—3 <i>end</i>
6	Jer 36 † 1-10, 19-32	2 Cor 4
7	Jer 37	2 Cor 5
8	Jer 38	2 Cor 6
9	Jer 39	2 Cor 7
10	Jer 40	2 Cor 8
11	Jer 41	2 Cor 9
12	Jer 42	2 Cor 10
13	Jer 43	2 Cor 11
14	Jer 44 † 1-19, 24-30	2 Cor 12:1-13
15	Jer 45	2 Cor 12:14—13 <i>end</i>
16	Jer 46	Rom 1
17	Jer 47	Rom 2
18	Jer 48 † 1-20, 40-47	Rom 3
19	Jer 49 † 1-13, 23-39	Rom 4
20	Jer 50 † 1-20, 33-40	Rom 5
21	Jer 51 † 6-10, 45-64	Rom 6
22	Jer 52 † 1-27, 31-34	Rom 7
23	<i>Baruch</i> 4 † 5-13, 21-37	Rom 8:1-17
24 <i>Matthias</i>	<i>Baruch</i> 5	Rom 8:18- <i>end</i>
25	Lam 1 † 1-12, 17-22	Rom 9
26	Lam 2 † 1-18	Rom 10
27	Lam 3 † 1-9, 19-33, 52-66	Rom 11
28	Lam 4	Rom 12

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Joel 2

† 1-2, 12-32

2 Pet 3

† Optional abbreviation

MARCH (I)

MORNING PRAYER			60 DAY PSALTER-MP
DATE	FIRST LESSON	SECOND LESSON	
1	Exod 8	Matt 13:1-23	146
2	Exod 9 † 1-29,33-34	Matt 13:24-43	148
3	Exod 10	Matt 13:44-end	1, 2
4	Exod 11	Matt 14	5, 6
5	Exod 12 † 1-20,28-36	Matt 15:1-28	9
6	Exod 13	Matt 15:29—16:12	8, 11
7	Exod 14 † 5-31	Matt 16:13-end	12, 13, 14
8	Exod 15	Matt 17:1-23	18:1-20 ^v
9	Exod 16 † 1-7,11-33	Matt 17:24—18:14	19
10	Exod 17	Matt 18:15-end	22
11	Exod 18	Matt 19:1-15	25
12	Exod 19	Matt 19:16—20:16	26, 28
13	Exod 20	Matt 20:17-end	29, 30
14	Exod 21 † 1-19,22-29	Matt 21:1-22	34
15	Exod 22	Matt 21:23-end	32, 36
16	Exod 23 † 1-13,18-30	Matt 22:1-33	37:1-17 ^v
17	Exod 24	Matt 22:34—23:12	40
18	Exod 25 † 1-23,31-40	Matt 23:13-end	42, 43
19 Joseph	Exod 26 † 1-10,15-16,29-37	Matt 24:1-28	45
20	Exod 27	Matt 24:29-end	47, 48
21	Exod 28 † 1-6,15-21,29-43	Matt 25:1-30	50
22	Exod 29 † 1-18,35-46	Matt 25:31-end	52, 53, 54
23	Exod 30 † 1-3,7-33	Matt 26:1-30	56, 57
24	Exod 31	Matt 26:31-56	59
25 Annun.	Exod 32 † 1-29	Luke 1:26-38	113, 138
26	Exod 33	Matt 26:57-end	61, 62
27	Exod 34 † 1-17,27-35	Matt 27:1-26	68:1-18
28	Exod 35 † 1-10,20-35	Matt 27:27-56	69:1-18 ^v
29	Exod 36 † 1-10,18-20,31-38	Matt 27:57—28 end	66
30	Exod 37 † 1-11,16-29	Mark 1:1-13	71
31	Exod 38 † 1-23	Mark 1:14-31	74

† *Optional abbreviation*

‡ See page 744 for proper lessons for Maundy Thursday through Easter Day

MARCH (II)

EVENING PRAYER		
DATE	FIRST LESSON	SECOND LESSON
60 DAY PSALTER—EP		
147	Lam 5	Rom 13
149, 150	Prov 1	Rom 14
3, 4	Prov 2	Rom 15
7	Prov 3	† 1-27 Rom 16
10	Prov 4	Phil 1:1-11
15, 16	Prov 5	Phil 1:12-end
17	Prov 6	† 1-11, 20-35 Phil 2:1-11
18:21-52 ^v	Prov 7	Phil 2:12-end
20, 21	Prov 8	Phil 3
23, 24	Prov 9	Phil 4
27	Prov 10	Col 1:1-20
31	Prov 11	Col 1:21—2:7
33	Prov 12	Col 2:8-19
35	Prov 13	Col 2:20—3:11
38	Prov 14	Col 3:12-end
37:18-41 ^v	Prov 15	Col 4
39, 41	Prov 16	Philemon
44	Prov 17	Eph 1:1-14
46	Joseph	Matt 1:18-end
49	Prov 18	Eph 2:1-10
51	Prov 19	Eph 2:11-end
55	Prov 20	Eph 3
58, 60	Prov 21	Eph 4:1-16
63, 64	Prov 22	Eph 4:17-end
131, 132	Prov 23	Eph 5:1-17
65, 67	Prov 24	† 1-14, 23-34 Eph 5:18-end
68:19-36	Prov 25	Eph 6:1-9
69:19-37 ^v	Prov 26	Eph 6:10-end
70, 72	Prov 27	1 Tim 1:1-17
73	Prov 28	1 Tim 1:18—2 end
77	Prov 29	1 Tim 3

† *Optional abbreviation*

PROPER LESSONS FOR
MAUNDY THURSDAY *through*
EASTER DAY

Maundy Thursday falls between March 19th and April 22nd. See pages 713-715 to determine its date in a given year. The readings for it, and through Easter Day, replace those appointed for the Calendar dates.

	<i>Psalms</i>	<i>First Lesson</i>	<i>Second Lesson</i>	<i>Psalms</i>	<i>First Lesson</i>	<i>Second Lesson</i>
MAUNDY THURSDAY	41	Dan 9	John 13:1-20	142, 143	1 Cor 10:1-22	John 13:21-38
GOOD FRIDAY	40	Lam 3:1-36	John 18	102	1 Pet 2:11-25	Luke 23:18-49
HOLY SATURDAY	88	Lam 3:37-58	Heb 4	91	1 Pet 4:1-8	Luke 23:50-56
EASTER DAY	118	Exod 15	Acts 2:22-32	111, 113, 114	Rom 6	Luke 24:13-43

PROPER LESSONS FOR
ASCENSION & PENTECOST

Ascension falls between April 30th and June 3rd. See pages 713-715 to determine its date in a given year. The readings are:

	<i>Psalms</i>	<i>First Lesson</i>	<i>Second Lesson</i>	<i>Psalms</i>	<i>First Lesson</i>	<i>Second Lesson</i>
ASCENSION	8, 47	2 Kings 2	Eph 4:1-17	21, 24	Heb 8	Luke 24:44-53

Pentecost falls between May 10th and June 13th. See pages 713-715 to determine its date in a given year. The readings are:

	<i>Psalms</i>	<i>First Lesson</i>	<i>Second Lesson</i>	<i>Psalms</i>	<i>First Lesson</i>	<i>Second Lesson</i>
PENTECOST	48	Isa 11	John 16:1-15	145	Acts 2	Acts 10:34-end

APRIL (I)

MORNING PRAYER			60 DAY PSALTER-MP
DATE	FIRST LESSON	SECOND LESSON	
1	Exod 39 † 1-14,27-43	Mark 1:32-end	75, 76
2	Exod 40 † 1-2,16-38	Mark 2:1-22	78:1-18 ^v
3	Lev 1	Mark 2:23—3:12	78:41-73 ^v
4	Lev 8 † 1-24,30-36	Mark 3:13-end	81
5	Lev 10	Mark 4:1-34	84
6	Lev 16 † 1-22,29-34	Mark 4:35—5:20	86, 87
7	Lev 17	Mark 5:21-end	89:1-18 ^v
8	Lev 18	Mark 6:1-29	90
9	Lev 19 † 1-2,9-37	Mark 6:30-end	92, 93
10	Lev 20	Mark 7:1-23	95, 96
11	Lev 23 † 9-32,39-43	Mark 7:24—8:10	99, 100, 101
12	Lev 26 † 3-20,38-46	Mark 8:11-end	103
13	Num 6	Mark 9:1-29	105:1-22 ^v
14	Num 8 † 5-26	Mark 9:30-end	106:1-18 ^v
15	Num 11 † 4-6,10-33	Mark 10:1-31	107:1-22
16	Num 12	Mark 10:32-end	108, 110
17	Num 13 † 1-3,17-33	Mark 11:1-26	111, 112
18	Num 14 † 1-31	Mark 11:27—12:12	115
19	Num 15 † 22-41	Mark 12:13-34	119:1-24
20	Num 16 † 1-11,20-38	Mark 12:35—13:13	119:49-72
21	Num 17	Mark 13:14-end	119:89-104
22	Num 18 † 1-24	Mark 14:1-25	119:129-152
23	Num 20	Mark 14:26-52	118
24	Num 21 † 4-9,21-35	Mark 14:53-end	122, 123
25	Mark	Acts 12:11-25	127, 128
26	Num 22	Mark 16	132, 133
27	Num 23	Luke 1:1-23	136
28	Num 24	Luke 1:24-56	139
29	Num 25	Luke 1:57-end	140
30	Deut 1 † 1-21,26-33	Luke 2:1-21	144

† *Optional abbreviation*

‡ See page 745 for proper lessons for Ascension and Pentecost

APRIL (II)

**60 DAY
PSALTER—EP**

79, 82
78:19-40 ^v
80
83
85
88
89:19-51 ^v
91
94
97, 98
102
104
105:23-44 ^v
106:19-46 ^v
107:23-43
109
113, 114
116, 117
119:25-48
119:73-88
119:105-128
119:153-176
120, 121
124, 125, 126
129, 130, 131
134, 135
137, 138
141, 142
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145

EVENING PRAYER		
DATE	FIRST LESSON	SECOND LESSON
1	Prov 30 † 1-9, 15-33	1 Tim 4
2	Prov 31	1 Tim 5
3	Job 1	1 Tim 6
4	Job 2	Titus 1
5	Job 3	Titus 2
6	Job 4	Titus 3
7	Job 5	2 Tim 1
8	Job 6	2 Tim 2
9	Job 7	2 Tim 3
10	Job 8	2 Tim 4
11	Job 9	Heb 1
12	Job 10	Heb 2
13	Job 11	Heb 3
14	Job 12	Heb 4:1-13
15	Job 13	Heb 4:14—5:10
16	Job 14	Heb 5:11—6 end
17	Job 15	Heb 7
18	Job 16	Heb 8
19	Job 17	Heb 9:1-14
20	Job 18	Heb 9:15-end
21	Job 19	Heb 10:1-18
22	Job 20	Heb 10:19-end
23	Job 21	Heb 11
24	Job 22	Heb 12:1-17
25 <i>Mark</i>	Job 23	Heb 12:18-end
26	Job 24	Heb 13
27	Job 25 & 26	Jas 1
28	Job 27	Jas 2:1-13
29	Job 28	Jas 2:14-end
30	Job 29	Jas 3

