

Scottish Episcopal Church



Calendar and Lectionary GUIDE 2015/16

**Revised Common Lectionary readings: Year C;
Daily Eucharist and Daily Prayer readings: Year 2**

Introductory Note to this Guide to the use of the Calendar and Lectionary during 2015/16

Each week of the Church's year is identified by its calendar name (e.g. Week of 1 Advent). After the name is given the order of Daily Prayer which is normally to be used during that week.

Next is listed the name of the Sunday, with its calendar date, its category in the Calendar, and its liturgical colour.

Also listed are the Feast Days (in categories 1 - 5 of the Calendar) which occur in that week. The order of Daily Prayer which should be used on these days is indicated, and also the liturgical colour.

In this year's Guide the text of the Collects authorised by the College of Bishops for experimental use until 2019 have also been included.

During 2015/2016 the following Feast Days fall on a Sunday of a higher category and are transferred to the next available weekday:

John, Apostle and Evangelist (27 December)

Philip and James, Apostles (1 May)

*Thomas, Apostle (3 July) (if not kept on 21 December)

*James of Jerusalem, Martyr, c 62 (23 October)

Of these, those marked with an asterisk may be celebrated on the Sunday if local circumstances require. See the section of the *Calendar and Lectionary* entitled Using the Calendar, notes (iii) and (iv).

The Annunciation of the Lord (25 March), falling this year in Holy Week, is transferred to the first available day after the Second Sunday of Easter.

The Feast of the Epiphany (6 January) may be observed on the preceding Sunday and the Feast of the Ascension (5 May) may be observed on the following Sunday. See the section of the *Calendar and Lectionary* entitled Using the Calendar, notes (i) and (ii).

Optional feasts (category 6) are not included in this Guide. Users should check with the Calendar each week to determine which if any of these feasts they wish to observe.

For further guidance see the Introduction to the *Calendar and Lectionary*.

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2015

Week of 1 Advent (DP Anticipation)

[Sunday readings Year C; Daily Eucharist and Daily Prayer readings Year 2]

29 Sun **First Sunday of Advent** [1][Violet]

Stir up your power, Lord, and come:
that, with you as our protector,
we may be rescued from our sins;
and with you as our deliverer,
we may be set free;
for you live and reign with God the Father,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, world without end.

The following Collect may be used to conclude the Intercession throughout Advent, or as the Prayer after Communion as an alternative to the Prayers in section 24 of the Scottish Liturgy 1982 -

Almighty God,
give us grace to cast away the works of darkness
and to put on the armour of light,
now in the time of this mortal life,
in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility:
that on the last day,
when he shall come again in his glorious majesty
to judge the living and the dead,
we may rise to the life immortal;
through him who lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, world without end.

30 Mon **Andrew, Apostle, Patron of Scotland** [4](DP Festivals)[Red]

Almighty God,
who gave such grace to your apostle Andrew
that he readily obeyed the call of your Son, Jesus Christ:
give us, who are called by your holy Word,
the grace to follow him without delay,
and to be messengers of the good news of your kingdom;
through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, world without end.

Week of 2 Advent (DP Anticipation)

6 Sun **Second Sunday of Advent** [1][Violet]

Stir up our hearts, Lord,
to prepare the way of your only-begotten Son:
that, in his coming,
we might serve you with our hearts made pure;
through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, world without end.

8 Tue The Conception of Mary, Mother of the Lord [5][White]
see Common Readings for Saints Days

Almighty God,
who looked with favour on your servant Mary
and called her to be the mother of your Son:
grant us, we pray,
the humility which found favour in your sight;
that we, with her, may proclaim the greatness of your name,
and find the mercy shown to those who stand in awe of you;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, world without end.

Week of 3 Advent (DP Anticipation)

13 Sun **Third Sunday of Advent** [1][Violet]

Stir up our prayers, Lord, and hear us:
that they who are sorrowful and suffering
may rejoice at the Advent of your only-begotten Son;
who lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, world without end.