† *Optional abbreviation*

MAY (I)

MORNING PRAYER			60 DAY PSALTER—MP
DATE	FIRST LESSON	SECOND LESSON	
1 <i>Phil. & Jam.</i>	Deut 2 † 1-9,14-19,24-37	Luke 2:22-end	146
2	Deut 3	Luke 3:1-22	148
3	Deut 4 † 1-18,24-40	Luke 3:23-end	1, 2
4	Deut 5	Luke 4:1-30	5, 6
5	Deut 6	Luke 4:31-end	9
6	Deut 7	Luke 5:1-16	8, 11
7	Deut 8	Luke 5:17-end	12, 13, 14
8	Deut 9	Luke 6:1-19	18:1-20 ^v
9	Deut 10	Luke 6:20-38	19
10	Deut 11	Luke 6:39—7:10	22
11	Deut 12	Luke 7:11-35	25
12	Deut 13	Luke 7:36-end	26, 28
13	Deut 14	Luke 8:1-21	29, 30
14	Deut 15	Luke 8:22-end	34
15	Deut 16	Luke 9:1-17	32, 36
16	Deut 17	Luke 9:18-50	37:1-17 ^v
17	Deut 18	Luke 9:51-end	40
18	Deut 19	Luke 10:1-24	42, 43
19	Deut 20	Luke 10:25-end	45
20	Deut 21	Luke 11:1-28	47, 48
21	Deut 22	Luke 11:29-end	50
22	Deut 23	Luke 12:1-34	52, 53, 54
23	Deut 24	Luke 12:35-53	56, 57
24	Deut 25	Luke 12:54—13:9	59
25	Deut 26	Luke 13:10-end	61, 62
26	Deut 27	Luke 14:1-24	68:1-18
27	Deut 28 † 1-25,64-68	Luke 14:25—15:10	69:1-18 ^v
28	Deut 29	Luke 15:11-end	66
29	Deut 30	Luke 16	71
30	Deut 31	Luke 17:1-19	74
31 <i>Visitation</i>	Deut 32 † 1-10,15-22,39-52	Luke 1:39-56	75, 76

† *Optional abbreviation*

MAY (II)

**60 DAY
PSALTER—EP**

147
149, 150
3, 4
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15, 16
17
18:21-52 ^v
20, 21
23, 24
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38
37:18-41 ^v
39, 41
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58, 60
63, 64
65, 67
68:19-36
69:19-37 ^v
70, 72
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79, 82

EVENING PRAYER		
DATE	FIRST LESSON	SECOND LESSON
1 <i>Phil. & Jam.</i>	Jas 4	John 1:43-end
2	Job 30	Jas 5
3	Job 31 † 1-23,35-40	1 Pet 1:1-21
4	Job 32	1 Pet 1:22—2:10
5	Job 33	1 Pet 2:11—3:7
6	Job 34 † 1-15,21-28,31-37	1 Pet 3:8—4:6
7	Job 35	1 Pet 4:7-end
8	Job 36	1 Pet 5
9	Job 37	2 Pet 1
10	Job 38 † 1-27,31-33	2 Pet 2
11	Job 39	2 Pet 3
12	Job 40	Jude
13	Job 41	1 John 1:1—2:6
14	Job 42	1 John 2:7-end
15	Eccl 1	1 John 3:1-10
16	Eccl 2	1 John 3:11—4:6
17	Eccl 3	1 John 4:7-end
18	Eccl 4	1 John 5
19	Eccl 5	2 John
20	Eccl 6	3 John
21	Eccl 7	Acts 1:1-14
22	Eccl 8	Acts 1:15-end
23	Eccl 9	Acts 2:1-21
24	Eccl 10	Acts 2:22-end
25	Eccl 11	Acts 3:1—4:4
26	Eccl 12	Acts 4:5-31
27	Ezek 1	Acts 4:32—5:11
28	Ezek 2	Acts 5:12-end
29	Ezek 3	Acts 6:1—7:16
30	Ezek 4	Acts 7:17-34
31 <i>Visitation</i>	Ezek 5	Acts 7:35—8:3

† *Optional abbreviation*

JUNE (I)

MORNING PRAYER			60 DAY PSALTER-MP
DATE	FIRST LESSON	SECOND LESSON	
1	Deut 33	Luke 17:20- <i>end</i>	78:1-18 ^v
2	Deut 34	Luke 18:1-30	78:41-73 ^v
3	Josh 1	Luke 18:31—19:10	81
4	Josh 2	Luke 19:11-28	84
5	Josh 3	Luke 19:29- <i>end</i>	86, 87
6	Josh 4	Luke 20:1-26	89:1-18 ^v
7	Josh 5	Luke 20:27—21:4	90
8	Josh 6	Luke 21:5- <i>end</i>	92, 93
9	Josh 7	Luke 22:1-38	95, 96
10	Josh 8 † 1-22,30-35	Luke 22:39-53	99, 100, 101
11 <i>Barnabas</i>	Acts 4:32-37	Luke 22:54- <i>end</i>	103
12	Josh 9	Luke 23:1-25	105:1-22 ^v
13	Josh 10 † 1-27,40-43	Luke:23:26-49	106:1-18 ^v
14	Josh 14 † 5-15	Luke 23:50—24:12	107:1-22
15	Josh 22 † 7-31	Luke 24:13- <i>end</i>	108, 110
16	Josh 23	Gal 1	111, 112
17	Josh 24 † 1-31	Gal 2	115
18	Judg 1 † 1-21	Gal 3	119:1-24
19	Judg 2 † 6-23	Gal 4	119:49-72
20	Judg 3 † 7-30	Gal 5	119:89-104
21	Judg 4	Gal 6	119:129-152
22	Judg 5 † 1-5,19-31	1 Thess 1	118
23	Judg 6 † 1,6,11-24,33-40	1 Thess 2:1-16	122, 123
24 <i>Nat. Bap.</i>	1 Thess 2:17—3 <i>end</i>	Matt 14:1-13	127, 128
25	Judg 7 † 1-8,16-25	1 Thess 4:1-12	132, 133
26	Judg 8 † 4-23,28	1 Thess 4:13—5:11	136
27	Judg 9 † 1-6,22-25,43-56	1 Thess 5:12- <i>end</i>	139
28	Judg 10 † 6-18	2 Thess 1	140
29 <i>Pet. & Paul</i>	2 Thess 2	2 Pet 3:14- <i>end</i>	144
30	Judg 11 † 1-11,29-40	2 Thess 3	146

† Optional abbreviation

JUNE (II)

EVENING PRAYER		
DATE	FIRST LESSON	SECOND LESSON
60 DAY PSALTER—EP		
78:19-40 ^v	Ezek 6	Acts 8:4-25
80	Ezek 7	Acts 8:26—end
83	Ezek 8	Acts 9:1-31
85	Ezek 9	Acts 9:32—end
88	Ezek 10	Acts 10:1-23
89:19-51 ^v	Ezek 11	Acts 10:24—end
91	Ezek 12	Acts 11:1-18
94	Ezek 13	Acts 11:19—end
97, 98	Ezek 14	Acts 12:1-24
102	Ezek 15	Acts 12:25—13:12
104	11 Barnabas Ezek 16 † 1-15, 33-47, 59-63	Acts 13:13-43
105:23-44 ^v	Ezek 17	Acts 13:44—14:7
106:19-46 ^v	Ezek 18	Acts 14:8—end
107:23-43	Ezek 33 † 1-23, 30-33	Acts 15:1-21
109	Ezek 34	Acts 15:22-35
113, 114	Ezek 35	Acts 15:36—16:5
116, 117	Ezek 36 † 16-37	Acts 16:6—end
119:25-48	Ezek 37	Acts 17:1-15
119:73-88	Ezek 40 † 1-5, 17-19, 35-49	Acts 17:16—end
119:105-128	Ezek 43	Acts 18:1-23
119:153-176	Ezek 47	Acts 18:24—19:7
120, 121	Dan 1	Acts 19:8-20
124, 125, 126	Dan 2 † 1-14, 25-28, 31-45	Acts 19:21—end
129, 130, 131	24 Nat. Bap. Dan 3	Acts 20:1-16
134, 135	Dan 4 † 1-9, 19-35	Acts 20:17—end
137, 138	Dan 5	Acts 21:1-16
141, 142	Dan 6	Acts 21:17-36
143	Dan 7	Acts 21:37—22:22
145	29 Pet. & Paul Dan 8	Acts 22:23—23:11
147	Dan 9	Acts 23:12—end

† Optional abbreviation

JULY (I)

MORNING PRAYER			60 DAY PSALTER-MP
DATE	FIRST LESSON	SECOND LESSON	
1	Judg 12	1 Cor 1:1-25	148
2	Judg 13	1 Cor 1:26—2 end	1, 2
3	Judg 14	1 Cor 3	5, 6
4	Judg 15	1 Cor 4:1-17	9
5	Judg 16	1 Cor 4:18—5 end	8, 11
6	Ruth 1	1 Cor 6	12, 13, 14
7	Ruth 2	1 Cor 7	18:1-20 ^v
8	Ruth 3	1 Cor 8	19
9	Ruth 4	1 Cor 9	22
10	1 Sam 1	† 1-20	25
11	1 Sam 2	† 1-21	26, 28
12	1 Sam 3	1 Cor 12	29, 30
13	1 Sam 4	1 Cor 13	34
14	1 Sam 5	1 Cor 14:1-19	32, 36
15	1 Sam 6	† 1-15	37:1-17 ^v
16	1 Sam 7	1 Cor 15:1-34	40
17	1 Sam 8	1 Cor 15:35-end	42, 43
18	1 Sam 9	1 Cor 16	45
19	1 Sam 10	2 Cor 1:1—2:11	47, 48
20	1 Sam 11	2 Cor 2:12—3 end	50
21	1 Sam 12	2 Cor 4	52, 53, 54
22 <i>Mary Mag.</i>	2 Cor 5	Luke 7:36—8:3	56, 57
23	1 Sam 13	2 Cor 6	59
24	1 Sam 14	† 1-15, 20, 24-30	61, 62
25 <i>James</i>	2 Cor 8	Mark 1:14-20	68:1-18
26	1 Sam 15	2 Cor 9	69:1-18 ^v
27	1 Sam 16	2 Cor 10	66
28	1 Sam 17	† 1-11, 26-27, 31-51	71
29	1 Sam 18	2 Cor 12:1-13	74
30	1 Sam 19	2 Cor 12:14—13 end	75, 76
31	1 Sam 20	† 1-7, 24-42	78:1-18 ^v

† Optional abbreviation

JULY (II)

EVENING PRAYER		
DATE	FIRST LESSON	SECOND LESSON
149, 150	Dan 10	Acts 24:1-23
3, 4	Dan 11	† 1-19 Acts 24:24—25:12
7	Dan 12	Acts 25:13-end
10	Susanna	Acts 26
15, 16	Esth 1	Acts 27
17	Esth 2	Acts 28:1-15
18:21-52 ^v	Esth 3	Acts 28:16-end
20, 21	Esth 4	Philemon
23, 24	Esth 5	1 Tim 1:1-17
27	Esth 6	1 Tim 1:18—2 end
31	Esth 7	1 Tim 3
33	Esth 8	1 Tim 4
35	Esth 9 & 10	1 Tim 5
38	Ezra 1	1 Tim 6
37:18-41 ^v	Ezra 3	Titus 1
39, 41	Ezra 4	Titus 2
44	Ezra 5	Titus 3
46	Ezra 6	2 Tim 1
49	Ezra 7	2 Tim 2
51	Ezra 8	† 21-36 2 Tim 3
55	Ezra 9	2 Tim 4
58, 60	Ezra 10	† 1-16 John 1:1-28
63, 64	Neh 1	John 1:29-end
65, 67	Neh 2	John 2
68:19-36	Neh 3	† 1-15 John 3:1-21
69:19-37 ^v	Neh 4	John 3:22-end
70, 72	Neh 5	John 4:1-26
73	Neh 6	John 4:27-end
77	Neh 8	John 5:1-24
79, 82	Neh 9	† 1-15, 26-38 John 5:25-end
78:19-40 ^v	Neh 10	† 28-39 John 6:1-21

† Optional abbreviation

AUGUST (I)

MORNING PRAYER			60 DAY PSALTER—MP
DATE	FIRST LESSON	SECOND LESSON	
1	1 Sam 21	Rom 2	78:41-73 ^v
2	1 Sam 22	Rom 3	81
3	1 Sam 23	Rom 4	84
4	1 Sam 24	Rom 5	86, 87
5	1 Sam 25 † 1-19, 23-25, 32-42	Rom 6	89:1-18 ^v
6 <i>Transfig.</i>	Rom 7	Mark 9:2-10	27
7	1 Sam 26	Rom 8:1-17	90
8	1 Sam 27	Rom 8:18-end	92, 93
9	1 Sam 28	Rom 9	95, 96
10	1 Sam 29	Rom 10	99, 100, 101
11	1 Sam 30	† 1-25	103
12	1 Sam 31	Rom 12	105:1-22 ^v
13	2 Sam 1	Rom 13	106:1-18 ^v
14	2 Sam 2	† 1-17, 26-31	107:1-22
15 <i>Mary Virg.</i>	2 Sam 3	† 6-11, 17-39	108, 110
16	2 Sam 4	Rom 15	111, 112
17	2 Sam 5	Rom 16	115
18	2 Sam 6	Phil 1:1-11	119:1-24
19	2 Sam 7	Phil 1:12-end	119:49-72
20	2 Sam 8	Phil 2:1-11	119:89-104
21	2 Sam 9	Phil 2:12-end	119:129-152
22	2 Sam 10	Phil 3	118
23	2 Sam 11	Phil 4	122, 123
24 <i>Bart.</i>	Col 1:1-20	Luke 6:12-16	127, 128
25	2 Sam 12	† 1-25	132, 133
26	2 Sam 13	† 1-29, 38-39	136
27	2 Sam 14	† 1-21, 28	139
28	2 Sam 15	† 1-18, 23-25, 32-34	140
29	2 Sam 16	Col 4	144
30	2 Sam 17	† 1-23	146
31	2 Sam 18	† 1-15, 19-33	148

† Optional abbreviation

AUGUST (II)

**60 DAY
PSALTER—EP**

80
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89:19-51 ^v
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97, 98
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105:23-44 ^v
106:19-46 ^v
107:23-43
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113, 114
116, 117
119:25-48
119:73-88
119:105-128
119:153-176
120, 121
124, 125, 126
129, 130, 131
134, 135
137, 138
141, 142
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149, 150

EVENING PRAYER		
DATE	FIRST LESSON	SECOND LESSON
1	Neh 12	† 27-47 John 6:22-40
2	Neh 13	† 1-22, 30-31 John 6:41-end
3	Hos 1	John 7:1-24
4	Hos 2	John 7:25-52
5	Hos 3	John 7:53—8:30
6 <i>Transfig.</i>	Hos 4	John 8:31-end
7	Hos 5	John 9
8	Hos 6	John 10:1-21
9	Hos 7	John 10:22-end
10	Hos 8	John 11:1-44
11	Hos 9	John 11:45-end
12	Hos 10	John 12:1-19
13	Hos 11	John 12:20-end
14	Hos 12	John 13
15 <i>Mary Virg.</i>	Hos 13	John 14:1-14
16	Hos 14	John 14:15-end
17	Joel 1	John 15:1-17
18	Joel 2	† 1-17, 28-32 John 15:18-end
19	Joel 3	John 16:1-15
20	Amos 1	John 16:16-end
21	Amos 2	John 17
22	Amos 3	John 18:1-27
23	Amos 4	John 18:28-end
24 <i>Bart.</i>	Amos 5	John 19:1-37
25	Amos 6	John 19:38-end
26	Amos 7	John 20
27	Amos 8	John 21
28	Amos 9	Matt 1:1-17
29	Obadiah	Matt 1:18-end
30	Jonah 1	Matt 2
31	Jonah 2	Matt 3

† *Optional abbreviation*

SEPTEMBER (I)

MORNING PRAYER			60 DAY PSALTER-MP
DATE	FIRST LESSON	SECOND LESSON	
1	2 Sam 19	† 1-30	Eph 1:15-end
2	2 Sam 20		5, 6
3	2 Sam 21		9
4	2 Sam 22	† 1-7, 14-20, 32-51	Eph 3
5	2 Sam 23	† 1-23	Eph 4:1-16
6	2 Sam 24		Eph 4:17-end
7	1 Chron 22		8, 11
8	1 Kings 1	† 1-18, 29-40	Eph 5:1-17
9	1 Chron 28		12, 13, 14
10	1 Kings 2	† 1-25	18:1-20 ^v
11	1 Kings 3		19
12	1 Kings 4	† 1-6, 20-34	22
13	1 Kings 5		25
14 <i>Holy Cross</i>	Heb 4:14—5:10		26, 28
15	1 Kings 6	† 1-7, 11-30, 37-38	John 12:23-33
16	1 Kings 7	† 1-14, 40-44, 47-51	Heb 5:11—6 end
17	1 Kings 8	† 1-11, 22-30, 54-63	40
18	1 Kings 9	† 1-9, 15-28	Heb 7
19	1 Kings 10	† 1-13, 23-29	42, 43
20	1 Kings 11	† 1-14, 23-33, 41-43	Heb 8
21 <i>Matthew</i>	Heb 10:19-end		45
22	1 Kings 12	† 1-20, 25-30	Heb 9:1-14
23	1 Kings 13	† 1-25, 33-34	Heb 10:1-18
24	1 Kings 14		Matt 9:9-13
25	2 Chron 12		50
26	2 Chron 13		52, 53, 54
27	2 Chron 14		56, 57
28	2 Chron 15		59
29 <i>Michael</i>	Rev 12:7-12		61, 62
30	2 Chron 16		68:1-18
			69:1-18 ^v
			71
			74
			75, 76
			78:1-18 ^v

† *Optional abbreviation*

SEPTEMBER (II)

**60 DAY
PSALTER—EP**

3, 4
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15, 16
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18:21-52 ^v
20, 21
23, 24
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37:18-41 ^v
39, 41
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58, 60
63, 64
65, 67
68:19-36
69:19-37 ^v
70, 72
73
77
79, 82
78:19-40 ^v

EVENING PRAYER		
DATE	FIRST LESSON	SECOND LESSON
1	Jonah 3	Matt 4
2	Jonah 4	Matt 5:1-20
3	Mic 1	Matt 5:21-48
4	Mic 2	Matt 6:1-18
5	Mic 3	Matt 6:19-end
6	Mic 4	Matt 7
7	Mic 5	Matt 8:1-17
8	Mic 6	Matt 8:18-end
9	Mic 7	Matt 9:1-17
10	Nahum 1	Matt 9:18-34
11	Nahum 2	Matt 9:35—10:23
12	Nahum 3	Matt 10:24-end
13	Hab 1	Matt 11
14 <i>Holy Cross</i>	Hab 2	Matt 12:1-21
15	Hab 3	Matt 12:22-end
16	Zeph 1	Matt 13:1-23
17	Zeph 2	Matt 13:24-43
18	Zeph 3	Matt 13:44-end
19	Hag 1	Matt 14
20	Hag 2	Matt 15:1-28
21 <i>Matthew</i>	Zech 1	Matt 15:29—16:12
22	Zech 2	Matt 16:13-end
23	Zech 3	Matt 17:1-23
24	Zech 4	Matt 17:24—18:14
25	Zech 5	Matt 18:15-end
26	Zech 6	Matt 19:1-15
27	Zech 7	Matt 19:16—20:16
28	Zech 8	Matt 20:17-end
29 <i>Michael</i>	Zech 9	Matt 21:1-22
30	Zech 10	Matt 21:23-end

† Optional abbreviation

OCTOBER (I)

MORNING PRAYER			60 DAY PSALTER-MP
DATE	FIRST LESSON	SECOND LESSON	
1	1 Kings 15	† 1-30	Jas 5
2	1 Kings 16	† 1-4, 8-19, 23-34	1 Pet 1:1-21
3	1 Kings 17		1 Pet 1:22—2:10
4	1 Kings 18	† 1-8, 17-46	1 Pet 2:11—3:7
5	1 Kings 19		1 Pet 3:8—4:6
6	1 Kings 20	† 1, 13, 21-43	1 Pet 4:7-end
7	1 Kings 21		1 Pet 5
8	1 Kings 22	† 1-23, 29-38	2 Pet 1
9	2 Chron 20		2 Pet 2
10	2 Kings 1		2 Pet 3
11	2 Kings 2		Jude
12	2 Kings 3		1 John 1:1—2:6
13	2 Kings 4	† 8-37	1 John 2:7-end
14	2 Kings 5		1 John 3:1-10
15	2 Kings 6	† 1-24	1 John 3:11—4:6
16	2 Kings 7		1 John 4:7-end
17	2 Kings 8	† 1-19, 25-27	1 John 5
18	Luke	2 John	Luke 1:1-4
19	2 Kings 9	† 1-26, 30-37	3 John
20	2 Kings 10	† 1-11, 18-31	Acts 1:1-14
21	2 Kings 11		Acts 1:15-end
22	2 Kings 12		Acts 2:1-21
23	James Jer.	Acts 2:22-end	James 1
24	2 Kings 13		Acts 3:1—4:4
25	2 Kings 14		Acts 4:5-31
26	2 Chron 26		Acts 4:32—5:11
27	2 Kings 15	† 1-29	Acts 5:12-end
28	Sim. & Jude	Acts 6:1—7:16	John 14:15-31
29	2 Kings 16		Acts 7:17-34
30	2 Kings 17	† 1-28, 41	Acts 7:35—8:3
31	2 Chron 28		Acts 8:4-25