*From 17 December to Christmas Eve readings at the Daily Eucharist are identified by date.
From 18 December to Christmas Eve readings at Daily Prayer are identified by date.*

Week of 4 Advent (DP Anticipation)

20 Sun **Fourth Sunday of Advent** [1][Violet]

Stir up your power, Lord, and come:
and strengthen us by the might of your love;
that, although we are hindered by our sins,
your abundant grace and mercy may quickly come and save us;
for you live and reign with the Father,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, world without end.

21 Mon **Thomas, Apostle** [4](DP Festivals)[Red] (if not kept on 3 July)

Almighty and everliving God,
who strengthened your apostle Thomas
with faith in the resurrection of your Son:
grant to us, who have not seen,
that we also may believe
and so confess Christ as our Lord and our God;
who lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, world without end.

24 Thu **Christmas Eve** [2]

25 Fri **CHRISTMAS DAY** [1](DP Incarnation)[White]

The following Collect is provided for celebrations of Christmas at Midnight on 24/25 December –

O God,
you have made this most holy night
grow radiant with the brilliance of the true Light:
grant that, as we have known the mystery of that Light on earth,
so we may delight in him in heaven;
through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, world without end.

The following Collect is provided for celebrations of Christmas in the Early Morning on 25 December. It is suitable for use at any or all of the celebrations on Christmas Day and is to be used at Morning Prayer. It may be used for other celebrations during the week after Christmas if optional commemorations [6] are not kept on 30 and 31 December –

O God our Father,
the light of whose Word has come among us
in the Holy Child of Bethlehem:
grant that the radiance of that true light,
which enlightens our minds by faith,
may shine brightly through our words and deeds;
through the same Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, world without end.

The following Collect is provided for celebrations of Christmas during the day on 25 December. Also for use at Evening Prayer and may be used for other celebrations during the week after Christmas if optional commemorations [6] are not kept on 30 and 31 December –

O God,
who wonderfully created
and yet more wonderfully restored
the dignity of our human nature:
grant that we may share in the divinity of Christ,
who humbled himself to share in our humanity;
who lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, world without end.

26 Sat **Stephen, Deacon and Martyr** [4](DP Incarnation/Festivals)[Red]

Grant, O Lord, that we may learn to love our enemies
by the example of your martyr, Saint Stephen,
who prayed to you for his persecutors;
for you live and reign with the Father,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, world without end.

Week of First Sunday after Christmas (DP Incarnation)

27 Sun **First Sunday after Christmas** [2](DP Incarnation)[White]

O God,
you make us glad with the yearly remembrance
of the birth of your Son, Jesus Christ:
grant that, as we joyfully receive him as our Saviour,
so we may with confidence
behold him as he comes to be our Judge;
who lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, world without end.

28 Mon **The Holy Innocents** [4](DP Incarnation/Festivals)[White]

Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
whose Holy Innocents were slaughtered at the hand of Herod:
receive into the arms of your mercy, we pray, all innocent victims;
and, by your great might, frustrate the designs of evil tyrants,
and establish your rule of justice, love, and peace;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, world without end.

29 Tue **John, Apostle and Evangelist** [4](DP Incarnation/Festivals) [White]

Merciful Lord,
shed upon your people
the bright beams of your light:
that enlightened by the teaching of Saint John,
your apostle and evangelist,
we may live in the light of your truth,
and come at length to the fullness of eternal life;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, world without end.

*From 30 December to the Saturday after the Epiphany the readings at the Daily Eucharist
and at Daily Prayer are identified by date*

JANUARY 2016

1 Fri **THE NAMING OF JESUS** [2](DP Incarnation/Festivals)[White]

Eternal Father,
who gave to your incarnate Son the holy name of Jesus
to be the sign of our salvation:
place in every heart, we pray,
the love of him who is the Lord of every year
and Saviour of the world;
who lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, in time and for eternity.

Week of the Second Sunday after Christmas (DP Incarnation)

3 Sun **Second Sunday after Christmas** [3](DP Incarnation)[White]

O God,
whose blessed Son, Jesus Christ, was made human,
that we might become your children:
grant that we,
being made partakers of his divine nature,
may be shaped in his likeness;
who lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, world without end.

6 Wed **THE EPIPHANY** [1](DP Incarnation)[White]

O God,
who, by the guidance of a star,
revealed your only-begotten Son to the nations:
Grant that we, who know you now by faith,
may at the last be led to see your glory face to face;
through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, world without end.

Week of Proper 1 (DP Week A)

10 Sun **First Sunday after Epiphany: the Baptism of the Lord** [2]
(DP Festivals)[White]

Eternal Father,
who at the baptism of Jesus revealed him to be your Son,
anointing him with the Holy Spirit:
grant that we, being born again,
and made your children by adoption and grace,
may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit;
through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, world without end.

The following Collect is provided for the weekdays of Proper 1 –

O Lord, in your loving kindness,
hear the prayers of your people as they call upon you:
that they may discern your will,
and also be given strength to fulfil it;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, world without end.

13 Wed **Kentigern (or Mungo), Bishop, c 603** [4](DP Festivals)[White]

O God, who in your wonderful providence
chose blessed Kentigern, your bishop,
to be a teacher and guardian of your Church:
grant, we pray, that we may ever follow the holy example
of him whose feast day we now celebrate;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, world without end.

Week of Proper 2 (DP Week B)

17 Sun **Second Sunday after Epiphany** [3][Green]

Almighty and eternal God,
ruler of heaven and earth:
mercifully hear the prayers of your people,
and grant your peace to our times;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, world without end.

Week of Proper 3 (DP Week C)

24 Sun **Third Sunday after Epiphany** [3][Green]
SPB Septuagesima [Violet]

Almighty and eternal God,
behold us in our weakness:
and stretch out your hands to protect us;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, world without end.

25 Mon **The Conversion of Paul, Apostle** [4](DP Festivals)[White]

Almighty God,
who by the preaching of your blessed apostle Paul
caused the light of the gospel to shine among the nations:
grant that we, who celebrate his wonderful conversion,
may be united with him in bearing witness to your truth;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, world without end.

Week of Proper 4 (DP Week D)

31 Sun **Fourth Sunday after Epiphany** [3][Green]

SPB Sexagesima [Violet]

O God,
through our human frailty,
we cannot stand firm:
give us strength and protection,
that, with your help,
we may overcome all difficulties;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, world without end.

FEBRUARY

2 Tue **THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD** [2](DP Festivals)[White]

Almighty and Everlasting God:
as your Only-begotten Son was presented
and received in the temple,
so may we welcome and proclaim him as the light of the nations
and the glory of your people;
who lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, world without end.

4 Thu (Consecration of the Bishop of Argyll & The Isles, 2011)

Week of Proper 5 (see Week of the Beginning of Lent) (DP Week A)

7 Sun **Sunday before Lent** [3][Green]
SPB Quinquagesima [Violet]

The following Collect is to be used when the Sunday before Lent is kept as Transfiguration Sunday –

Almighty God,
whose Son, Jesus Christ, was wonderfully transfigured
before chosen witnesses upon the holy mountain,
and spoke of the exodus he would accomplish at Jerusalem:
give us strength so to hear his voice and bear our cross,
that, in the world to come, we may see him as he is;
through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, world without end.

Otherwise the following Collect is used –

O Lord,
watch over your household with constant love:
that, supported by you alone,
we may always stand firm in your protection;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, world without end.

10 Wed **Ash Wednesday** [1](DP Returning to God)[Violet or Lenten Array]

O Lord,
grant that your faithful people
may enter this season of penitence with faithfulness,
and complete it with steadfast devotion;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, world without end.

On the Weekdays after Ash Wednesday either the Collect for Ash Wednesday or the following Collect may be used. If the Collect for Ash Wednesday is used, this Collect may be used as the Prayer after Communion as an alternative to the Prayers in section 24 of the Scottish Liturgy 1982. This Collect may also be used as the Prayer after Communion throughout Lent until Maundy Thursday –

Almighty God,
you hate nothing that you have made,
and forgive the sins of all who are penitent:
create in us a clean and contrite heart;
that, in lamenting our sinfulness,
we may receive from you, the God of all mercy,
forgiveness and perfect peace;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, world without end.