† Optional abbreviation

OCTOBER (II)

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119:73-88
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EVENING PRAYER		
DATE	FIRST LESSON	SECOND LESSON
1	Zech 11	Matt 22:1-33
2	Zech 12	Matt 22:34—23:12
3	Zech 13	Matt 23:13-end
4	Zech 14	Matt 24:1-28
5	Mal 1	Matt 24:29-end
6	Mal 2	Matt 25:1-30
7	Mal 3	Matt 25:31-end
8	Mal 4	Matt 26:1-30
9	1 Macc 1 † 1-15, 20-25, 41-64	Matt 26:31-56
10	1 Macc 2 † 1-28	Matt 26:57-end
11	2 Macc 6	Matt 27:1-26
12	2 Macc 7	Matt 27:27-56
13	2 Macc 8 † 1-29	Matt 27:57—28 end
14	2 Macc 10 † 1-8, 24-38	Mark 1:1-13
15	1 Macc 7 † 1-6, 23-50	Mark 1:14-31
16	1 Macc 9 † 1-31	Mark 1:32-end
17	1 Macc 13 † 1-30, 41-42	Mark 2:1-22
18 Luke	1 Macc 14 † 4-18, 35-43	Mark 2:23—3:12
19	Isa 1	Mark 3:13-end
20	Isa 2	Mark 4:1-34
21	Isa 3	Mark 4:35—5:20
22	Isa 4	Mark 5:21-end
23 James Jer.	Isa 5	Mark 6:1-29
24	Isa 6	Mark 6:30-end
25	Isa 7	Mark 7:1-23
26	Isa 8	Mark 7:24—8:10
27	Isa 9	Mark 8:11-end
28 Sim. & Jude	Isa 10	Mark 9:1-29
29	Isa 11	Mark 9:30-end
30	Isa 12	Mark 10:1-31
31	Isa 13	Mark 10:32-end

† Optional abbreviation

NOVEMBER (I)

MORNING PRAYER			60 DAY PSALTER—MP
DATE	FIRST LESSON	SECOND LESSON	
1 <i>All Saints'</i>	Heb 11:32—12:2	Acts 8:26—end	1, 15
2	2 Chron 29 † 1-11,20-30,35-36	Acts 9:1-31	5, 6
3	2 Chron 30 † 1-22,26-27	Acts 9:32—end	9
4	2 Kings 18 † 1-13,17-30,35-37	Acts 10:1-23	8, 11
5	2 Kings 19 † 1-20,29-31,35-37	Acts 10:24—end	12, 13, 14
6	2 Kings 20	Acts 11:1-18	18:1-20 ^v
7	2 Chron 33	Acts 11:19—end	19
8	2 Kings 21	Acts 12:1-24	22
9	2 Kings 22	Acts 12:25—13:12	25
10	2 Kings 23 † 1-20,26-30	Acts 13:13-43	26, 28
11	2 Kings 24	Acts 13:44—14:7	29, 30
12	2 Kings 25 † 1-22,25-30	Acts 14:8—end	34
13	<i>Judith</i> 4	Acts 15:1-21	32, 36
14	<i>Judith</i> 8	Acts 15:22-35	37:1-17 ^v
15	<i>Judith</i> 9	Acts 15:36—16:5	40
16	<i>Judith</i> 10	Acts 16:6—end	42, 43
17	<i>Judith</i> 11	Acts 17:1-15	45
18	<i>Judith</i> 12	Acts 17:16—end	47, 48
19	<i>Judith</i> 13	Acts 18:1-23	50
20	<i>Judith</i> 14	Acts 18:24—19:7	52, 53, 54
21	<i>Judith</i> 15	Acts 19:8-20	56, 57
22	<i>Judith</i> 16	Acts 19:21—end	59
23	<i>Ecclesiasticus</i> 1	Acts 20:1-16	61, 62
24	<i>Ecclesiasticus</i> 2	Acts 20:17—end	68:1-18
25	<i>Ecclesiasticus</i> 4 † 1-19	Acts 21:1-16	69:1-18 ^v
26	<i>Ecclesiasticus</i> 6 † 5-31	Acts 21:17-36	66
27	<i>Ecclesiasticus</i> 7 † 1-21,27-36	Acts 21:37—22:22	71
28	<i>Ecclesiasticus</i> 9	Acts 22:23—23:11	74
29	<i>Ecclesiasticus</i> 10 † 1-24	Acts 23:12—end	75, 76
30 <i>Andrew</i>	<i>Ecclesiasticus</i> 11 † 1-9,18-28	John 1:35-42	78:1-18 ^v

† Optional abbreviation

NOVEMBER (II)

60 DAY PSALTER—EP

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37:18-41 ^v
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68:19-36
69:19-37 ^v
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78:19-40 ^v

EVENING PRAYER		
DATE	FIRST LESSON	SECOND LESSON
1 <i>All Saints'</i>	Isa 14	Rev 19:1-16
2	Isa 15	Mark 11:1-26
3	Isa 16	Mark 11:27—12:12
4	Isa 17	Mark 12:13-34
5	Isa 18	Mark 12:35—13:13
6	Isa 19	Mark 13:14- <i>end</i>
7	Isa 20	Mark 14:1-25
8	Isa 21	Mark 14:26-52
9	Isa 22	Mark 14:53- <i>end</i>
10	Isa 23	Mark 15
11	Isa 24	Mark 16
12	Isa 25	Luke 1:1-23
13	Isa 26	Luke 1:24-56
14	Isa 27	Luke 1:57- <i>end</i>
15	Isa 28	Luke 2:1-21
16	Isa 29	Luke 2:22- <i>end</i>
17	Isa 30	Luke 3:1-22
18	Isa 31	Luke 3:23- <i>end</i>
19	Isa 32	Luke 4:1-30
20	Isa 33	Luke 4:31- <i>end</i>
21	Isa 34	Luke 5:1-16
22	Isa 35	Luke 5:17- <i>end</i>
23	Isa 36	Luke 6:1-19
24	Isa 37	Luke 6:20-38
25	Isa 38	Luke 6:39—7:10
26	Isa 39	Luke 7:11-35
27	Isa 40	Luke 7:36- <i>end</i>
28	Isa 41	Luke 8:1-21
29	Isa 42	Luke 8:22- <i>end</i>
30 <i>Andrew</i>	Isa 43	Luke 9:1-17

† Optional abbreviation

DECEMBER (I)

MORNING PRAYER			60 DAY PSALTER—MP
DATE	FIRST LESSON	SECOND LESSON	
1	<i>Ecclesiasticus 14</i>	Acts 24:1-23	78:41-73 ^v
2	<i>Ecclesiasticus 17</i>	Acts 24:24—25:12	81
3	<i>Ecclesiasticus 18 † 1-26,30-33</i>	Acts 25:13-end	84
4	<i>Ecclesiasticus 21</i>	Acts 26	86, 87
5	<i>Ecclesiasticus 34</i>	Acts 27	89:1-18 ^v
6	<i>Ecclesiasticus 38 † 1-15,24-34</i>	Acts 28:1-15	90
7	<i>Ecclesiasticus 39 † 1-11,16-35</i>	Acts 28:16-end	92, 93
8	<i>Ecclesiasticus 44</i>	Rev 1	95, 96
9	<i>Ecclesiasticus 45</i>	Rev 2:1-17	99, 100, 101
10	<i>Ecclesiasticus 46</i>	Rev 2:18—3:6	103
11	<i>Ecclesiasticus 47</i>	Rev 3:7-end	105:1-22 ^v
12	<i>Ecclesiasticus 48</i>	Rev 4	106:1-18 ^v
13	<i>Ecclesiasticus 49</i>	Rev 5	107:1-22
14	<i>Ecclesiasticus 50</i>	Rev 6	108, 110
15	<i>Ecclesiasticus 51</i>	Rev 7	111, 112
16	<i>Wisdom 1</i>	Rev 8	115
17	<i>Wisdom 2</i>	Rev 9	119:1-24
18	<i>Wisdom 3</i>	Rev 10	119:49-72
19	<i>Wisdom 4</i>	Rev 11	119:89-104
20	<i>Wisdom 5</i>	Rev 12	119:129-152
21 <i>Thomas</i>	Rev 13	John 14:1-7	118
22	<i>Wisdom 6</i>	Rev 14	122, 123
23	<i>Wisdom 7</i>	Rev 15	127, 128
24	<i>Wisdom 8</i>	Rev 16	132, 133
25 <i>Christmas</i>	Isa 9:1-7	Rev 17	19 or 45
26 <i>Stephen</i>	Acts 6:8—7:6,17-41,44-60	Rev 18	136
27 <i>John</i>	Rev 19	John 21:9-25	139
28 <i>Innocents</i>	Jer 31:1-17	Rev 20	140
29	<i>Wisdom 9</i>	Rev 21:1-14	144
30	<i>Wisdom 10</i>	Rev 21:15—22:5	146
31	<i>Wisdom 11</i>	Rev 22:6-end	148

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EVENING PRAYER		
DATE	FIRST LESSON	SECOND LESSON
1	Isa 44	Luke 9:18-50
2	Isa 45	Luke 9:51-end
3	Isa 46	Luke 10:1-24
4	Isa 47	Luke 10:25-end
5	Isa 48	Luke 11:1-28
6	Isa 49	Luke 11:29-end
7	Isa 50	Luke 12:1-34
8	Isa 51	Luke 12:35-53
9	Isa 52	Luke 12:54-13:9
10	Isa 53	Luke 13:10-end
11	Isa 54	Luke 14:1-24
12	Isa 55	Luke 14:25-15:10
13	Isa 56	Luke 15:11-end
14	Isa 57	Luke 16
15	Isa 58	Luke 17:1-19
16	Isa 59	Luke 17:20-end
17	Isa 60	Luke 18:1-30
18	Isa 61	Luke 18:31-19:10
19	Isa 62	Luke 19:11-28
20	Isa 63	Luke 19:29-end
21 <i>Thomas</i>	Isa 64	Luke 20:1-26
22	Isa 65	Luke 20:27-21:4
23	Isa 66	Luke 21:5-end
24	Song of Songs 1	Luke 22:1-38
25 <i>Christmas</i>	Song of Songs 2	Luke 2:1-14
26 <i>Stephen</i>	Song of Songs 3	Luke 22:39-53
27 <i>John</i>	Song of Songs 4	Luke 22:54-end
28 <i>Innocents</i>	Song of Songs 5	Luke 23:1-25
29	Song of Songs 6	Luke 23:26-49
30	Song of Songs 7	Luke 23:50-24:12
31	Song of Songs 8	Luke 24:13-end

† Optional abbreviation

D O C U M E N T A R Y
F O U N D A T I O N S

F U N D A M E N T A L D E C L A R A T I O N S *of the* P R O V I N C E

As the Anglican Church in North America (the Province), being a part of the One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church of Christ, we believe and confess Jesus Christ to be the Way, the Truth, and the Life: no one comes to the Father but by Him. Therefore, we identify the following seven elements as characteristic of the Anglican Way, and essential for membership:

1. We confess the canonical books of the Old and New Testaments to be the inspired Word of God, containing all things necessary for salvation, and to be the final authority and unchangeable standard for Christian faith and life.
2. We confess Baptism and the Supper of the Lord to be Sacraments ordained by Christ Himself in the Gospel, and thus to be ministered with unfailing use of His words of institution and of the elements ordained by Him.
3. We confess the godly historic Episcopate as an inherent part of the apostolic faith and practice, and therefore as integral to the fullness and unity of the Body of Christ.