Week of 1 Lent (DP Returning to God)

14 Sun **First Sunday of Lent** [1][Violet or Lenten Array]

Almighty God,
whose Son fasted forty days in the wilderness,
and was tempted as we are, yet did not sin:
give us grace to discipline ourselves in submission to your Spirit,
that, as you know our weakness,
so we may know your power to save;
through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, world without end.

Week of 2 Lent (DP Returning to God)

21 Sun **Second Sunday of Lent** [1][Violet or Lenten Array]

O God,
you see that we lack the strength to help ourselves:
protect us both inwardly and outwardly;
that our bodies may be guarded from adversity,
and our minds may be defended
from such thoughts as assault and harm the soul;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, world without end.

Week of 3 Lent (DP Returning to God)

28 Sun **Third Sunday of Lent** [1][Violet or Lenten Array]

Merciful Father,
we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves:
when we are discouraged by our weakness,
give us strength to follow Christ, our pattern and our hope;
who lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, world without end.

MARCH

Week of 4 Lent (DP Returning to God)

6 Sun **Fourth Sunday of Lent** [1][Violet or Lenten Array]

Almighty God,
grant that we, who are weighed down by our sins,
may be relieved and encouraged by your grace;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, world without end.

11 Fri (Consecration of the Bishop of St Andrews, Dunkeld & Dunblane, 2005)

Week of 5 Lent - The Beginning of Passiontide (DP The Suffering Christ)

13 Sun **Passion Sunday** [1][Violet or Lenten Array]

Merciful God,
look upon your family as we travel to the foot of the cross:
and, by your great goodness, guide us in body;
that, by your protection,
we may also be preserved in heart and mind;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, world without end.

17 Thu **Patrick, Bishop, Patron of Ireland, c 461** [4](DP Festivals)[White]

Almighty and everlasting God,
who chose your servant Patrick to be the apostle of Ireland:
grant that we, like him, may walk in the light of your gospel,
as heralds and evangelists of your kingdom;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, world without end.

19 Sat **Joseph of Nazareth** [4](DP Festivals)[White]

O God our Father,
who, from the family of your servant David,
raised up Joseph the carpenter
to be the guardian of your incarnate Son:
give us grace to follow his example
of faithful obedience to your will;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, world without end.

Holy Week (DP The Suffering Christ)

20 Sun **Sixth Sunday of Lent: Palm Sunday** [1][Red or Violet]

At the Liturgy of the Palms –

Assist us mercifully with your help,
Lord God of our salvation:
that we may enter with joy
into the celebration of those mighty acts
whereby you give us life and immortality;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, world without end.

At the Liturgy of the Passion –

Almighty God,
who, in your tender love for the human race,
sent your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ,
to take our nature upon him,
and to suffer death upon the cross,
giving us the example of his great humility:
mercifully grant,
that we may both follow the example of his passion,
and also, be made partakers of his resurrection;
who lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, world without end.

21 Mon **Monday of Holy Week** [1][Red or Violet]

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 his cross,
may find it none other than the way of life and peace;
through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, world without end.

22 Tue **Tuesday of Holy Week** [1][Red or Violet]

O God,
who, by the passion of your blessed Son,
made an instrument of shameful death to be for us the means of life:
grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ,
that we may gladly suffer pain and loss;
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, world without end.

23 Wed **Wednesday of Holy Week** [1][Red or Violet]

O Lord God,
whose blessed Son, our Saviour,
gave his back to the smiters,
and did not hide his face from shame:
give us grace to endure the sufferings of this present time,
and confidence in the glory that shall be revealed;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, world without end.

24 Thu **Maundy Thursday** [1][White at the Eucharist]

At Daily Prayer the Collect for Palm Sunday (The Liturgy of the Passion) is used. The following Collect is used at the Eucharist in the Evening –

O God our Father,
as you invite us to share in the supper
that your Son gave to his Church
to proclaim his death until he comes:
inspire us by his service,
and unite us in his love;
who lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, world without end.

25 Fri **Good Friday** [1][Red for the Liturgy][Hangings removed]

Almighty Father,
look with mercy on this your family:
for which our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed,
given up into the hands of sinners,
and to suffer death upon the cross;
who lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, world without end.

26 Sat **Holy Saturday** (Easter Eve)[1][Hangings removed]
[White at the Easter Vigil]

The following Collect is used during the day –

O God,
creator of heaven and earth:
as the crucified body of your dear Son was laid in the tomb,
and rested on this holy Sabbath;
so may we await with him
the coming of the third day,
and rise with him to newness of life;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
who now lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, world without end.

The following Collect is used at the Easter Vigil –

O God,
who made this most holy night
to shine with the glory of the Lord's resurrection:
stir up in your Church
that Spirit of adoption given to us in baptism;
that, being renewed both in body and mind,
we 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, world without end.

Easter Week (DP New Life: the Lord)

27 Sun **EASTER DAY** [1][White]

Almighty God,
who, through your Son, Jesus Christ,
have overcome death and opened the gates of eternal life:
grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of his resurrection,
may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit;
through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, world without end.

The following Collect is used in Easter Week –

O Lord of life and power,
who, through the mighty resurrection of your Son,
have overcome the old order of sin and death,
and have made all things new in him:
grant that we, being dead to sin,
and alive to you in Jesus Christ,
may reign with him in glory;
who lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, world without end.

APRIL

Week of 2 Easter (DP New Life: the Lord)

3 Sun **Second Sunday of Easter** [1][White]
SPB First Sunday after Easter

Almighty God:
in your great goodness,
grant that we, as pilgrims through the Easter mysteries,
may hold them fast in our lives;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, world without end.

4 Mon **THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD** [2](DP Festivals)[White]

Pour your grace into our hearts, O Lord:
that, as we have known the incarnation of your Son Jesus Christ
by the message of an angel to the Blessed Virgin Mary;
so by his cross and passion
we may be brought to the glory of his resurrection;
through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, world without end.

Week of 3 Easter (DP New Life: the Lord)

10 Sun **Third Sunday of Easter** [1][White]
SPB Second Sunday after Easter

O God,
who, in the death and resurrection of your Son,
have raised up this fallen world:
may we and all your people,
whom you have saved from the gates of everlasting death,
rejoice in your eternal presence;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, world without end.

Week of 4 Easter (DP New Life: the Lord)

17 Sun **Fourth Sunday of Easter** [1][White]

SPB Third Sunday after Easter

(Vocations Sunday)

O God,
the light of whose truth stretches out to those who go astray,
that they may return to the path of righteousness:
give your grace to all who profess themselves Christians,
that they may cast out what is harmful,
and pursue all that gives life;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, world without end.

23 Sat (Consecration of the Bishop of Glasgow & Galloway, 2010)

Week of 5 Easter (DP New Life: the Lord)

24 Sun **Fifth Sunday of Easter** [1][White]

SPB Fourth Sunday after Easter

O God,
who alone can bring harmony to the minds of your faithful people:
give us grace to love the things you command,
and to desire the things you promise;
that, amid the uncertain changes of this world,
our hearts may be firmly fixed where true joys are to be found;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, world without end.

25 Mon **Mark, Evangelist** [4](DP Festivals)[Red]

Almighty God,
you have instructed your holy Church
with the heavenly teaching of your evangelist, Saint Mark:
give us grace, that we may be firmly grounded in its truth;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, world without end.

MAY

Week of 6 Easter (DP New Life: the Lord)

1 Sun **Sixth Sunday of Easter** [1][White]
SPB Fifth Sunday after Easter

O God, from whom all good things arise:
grant such grace to those who call on you,
that, by your inspiration,
we may ponder those things that are right,
and, by your guidance, do them;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, world without end.