4. We confess as proved by most certain warrants of Holy Scripture the historic faith of the undivided church as declared in the three Catholic Creeds: the Apostles', the Nicene, and the Athanasian.
5. Concerning the seven Councils of the undivided Church, we affirm the teaching of the first four Councils and the Christological clarifications of the fifth, sixth and seventh Councils, in so far as they are agreeable to the Holy Scriptures.
6. We receive The Book of Common Prayer as set forth by the Church of England in 1662, together with the Ordinal attached to the same, as a standard for Anglican doctrine and discipline, and, with the Books which preceded it, as the standard for the Anglican tradition of worship.
7. We receive the Thirty-Nine Articles of Religion of 1571, taken in their literal and grammatical sense, as expressing the Anglican response to certain doctrinal issues controverted at that time, and as expressing fundamental principles of authentic Anglican belief.

In all these things, the Anglican Church in North America is determined by the help of God to hold and maintain, as the Anglican Way has received them, the doctrine, discipline and worship of Christ and to transmit the same, unimpaired, to our posterity. We seek to be and remain in full communion with all Anglican Churches, Dioceses and Provinces that hold and maintain the Historic Faith, Doctrine, Sacraments and Discipline of the One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church.

COLLEGE OF BISHOPS RESOLUTION
CONCERNING THE
NICE N E C R E E D
Epiphany, 2013

RESOLVED,

The normative form of the Nicene Creed for the Anglican Church in North America is the original text as adopted by the Councils of Nicaea (325 A.D.) and Constantinople (381 A.D.). This form shall be rendered in English in the best and most accurate translation achievable.

RESOLVED,

The Anglican Church in North America acknowledges that the form of the Nicene Creed customary in the West is that of the 1662 Book of Common Prayer, including the words “and the Son” (*filioque*), which form may be used in worship and for elucidation of doctrine.

RESOLVED,

Because we are committed to the highest level of global unity possible, the College of Bishops of the Anglican Church in North America seeks advice of the Theological Commission of the Global Fellowship of Confessing Anglicans concerning implementation of the recommendation of the Lambeth Conference of 1978 to use the normative form of the Nicene Creed at worship.

T H E
A T H A N A S I A N C R E E D

Whosoever will be saved, *
before all things it is necessary that he hold the Catholic Faith.
Which Faith except everyone do keep whole and undefiled, *
without doubt he shall perish everlastingily.
And the Catholic Faith is this: *
 That we worship one God in Trinity, and Trinity in Unity,
Neither confounding the Persons, *
 nor dividing the Substance.
For there is one Person of the Father, another of the Son, *
 and another of the Holy Ghost.
But the Godhead of the Father, of the Son,
and of the Holy Ghost, is all one, *
 the Glory equal, the Majesty co-eternal.
Such as the Father is, such is the Son, *
 and such is the Holy Ghost.
The Father uncreate, the Son uncreate, *
 and the Holy Ghost uncreate.
The Father incomprehensible, the Son incomprehensible, *
 and the Holy Ghost incomprehensible.
The Father eternal, the Son eternal, *
 and the Holy Ghost eternal.
And yet they are not three eternals, *
 but one eternal.

As also there are not three incomprehensibles, nor three uncreated,^{*}
but one uncreated, and one incomprehensible.

So likewise the Father is Almighty, the Son Almighty,^{*}
and the Holy Ghost Almighty.

And yet they are not three Almhighties,^{*}
but one Almighty.

So the Father is God, the Son is God,^{*}
and the Holy Ghost is God.

And yet they are not three Gods,^{*}
but one God.

So likewise the Father is Lord, the Son Lord,^{*}
and the Holy Ghost Lord.

And yet not three Lords,^{*}
but one Lord.

For like as we are compelled by the Christian verity^{*}
to acknowledge every Person by himself to be both God and Lord,

So are we forbidden by the Catholic Religion,^{*}
to say, There be three Gods, or three Lords.

The Father is made of none,^{*}
neither created, nor begotten.

The Son is of the Father alone,^{*}
not made, nor created, but begotten.

The Holy Ghost is of the Father and of the Son,^{*}
neither made, nor created, nor begotten, but proceeding.

So there is one Father, not three Fathers; one Son, not three Sons;^{*}
one Holy Ghost, not three Holy Ghosts.

And in this Trinity none is afore, or after other;^{*}
none is greater, or less than another;

But the whole three Persons are co-eternal together^{*}
and co-equal.

So that in all things, as is aforesaid,^{*}
the Unity in Trinity and the Trinity in Unity is to be worshipped.

He therefore that will be saved *
must thus think of the Trinity.

Furthermore, it is necessary to everlasting salvation *
that he also believe rightly the Incarnation of our Lord
Jesus Christ.

For the right Faith is, that we believe and confess, *
that our Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is God and Man;
God, of the Substance of the Father, begotten before the worlds; *
and Man, of the Substance of his Mother, born in the world;
Perfect God and perfect Man,*
of a reasonable soul and human flesh subsisting;
Equal to the Father, as touching his Godhead; *
and inferior to the Father, as touching his Manhood.

Who, although he be God and Man,*
yet he is not two, but one Christ;
One, not by conversion of the Godhead into flesh,*
but by taking of the Manhood into God;
One altogether; not by confusion of Substance,*
but by unity of Person.

For as the reasonable soul and flesh is one man,*
so God and Man is one Christ;
Who suffered for our salvation,*
descended into hell, rose again the third day from the dead.
He ascended into heaven, he sitteth on the right hand of the
Father, God Almighty,*
from whence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
At whose coming all men shall rise again with their bodies *
and shall give account for their own works.
And they that have done good shall go into life everlasting; *
and they that have done evil into everlasting fire.

This is the Catholic Faith,*
which except a man believe faithfully, he cannot be saved.

THE THIRTY-NINE
ARTICLES *of RELIGION*
of 1571

I. OF FAITH IN THE HOLY TRINITY

There is but one living and true God, everlasting, without body, parts, or passions; of infinite power, wisdom, and goodness; the Maker, and Preserver of all things both visible and invisible. And in unity of this Godhead there be three Persons, of one substance, power, and eternity; the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost.

II. OF THE WORD OR SON OF GOD, WHICH WAS
MADE VERY MAN

The Son, which is the Word of the Father, begotten from everlasting of the Father, the very and eternal God, and of one substance with the Father, took Man's nature in the womb of the blessed Virgin, of her substance: so that two whole and perfect Natures, that is to say, the Godhead and Manhood, were joined together in one Person, never to be divided, whereof is one Christ, very God, and very Man; who truly suffered, was crucified, dead, and buried, to reconcile his Father to us, and to be a sacrifice, not only for original guilt, but also for all actual sins of men.

III. OF THE GOING DOWN OF CHRIST INTO HELL

As Christ died for us, and was buried, so also is it to be believed, that he went down into Hell.

IV. OF THE RESURRECTION OF CHRIST

Christ did truly rise again from death, and took again his body, with flesh, bones, and all things appertaining to the perfection of Man's nature; wherewith he ascended into Heaven, and there sitteth, until he return to judge all Men at the last day.

V. OF THE HOLY GHOST

The Holy Ghost, proceeding from the Father and the Son, is of one substance, majesty, and glory, with the Father and the Son, very and eternal God.

VI. OF THE SUFFICIENCY OF THE HOLY SCRIPTURES FOR SALVATION

Holy Scripture containeth all things necessary to salvation: so that whatsoever is not read therein, nor may be proved thereby, is not to be required of any man, that it should be believed as an article of the Faith, or be thought requisite or necessary to salvation. In the name of the Holy Scriptures we do understand those Canonical Books of the Old and New Testament, of whose authority was never any doubt in the Church.

Of the Names and Number of the Canonical Books

Genesis

Exodus

Leviticus

Numbers

Deuteronomy

Joshua
Judges
Ruth
The First Book of Samuel
The Second Book of Samuel
The First Book of Kings
The Second Book of Kings
The First Book of Chronicles
The Second Book of Chronicles
The First Book of Esdras
The Second Book of Esdras
The Book of Esther
The Book of Job
The Psalms
The Proverbs
Ecclesiastes or Preacher
Cantica, or Songs of Solomon
Four Prophets the greater
Twelve Prophets the less

And the other Books (as *Hierome* saith) the Church doth read for example of life and instruction of manners; but yet doth it not apply them to establish any doctrine; such are these following:

The Third Book of Esdras
The Fourth Book of Esdras
The Book of Tobias
The Book of Judith
The rest of the Book of Esther
The Book of Wisdom
Jesus the Son of Sirach
Baruch the Prophet

The Song of the Three Children
The Story of Susanna
Of Bel and the Dragon
The Prayer of Manasses
The First Book of Maccabees
The Second Book of Maccabees

All the Books of the New Testament, as they are commonly received, we do receive, and account them Canonical.

VII. OF THE OLD TESTAMENT

The Old Testament is not contrary to the New: for both in the Old and New Testament everlasting life is offered to Mankind by Christ, who is the only Mediator between God and Man, being both God and Man. Wherefore they are not to be heard, which feign that the old Fathers did look only for transitory promises. Although the Law given from God by Moses, as touching Ceremonies and Rites, do not bind Christian men, nor the Civil precepts thereof ought of necessity to be received in any commonwealth; yet notwithstanding, no Christian man whatsoever is free from the obedience of the Commandments which are called Moral.