2 Mon **Philip and James, Apostles** [4](DP Festivals)[Red]

Almighty Father,
to know you is eternal life:
may we know your Son Jesus Christ
as the way, the truth, and the life;
that, following the steps of your holy apostles, Philip and James,
we may faithfully walk in the way that leads to your truth;
through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, world without end.

5 Thu **ASCENSION DAY** [1][White]

Almighty God:
grant that we, who believe that your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ,
ascended to the heavens,
may already dwell in spirit with him there;
for he lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, world without end.

6 Fri DP New Life: the Spirit (until the evening of the Day of Pentecost)

Week of 7 Easter (DP New Life: the Spirit)

8 Sun **Seventh Sunday of Easter** [1][White]

SPB Sunday after Ascension Day

O God, the King of Glory, hear our prayer:
that as we believe your Son Jesus Christ
to be exalted with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven;
so also we may know his presence with us now,
and to the end of time;
who lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, world without end.

12 Thu (Consecration of the Bishop of Edinburgh, 2012)

14 Sat **Matthias, Apostle** [4](DP Festivals)[Red]

Almighty God,
who, by the Holy Spirit, chose Matthias
to be numbered in the twelve apostles:
by the ministry of faithful pastors and teachers,
keep us steadfast in your truth;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, world without end.

Week of Proper 7 (DP Week A)

15 Sun **THE DAY OF PENTECOST** (Whitsunday) [1](DP New Life: the Spirit)[Red]

O God, who on the day of Pentecost
enlightened the hearts of your people
by the fire of the Holy Spirit:
give us wisdom and understanding,
and lead us into all truth,
that your Church may be kept in the unity of the Spirit
and the bond of peace;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the same Spirit,
one God, world without end.

Week of Proper 8 (DP Week B)

22 Sun **Trinity Sunday** [2](Pentecost 1)(DP Festivals)[White]

Almighty and Everlasting God,
you have given us grace in the profession of true faith
to recognise the glory of the eternal Trinity:
keep us steadfast in this faith
and bring us to see you in your perfect and eternal unity;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, world without end.

26 Thu **Corpus Christi** [5][White]

O Lord Jesus Christ,
who in a wonderful Sacrament
have left to 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 fruits of your redemption;
who live and reign with God the Father
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, world without end.

Week of Proper 9 (DP Week C)

29 Sun **Pentecost 2** [3](Green)
SPB Trinity 1

O Lord, mercifully hear our prayers:
loose us from the chains of our sins;
and keep us from all adversity;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, world without end.

Almighty God,
by whose grace Elizabeth rejoiced with Mary
and greeted her as the mother of the Lord:
grant that we, with them, may magnify your holy name
and rejoice to acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour;
who lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, world without end.

JUNE

Week of Proper 10 (DP Week D)

5 Sun **Pentecost 3** [3][Green]
SPB Trinity 2

O God, our hope and strength,
the source and end of all our prayers:
because our mortal nature is weak
we can do nothing good without your help;
support us with your grace,
that in keeping your commandments,
we may ever remain in your love;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, world without end.

9 Thu **Columba of Iona, Abbot, 597** [4](DP Festivals)[White]

O God,
who called your servant Columba
from among the princes of Ireland
to be a herald and evangelist of your kingdom:
grant that your Church, remembering his faith and courage,
may so proclaim the gospel,
that people everywhere
will come to know your Son as their Saviour,
and serve him as their king;
who lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, world without end.

11 Sat **Barnabas, Apostle** [4](DP Festivals)[Red]

Lord God Almighty,
who filled your holy apostle Barnabas
with faith and the Holy Spirit,
and set him apart to proclaim your word to the nations:
grant us, like him, the same gifts;
that we may encourage the faint-hearted,
remember the poor,
and bring others to know you,
the living God;
for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, world without end.

Week of Proper 11 (DP Week A)

12 Sun **Pentecost 4** [3][Green]
SPB Trinity 3

O Lord,
you always guide your people
whom you build up on the foundation of your love:
make us ever stand in awe of your Holy Name,
and love you in equal measure;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, world without end.