VIII. OF THE THREE CREEDS

The Three Creeds, *Nicene* Creed, *Athanasius's* Creed, and that which is commonly called the *Apostles'* Creed, ought thoroughly to be received and believed: for they may be proved by most certain warrants of Holy Scripture.

IX. OF ORIGINAL OR BIRTH-SIN

Original Sin standeth not in the following of *Adam*, (as the *Pelagians* do vainly talk;) but it is the fault and corruption of the Nature of every man, that naturally is engendered of the

offspring of *Adam*; whereby man is very far gone from original righteousness, and is of his own nature inclined to evil, so that the flesh lusteth always contrary to the Spirit; and therefore in every person born into this world, it deserveth God's wrath and damnation. And this infection of nature doth remain, yea in them that are regenerated; whereby the lust of the flesh, called in the Greek, φρόνημα σαρκός, which some do expound the wisdom, some sensuality, some the affection, some the desire, of the flesh, is not subject to the Law of God. And although there is no condemnation for them that believe and are baptized, yet the Apostle doth confess, that concupiscence and lust hath of itself the nature of sin.

X. OF FREE-WILL

The condition of Man after the fall of *Adam* is such, that he cannot turn and prepare himself, by his own natural strength and good works, to faith, and calling upon God: Wherefore we have no power to do good works pleasant and acceptable to God, without the grace of God by Christ preventing us, that we may have a good will, and working with us, when we have that good will.

XI. OF THE JUSTIFICATION OF MAN

We are accounted righteous before God, only for the merit of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ by Faith, and not for our own works or deservings: Wherefore, that we are justified by Faith only is a most wholesome Doctrine, and very full of comfort, as more largely is expressed in the Homily of Justification.

XII. OF GOOD WORKS

Albeit that Good Works, which are the fruits of Faith, and follow after Justification, cannot put away our sins, and endure

the severity of God's Judgement; yet are they pleasing and acceptable to God in Christ, and do spring out necessarily of a true and lively Faith; insomuch that by them a lively Faith may be as evidently known as a tree discerned by the fruit.

XIII. OF WORKS BEFORE JUSTIFICATION

Works done before the grace of Christ, and the Inspiration of his Spirit, are not pleasant to God, forasmuch as they spring not of faith in Jesus Christ, neither do they make men meet to receive grace, or (as the School-authors say) deserve grace of congruity: yea rather, for that they are not done as God hath willed and commanded them to be done, we doubt not but they have the nature of sin.

XIV. OF WORKS OF SUPEREROGATION

Voluntary Works besides, over, and above, God's Commandments, which they call Works of Supererogation, cannot be taught without arrogancy and impiety: for by them men do declare, that they do not only render unto God as much as they are bound to do, but that they do more for his sake, than of bounden duty is required: whereas Christ saith plainly, When ye have done all that are commanded to you, say, We are unprofitable servants.

XV. OF CHRIST ALONE WITHOUT SIN

Christ in the truth of our nature was made like unto us in all things, sin only except, from which he was clearly void, both in his flesh, and in his spirit. He came to be the Lamb without spot, who, by sacrifice of himself once made, should take away the sins of the world, and sin, as Saint John saith, was not in him. But all we the rest, although baptized, and born again in Christ, yet offend in many things; and if we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

XVI. OF SIN AFTER BAPTISM

Not every deadly sin willingly committed after Baptism is sin against the Holy Ghost, and unpardonable. Wherefore the grant of repentance is not to be denied to such as fall into sin after Baptism. After we have received the Holy Ghost, we may depart from grace given, and fall into sin, and by the grace of God we may arise again, and amend our lives. And therefore they are to be condemned, which say, they can no more sin as long as they live here, or deny the place of forgiveness to such as truly repent.

XVII. OF PREDESTINATION AND ELECTION

Predestination to Life is the everlasting purpose of God, whereby (before the foundations of the world were laid) he hath constantly decreed by his counsel secret to us, to deliver from curse and damnation those whom he hath chosen in Christ out of mankind, and to bring them by Christ to everlasting salvation, as vessels made to honour. Wherefore, they which be endued with so excellent a benefit of God be called according to God's purpose by his Spirit working in due season: they through Grace obey the calling: they be justified freely: they be made sons of God by adoption: they be made like the image of his only-begotten Son Jesus Christ: they walk religiously in good works, and at length, by God's mercy, they attain to everlasting felicity.

As the godly consideration of Predestination, and our Election in Christ, is full of sweet, pleasant, and unspeakable comfort to godly persons, and such as feel in themselves the working of the Spirit of Christ, mortifying the works of the flesh, and their earthly members, and drawing up their mind to high and heavenly things, as well because it doth greatly establish and confirm their faith of eternal Salvation to be enjoyed through

Christ, as because it doth fervently kindle their love towards God: So, for curious and carnal persons, lacking the Spirit of Christ, to have continually before their eyes the sentence of God's Predestination, is a most dangerous downfall, whereby the devil doth thrust them either into desperation, or into wretchedness of most unclean living, no less perilous than desperation.

Furthermore, we must receive God's promises in such wise, as they be generally set forth to us in Holy Scripture: and, in our doings, that Will of God is to be followed, which we have expressly declared unto us in the Word of God.

XVIII. OF OBTAINING ETERNAL SALVATION ONLY BY THE NAME OF CHRIST

They also are to be had accursed that presume to say, That every man shall be saved by the Law or Sect which he professeth, so that he be diligent to frame his life according to that Law, and the light of Nature. For Holy Scripture doth set out unto us only the Name of Jesus Christ, whereby men must be saved.

XIX. OF THE CHURCH

The visible Church of Christ is a congregation of faithful men, in the which the pure Word of God is preached, and the Sacraments be duly ministered according to Christ's ordinance in all those things that of necessity are requisite to the same.

As the Church of *Jerusalem*, *Alexandria*, and *Antioch*, have erred; so also the Church of *Rome* hath erred, not only in their living and manner of Ceremonies, but also in matters of Faith.

XX. OF THE AUTHORITY OF THE CHURCH

The Church hath power to decree Rites or Ceremonies, and authority in Controversies of Faith: And yet it is not lawful for the Church to ordain any thing that is contrary to God's Word written, neither may it so expound one place of Scripture, that it be repugnant to another. Wherefore, although the Church be a witness and a keeper of Holy Writ, yet, as it ought not to decree any thing against the same, so besides the same ought it not to enforce any thing to be believed for necessity of Salvation.

XXI. OF THE AUTHORITY OF GENERAL COUNCILS

General Councils may not be gathered together without the commandment and will of Princes. And when they be gathered together, (forasmuch as they be an assembly of men, whereof all be not governed with the Spirit and Word of God,) they may err, and sometimes have erred, even in things pertaining unto God. Wherefore things ordained by them as necessary to salvation have neither strength nor authority, unless it may be declared that they be taken out of Holy Scripture.

XXII. OF PURGATORY

The Romish Doctrine concerning Purgatory, Pardons, Worshipping, and Adoration, as well of Images as of Reliques, and also Invocation of Saints, is a fond thing vainly invented, and grounded upon no warranty of Scripture, but rather repugnant to the Word of God.

XXIII. OF MINISTERING IN THE CONGREGATION

It is not lawful for any man to take upon him the office of publick preaching, or ministering the Sacraments in the Congregation, before he be lawfully called, and sent to execute the same.

And those we ought to judge lawfully called and sent, which be chosen and called to this work by men who have publick authority given unto them in the Congregation, to call and send Ministers into the Lord's vineyard.

XXIV. OF SPEAKING IN THE CONGREGATION IN SUCH A TONGUE AS THE PEOPLE UNDERSTANDETH

It is a thing plainly repugnant to the Word of God, and the custom of the Primitive Church, to have publick Prayer in the Church, or to minister the Sacraments in a tongue not understood of the people.

XXV. OF THE SACRAMENTS

Sacraments ordained of Christ be not only badges or tokens of Christian men's profession, but rather they be certain sure witnesses, and effectual signs of grace, and God's good will towards us, by the which he doth work invisibly in us, and doth not only quicken, but also strengthen and confirm our Faith in him.

There are two Sacraments ordained of Christ our Lord in the Gospel, that is to say, Baptism, and the Supper of the Lord.

Those five commonly called Sacraments, that is to say, Confirmation, Penance, Orders, Matrimony, and extreme Unction, are not to be counted for Sacraments of the Gospel, being such as have grown partly of the corrupt following of the Apostles, partly are states of life allowed in the Scriptures; but yet have not like nature of Sacraments with Baptism, and the Lord's Supper, for that they have not any visible sign or ceremony ordained of God.

The Sacraments were not ordained of Christ to be gazed upon, or to be carried about, but that we should duly use them. And in such only as worthily receive the same they have a wholesome effect or operation: but they that receive them unworthily purchase to themselves damnation, as Saint *Paul* saith.

XXVI. OF THE UNWORTHINESS OF THE MINISTERS, WHICH HINDERS NOT THE EFFECT OF THE SACRAMENT

Although in the visible Church the evil be ever mingled with the good, and sometimes the evil have chief authority in the Ministration of the Word and Sacraments, yet forasmuch as they do not the same in their own name, but in Christ's, and do minister by his commission and authority, we may use their Ministry, both in hearing the Word of God, and in receiving of the Sacraments. Neither is the effect of Christ's ordinance taken away by their wickedness, nor the grace of God's gifts diminished from such as by faith and rightly do receive the Sacraments ministered unto them; which be effectual, because of Christ's institution and promise, although they be ministered by evil men.

Nevertheless, it appertaineth to the discipline of the Church, that inquiry be made of evil Ministers, and that they be accused by those that have knowledge of their offences; and finally being found guilty, by just judgement be deposed.

XXVII. OF BAPTISM

Baptism is not only a sign of profession, and mark of difference, whereby Christian men are discerned from others that be not christened, but it is also a sign of Regeneration or new Birth, whereby, as by an instrument, they that receive Baptism rightly are grafted into the Church; the promises of forgiveness of sin, and of our adoption to be the sons of God by the Holy Ghost,

are visibly signed and sealed; Faith is confirmed, and Grace increased by virtue of prayer unto God. The Baptism of young Children is in any wise to be retained in the Church, as most agreeable with the institution of Christ.

XXVIII. OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Supper of the Lord is not only a sign of the love that Christians ought to have among themselves one to another; but rather is a Sacrament of our Redemption by Christ's death: insomuch that to such as rightly, worthily, and with faith, receive the same, the Bread which we break is a partaking of the Body of Christ; and likewise the Cup of Blessing is a partaking of the Blood of Christ.

Transubstantiation (or the change of the substance of Bread and Wine) in the Supper of the Lord, cannot be proved by Holy Writ; but is repugnant to the plain words of Scripture, overthroweth the nature of a Sacrament, and hath given occasion to many superstitions.

The Body of Christ is given, taken, and eaten, in the Supper, only after an heavenly and spiritual manner. And the mean whereby the Body of Christ is received and eaten in the Supper is Faith.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was not by Christ's ordinance reserved, carried about, lifted up, or worshipped.

XXIX. OF THE WICKED WHICH EAT NOT THE BODY OF CHRIST IN THE USE OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Wicked, and such as be void of a lively faith, although they do carnally and visibly press with their teeth (as Saint *Augustine* saith) the Sacrament of the Body and Blood of Christ,

yet in no wise are they partakers of Christ: but rather, to their condemnation, do eat and drink the sign or Sacrament of so great a thing.

XXX. OF BOTH KINDS

The Cup of the Lord is not to be denied to the Lay-people: for both the parts of the Lord's Sacrament, by Christ's ordinance and commandment, ought to be ministered to all Christian men alike.

XXXI. OF THE ONE OBLATION OF CHRIST FINISHED UPON THE CROSS

The Offering of Christ once made is that perfect redemption, propitiation, and satisfaction, for all the sins of the whole world, both original and actual; and there is none other satisfaction for sin, but that alone. Wherefore the sacrifices of Masses, in the which it was commonly said, that the Priest did offer Christ for the quick and the dead, to have remission of pain or guilt, were blasphemous fables, and dangerous deceits.

XXXII. OF THE MARRIAGE OF PRIESTS

Bishops, Priests, and Deacons, are not commanded by God's Law, either to vow the estate of single life, or to abstain from marriage: therefore it is lawful for them, as for all other Christian men, to marry at their own discretion, as they shall judge the same to serve better to godliness.

XXXIII. OF EXCOMMUNICATE PERSONS, HOW THEY ARE TO BE AVOIDED

That person which by open denunciation of the Church is rightly cut off from the unity of the Church, and excommunicated, ought to be taken of the whole multitude of the faithful, as an Heathen and Publican, until he be openly

reconciled by penance, and received into the Church by a Judge that hath authority thereunto.

XXXIV. OF THE TRADITIONS OF THE CHURCH

It is not necessary that Traditions and Ceremonies be in all places one, and utterly like; for at all times they have been divers, and may be changed according to the diversities of countries, times, and men's manners, so that nothing be ordained against God's Word. Whosoever through his private judgement, willingly and purposely, doth openly break the traditions and ceremonies of the Church, which be not repugnant to the Word of God, and be ordained and approved by common authority, ought to be rebuked openly, (that others may fear to do the like,) as he that offendeth against the common order of the Church, and hurteth the authority of the Magistrate, and woundeth the consciences of the weak brethren.

Every particular or national Church hath authority to ordain, change, and abolish, ceremonies or rites of the Church ordained only by man's authority, so that all things be done to edifying.

XXXV. OF THE HOMILIES

The second Book of Homilies, the several titles whereof we have joined under this Article, doth contain a godly and wholesome Doctrine, and necessary for these times, as doth the former Book of Homilies, which were set forth in the time of Edward the Sixth; and therefore we judge them to be read in Churches by the Ministers, diligently and distinctly, that they may be understood of the people.

Of the Names of the Homilies

1. Of the right Use of the Church.
2. Against peril of Idolatry.
3. Of repairing and keeping clean of Churches.
4. Of good Works: first of Fasting.
5. Against Gluttony and Drunkenness.
6. Against Excess of Apparel.
7. Of Prayer.
8. Of the Place and Time of Prayer.
9. That Common Prayers and Sacraments ought to be ministered in a known tongue.
10. Of the reverend estimation of God's Word.
11. Of Alms-doing.
12. Of the Nativity of Christ.
13. Of the Passion of Christ.
14. Of the Resurrection of Christ.
15. Of the worthy receiving of the Sacrament of the Body and Blood of Christ.
16. Of the Gifts of the Holy Ghost.
17. For the Rogation-days.
18. Of the State of Matrimony.
19. Of Repentance.
20. Against Idleness.
21. Against Rebellion.

XXXVI. OF CONSECRATION OF BISHOPS AND MINISTERS

The Book of Consecration of Archbishops and Bishops, and Ordering of Priests and Deacons, lately set forth in the time of *Edward the Sixth*, and confirmed at the same time by authority of Parliament, doth contain all things necessary to such Consecration and Ordering: neither hath it any thing, that

of itself is superstitious and ungodly. And therefore whosoever are consecrated or ordered according to the Rites of that Book, since the second year of the forenamed King *Edward* unto this time, or hereafter shall be consecrated or ordered according to the same Rites; we decree all such to be rightly, orderly, and lawfully consecrated and ordered.

XXXVII. OF THE CIVIL MAGISTRATES

The King's Majesty hath the chief power in this Realm of *England*, and other his Dominions, unto whom the chief Government of all Estates of this Realm, whether they be Ecclesiastical or Civil, in all causes doth appertain, and is not, nor ought to be, subject to any foreign Jurisdiction.

Where we attribute to the King's Majesty the chief government, by which Titles we understand the minds of some slanderous folks to be offended; we give not to our Princes the ministering either of God's Word, or of the Sacraments, the which thing the Injunctions also lately set forth by *Elizabeth* our Queen do most plainly testify; but that only prerogative, which we see to have been given always to all godly Princes in Holy Scriptures by God himself; that is, that they should rule all estates and degrees committed to their charge by God, whether they be Ecclesiastical or Temporal, and restrain with the civil sword the stubborn and evil-doers.

The Bishop of *Rome* hath no jurisdiction in this Realm of *England*.

The Laws of the Realm may punish Christian men with death, for heinous and grievous offences.

It is lawful for Christian men, at the commandment of the Magistrate, to wear weapons, and serve in the wars.

XXXVIII. OF CHRISTIAN MEN'S GOODS, WHICH ARE
NOT COMMON

The Riches and Goods of Christians are not common, as touching the right, title, and possession of the same, as certain Anabaptists do falsely boast. Notwithstanding, every man ought, of such things as he possesseth, liberally to give alms to the poor, according to his ability.

XXXIX. OF A CHRISTIAN MAN'S OATH

As we confess that vain and rash Swearing is forbidden Christian men by our Lord Jesus Christ, and *James* his Apostle, so we judge, that Christian Religion doth not prohibit, but that a man may swear when the Magistrate requireth, in a cause of faith and charity, so it be done according to the Prophet's teaching, in justice, judgement, and truth.

AMENDMENTS OF 1801

The General Convention of 1801 of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America amended the Articles of Religion, chiefly with respect to the Crown and to the provisions of British constitutional government. The amended articles read as follows:

VIII. OF THE CREEDS.

The Nicene Creed, and that which is commonly called the Apostles' Creed, ought thoroughly to be received and believed: for they may be proved by most certain warrants of Holy Scripture.

XXI. OF THE AUTHORITY OF GENERAL COUNCILS.

[*The Twenty-first of the former Articles is omitted; because it is partly of a local and civil nature, and is provided for, as to the remaining parts of it, in other Articles.*]

XXXV. OF THE HOMILIES.

[*This Article is received in this Church, so far as it declares the Book of Homilies to be an explication of Christian doctrine, and instructive in piety and morals. But all references to the constitution and laws of England are considered as inapplicable to the circumstances of this Church; which also suspends the order for the reading of said Homilies in churches, until a revision of them may be conveniently made, for the clearing of them, as well from obsolete words and phrases, as from the local references.*]

XXXVI. OF CONSECRATION OF BISHOPS AND MINISTERS.

The Book of Consecration of Bishops, and Ordering of Priests and Deacons, as set forth by the General Convention of this Church in 1792, doth contain all things necessary to such Consecration and Ordering; neither hath it any thing that, of itself, is superstitious and ungodly. And, therefore, whosoever are consecrated or ordered according to said Form, we decree all such to be rightly, orderly, and lawfully consecrated and ordered.

XXXVII. OF THE POWER OF THE CIVIL MAGISTRATES.

The Power of the Civil Magistrate extendeth to all men, as well Clergy as Laity, in all things temporal; but hath no authority in things purely spiritual. And we hold it to be the duty of all men who are professors of the Gospel, to pay respectful obedience to the Civil Authority, regularly and legitimately constituted.

T H E
J E R U S A L E M D E C L A R A T I O N

In the Name of God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit:

We, the participants in the Global Anglican Future Conference, have met in the land of Jesus' birth. We express our loyalty as disciples to the King of kings, the Lord Jesus. We joyfully embrace his command to proclaim the reality of his kingdom which he first announced in this land. The gospel of the kingdom is the good news of salvation, liberation and transformation for all. In light of the above, we agree to chart a way forward together that promotes and protects the biblical gospel and mission to the world, solemnly declaring the following tenets of orthodoxy which underpin our Anglican identity.

1. We rejoice in the gospel of God through which we have been saved by grace through faith in Jesus Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit. Because God first loved us, we love him and as believers bring forth fruits of love, ongoing repentance, lively hope and thanksgiving to God in all things.

2. We believe the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be the Word of God written and to contain all things necessary for salvation. The Bible is to be translated, read, preached, taught and obeyed in its plain and canonical sense, respectful of the church's historic and consensual reading.
3. We uphold the four Ecumenical Councils and the three historic Creeds as expressing the rule of faith of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
4. We uphold the Thirty-nine Articles as containing the true doctrine of the Church agreeing with God's Word and as authoritative for Anglicans today.
5. We gladly proclaim and submit to the unique and universal Lordship of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, humanity's only Saviour from sin, judgement and hell, who lived the life we could not live and died the death that we deserve. By his atoning death and glorious resurrection, he secured the redemption of all who come to him in repentance and faith.
6. We rejoice in our Anglican sacramental and liturgical heritage as an expression of the gospel, and we uphold the 1662 Book of Common Prayer as a true and authoritative standard of worship and prayer, to be translated and locally adapted for each culture.
7. We recognise that God has called and gifted bishops, priests and deacons in historic succession to equip all the people of God for their ministry in the world. We uphold the classic Anglican Ordinal as an authoritative standard of clerical orders.
8. We acknowledge God's creation of humankind as male

and female and the unchangeable standard of Christian marriage between one man and one woman as the proper place for sexual intimacy and the basis of the family. We repent of our failures to maintain this standard and call for a renewed commitment to lifelong fidelity in marriage and abstinence for those who are not married.

9. We gladly accept the Great Commission of the risen Lord to make disciples of all nations, to seek those who do not know Christ and to baptise, teach and bring new believers to maturity.
10. We are mindful of our responsibility to be good stewards of God's creation, to uphold and advocate justice in society, and to seek relief and empowerment of the poor and needy.
11. We are committed to the unity of all those who know and love Christ and to building authentic ecumenical relationships. We recognise the orders and jurisdiction of those Anglicans who uphold orthodox faith and practice, and we encourage them to join us in this declaration.
12. We celebrate the God-given diversity among us which enriches our global fellowship, and we acknowledge freedom in secondary matters. We pledge to work together to seek the mind of Christ on issues that divide us.
13. We reject the authority of those churches and leaders who have denied the orthodox faith in word or deed. We pray for them and call on them to repent and return to the Lord.
14. We rejoice at the prospect of Jesus' coming again in glory, and while we await this final event of history, we praise him for the way he builds up his church through his Spirit by miraculously changing lives.

THE PREFACE OF THE
BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER
(1549)

There was never any thing by the wit of man so well devised, or so sure established, which in continuance of time hath not been corrupted: as, among other things, it may plainly appear by the common prayers in the Church, commonly called Divine Service: the first original and ground whereof, if a man would search out by the ancient fathers, he shall find, that the same was not ordained, but of a good purpose, and for a great advancement of godliness: For they so ordered the matter, that all the whole Bible (or the greatest part thereof) should be read over once in the year, intending thereby, that the Clergy, and especially such as were Ministers of the congregation, should (by often reading, and meditation of God's word) be stirred up to godliness themselves, and be more able to exhort others by wholesome doctrine, and to confute them that were adversaries to the truth. And further, that the people (by daily hearing of Holy Scripture read in the Church) should continually profit more and more in the knowledge of God, and be the more inflamed with the love of his true religion.

But these many years passed, this godly and decent order of the ancient fathers has been so altered, broken, and neglected, by planting

in uncertain stories, Legends, Responds, Verses, vain repetitions, Commemorations, and Synodals, that commonly when any book of the Bible was begun, before three or four Chapters were read out, all the rest were unread. And in this sort the book of Isaiah was begun in Advent, and the book of Genesis in Septuagesima; but they were only begun, and never read through. After a like sort were other books of Holy Scripture used. And moreover, whereas St. Paul would have such language spoken to the people in the Church, as they might understand, and have profit by hearing the same, the Service in the Church of England (these many years) hath been read in Latin to the people, which they understood not; so that they have heard with their ears only; and their hearts, spirit, and mind, have not been edified thereby. And furthermore, notwithstanding that the ancient fathers had divided the Psalms into seven portions, whereof every one was called a nocturn, now of late time a few of them have been daily said (and oft repeated), and the rest utterly omitted. Moreover, the number and hardness of the Rules called the Pie, and the manifold changings of the service, was the cause, that to turn the Book only, was so hard and intricate a matter, that many times, there was more business to find out what should be read, than to read it when it was found out.

These inconveniences therefore considered, here is set forth such an order, whereby the same shall be redressed. And for a readiness in this matter, here is drawn out a Kalendar for that purpose, which is plain and easy to be understood, wherein (so much as may be) the reading of Holy Scripture is so set forth, that all things shall be done in order, without breaking one piece thereof from another. For this cause be cut off Anthems, Responds, Invitatories, and such like things, as did break the continual course of the reading of the Scripture.

Yet because there is no remedy, but that of necessity there must be some rules: therefore certain rules are here set forth,

which, as they be few in number; so they be plain and easy to be understood. So that here you have an order for prayer (as touching the reading of the Holy Scripture), much agreeable to the mind and purpose of the old fathers, and a great deal more profitable and commodious, than that which of late was used.

It is more profitable, because here are left out many things, whereof some be untrue, some uncertain, same vain and superstitious: and is ordained nothing to be read, but the very pure word of God, the Holy Scriptures, or that which is evidently grounded upon the same; and that in such a language and order as is most easy and plain for the understanding, both of the readers and hearers. It is also more commodious, both for the shortness thereof, and for the plainness of the order, and for that the rules be few and easy. Furthermore, by this order the curates shall need none other books for their public service, but this book and the Bible: by the means whereof, the people shall not be at so great charge for books, as in time past they have been.

And where heretofore, there hath been great diversity in saying and singing in churches within this realm: some following Salisbury use, some Hereford use, some the use of Bangor, some of York, and some of Lincoln: now from henceforth, all the whole realm shall have but one use. And if any would judge this way more painful, because that all things must be read upon the book, whereas before, by reason of so often repetition, they could say many things by heart: if those men will weigh their labor with the profit in knowledge, which daily they shall obtain by reading upon the book, they will not refuse the pain, in consideration of the great profit that shall ensue thereof.

And forasmuch as nothing else, almost, be so plainly set forth, but doubts may arise in the use and practicing of the same: to appease all such diversity (if any arise), and for the resolution of all doubts, concerning the manner how to understand, do, and execute, the things contained in this book: the parties that so doubt, or diversely take any thing, shall always resort to the Bishop of the Diocese, who by his discretion shall take order for the quieting and appeasing of the same; so that the same order be not contrary to any thing contained in this book.

Though it be appointed in the afore written preface, that all things shall be read and sung in the church in the English tongue, to the end that the congregation may be thereby edified: yet it is not meant, but when men say Matins and Evensong privately, they may say the same in any language that they themselves do understand. Neither that any man shall be bound to the saying of them, but such as from time to time, in Cathedral and Collegiate Churches, parish Churches, and Chapels to the same annexed, shall serve the congregation.

THE PREFACE OF THE
BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER
(1662)

It hath been the wisdom of the Church of England, ever since the first compiling of her publick Liturgy, to keep the mean between the two extremes, of too much stiffness in refusing, and of too much easiness in admitting any variation from it. For, as on the one side common experience sheweth, that where a change hath been made of things advisedly established (no evident necessity so requiring) sundry inconveniences have thereupon ensued; and those many times more and greater than the evils, that were intended to be remedied by such change: So on the other side, the particular Forms of Divine worship, and the Rites and Ceremonies appointed to be used therein, being things in their own nature indifferent, and alterable, and so acknowledged; it is but reasonable, that upon weighty and important considerations, according to the various exigency of times and occasions, such changes and alterations should be made therein, as to those that are in place of Authority should from time to time seem either necessary or expedient. Accordingly we find, that in the Reigns of several Princes of blessed memory since the Reformation, the Church, upon just and weighty considerations her thereunto moving, hath

yielded to make such alterations in some particulars, as in their respective times were thought convenient: Yet so, as that the main Body and Essentials of it (as well in the chiefest materials, as in the frame and order thereof) have still continued the same unto this day, and do yet stand firm and unshaken, notwithstanding all the vain attempts and impetuous assaults made against it, by such men as are given to change, and have always discovered a greater regard to their own private fancies and interests, than to that duty they owe to the publick.

By what undue means, and for what mischievous purposes the use of the Liturgy (though enjoined by the Laws of the Land, and those Laws never yet repealed) came, during the late unhappy confusions, to be discontinued, is too well known to the world, and we are not willing here to remember. But when, upon His Majesty's happy Restoration, it seemed probable, that, amongst other things, the use of the Liturgy also would return of course (the same having never been legally abolished) unless some timely means were used to prevent it; those men who under the late usurped powers had made it a great part of their business to render the people disaffected thereunto, saw themselves in point of reputation and interest concerned (unless they would freely acknowledge themselves to have erred, which such men are very hardly brought to do) with their utmost endeavours to hinder the restitution thereof. In order whereunto divers Pamphlets were published against the Book of Common Prayer, the old Objections mustered up, with the addition of some new ones, more than formerly had been made, to make the number swell. In fine, great importunities were used to His Sacred Majesty, that the said Book might be revised, and such Alterations therein, and Additions thereunto made, as should be thought requisite for the ease of tender Consciences: whereunto His Majesty, out of his pious inclination to give satisfaction (so

far as could be reasonably expected) to all his subjects of what persuasion soever, did graciously condescend.

In which review we have endeavoured to observe the like moderation, as we find to have been used in the like case in former times. And therefore of the sundry alterations proposed unto us, we have rejected all such as were either of dangerous consequence (as secretly striking at some established doctrine, or laudable practice of the Church of England, or indeed of the whole Catholick Church of Christ) or else of no consequence at all, but utterly frivolous and vain. But such alterations as were tendered to us, (by what persons, under what pretences, or to what purpose soever so tendered) as seemed to us in any degree requisite or expedient, we have willingly, and of our own accord assented unto: not enforced so to do by any strength of Argument, convincing us of the necessity of making the said Alterations: For we are fully persuaded in our judgements (and we here profess it to the world) that the Book, as it stood before established by Law, doth not contain in it any thing contrary to the Word of God, or to sound Doctrine, or which a godly man may not with a good Conscience use and submit unto, or which is not fairly defensible against any that shall oppose the same; if it shall be allowed such just and favourable construction as in common equity ought to be allowed to all human Writings, especially such as are set forth by Authority, and even to the very best translations of the Holy Scripture itself.

Our general aim therefore in this undertaking was, not to gratify this or that party in any their unreasonable demands; but to do that, which to our best understandings we conceived might most tend to the preservation of Peace and Unity in the Church; the procuring of Reverence, and exciting of Piety and Devotion in the publick Worship of God; and the cutting off occasion from

them that seek occasion of cavil or quarrel against the Liturgy of the Church. And as to the several variations from the former Book, whether by Alteration, Addition, or otherwise, it shall suffice to give this general account. That most of the Alterations were made, either first, for the better direction of them that are to officiate in any part of Divine Service; which is chiefly done in the Calendars and Rubricks: Or secondly, for the more proper expressing of some words or phrases of ancient usage in terms more suitable to the language of the present times, and the clearer explanation of some other words and phrases, that were either of doubtful signification, or otherwise liable to misconstruction: Or thirdly, for a more perfect rendering of such portions of Holy Scripture, as are inserted into the Liturgy; which, in the Epistles and Gospels especially, and in sundry other places, are now ordered to be read according to the last Translation: and that it was thought convenient, that some Prayers and Thanksgivings, fitted to special occasions, should be added in their due places; particularly for those at Sea, together with an office for the Baptism of such as are of Riper Years: which, although not so necessary when the former Book was compiled, yet by the growth of Anabaptism, through the licentiousness of the late times crept in amongst us, is now become necessary, and may be always useful for the baptizing of Natives in our Plantations, and others converted to the Faith. If any man, who shall desire a more particular account of the several Alterations in any part of the Liturgy, shall take the pains to compare the present Book with the former; we doubt not but the reason of the change may easily appear.

And having thus endeavoured to discharge our duties in this weighty affair, as in the sight of God, and to approve our sincerity therein (so far as lay in us) to the consciences of all men; although we know it impossible (in such variety of

apprehensions, humours and interests, as are in the world) to please all; nor can expect that men of factious, peevish, and perverse spirits should be satisfied with any thing that can be done in this kind by any other than themselves: Yet we have good hope, that what is here presented, and hath been by the Convocations of both Provinces with great diligence examined and approved, will be also well accepted and approved by all sober, peaceable, and truly conscientious Sons of the Church of England