Week of Proper 12 (DP Week B)

19 Sun **Pentecost 5** [3][Green]
SPB Trinity 4

O Lord,
in your mercy hear our prayers:
and as you give us the desire to pray,
grant us your help and protection;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, world without end.

24 Fri **The Birth of John the Baptist** [4](DP Festivals)[White]

Almighty God,
by whose providence John the Baptist was wonderfully born,
and filled with the Holy Spirit to prepare the way
of your Son, our Saviour:
give us, we pray, the light of spiritual joy;
and guide the hearts of all the faithful
into the way of salvation and peace;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, world without end.

Week of Proper 13 (DP Week C)

26 Sun **Pentecost 6** [3][Green]
SPB Trinity 5

O God,
the protector of all who trust in you,
without whom nothing can be whole
and nothing can be holy:
increase your mercy towards us,
that, with you as our ruler and guide,
we may so enjoy the good things of time,
as not to lose the things of eternity;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, world without end.

29 Wed **Peter, Apostle** or **Peter and Paul, Apostles** [4](DP Festivals)[Red]

The following Collect is used when Peter is celebrated alone –

Almighty God,
who inspired your apostle Saint Peter
to confess Jesus as Christ and Son of the living God:
build up your Church upon this rock,
that in unity and peace it may proclaim one truth
and follow one Lord, your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ;
who lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, world without end.

The following Collect is used when Peter and Paul are celebrated together –

Almighty God,
whose blessed apostles, Peter and Paul,
glorified you in their death as in their life:
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, world without end.

JULY

Week of Proper 14 (DP Week D)

3 Sun **Pentecost 7** [3][Green]
SPB Trinity 6

O Lord,
let the world be ordered in peace,
according to your will:
that your people may be free to worship you with joy;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, world without end.

4 Mon **Thomas, Apostle** [4](DP Festivals)[Red] (if not kept on 21 Dec)

Almighty and everliving God,
who strengthened your apostle Thomas
with faith in the resurrection of your Son:
grant to us, who have not seen,
that we also may believe
and so confess Christ as our Lord and our God;
who lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, world without end.

Week of Proper 15 (DP Week A)

10 Sun **Pentecost 8** [3][Green]
SPB Trinity 7

O God,
you have prepared for those who love you
good things no eye has seen:
pour into our hearts such love of you,
that, by loving you in all things and above all things,
we may be worthy of your promises,
which surpass all we can desire;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, world without end.

Week of Proper 16 (DP Week B)

17 Sun **Pentecost 9** [3][Green]
SPB Trinity 8

O God of power and might,
all good things belong to you:
sow in our hearts the love of your name,
and make us grow in the life of faith;
nurture the things that are good,
and tend them with your loving care;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, world without end.

22 Fri **Mary Magdalene** [4](DP Festivals)[White]

Almighty God,
whose Son restored Mary Magdalene
to wholeness of body, mind and spirit,
and called her to be a witness of his resurrection:
forgive us, heal us, and strengthen us by your grace,
that we may serve you in the power of his risen life;
who lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, world without end.

Week of Proper 17 (DP Week C)

24 Sun **Pentecost 10** [3][Green]
SPB Trinity 9

O God,
whose providence orders all things in heaven and earth:
keep from us everything harmful,
and lead us to all that is good;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, world without end.

25 Mon **James, Apostle** [4](DP Festivals)[Red]

O God of mercy:
grant that, as your holy Apostle James,
leaving his father and all that he had,
was obedient to the calling of your Son Jesus Christ,
and followed him even to death;
so we, forsaking all selfish desires,
may ever be ready to obey your call;
through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, world without end.

Week of Proper 18 (DP Week D)

31 Sun **Pentecost 11** [3][Green]
SPB Trinity 10

Grant to us, Lord, the spirit
to think on those things that are right,
and always to be ready to do them:
that we, who without you cannot be alive,
may have the strength to live according to your will;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, world without end.

AUGUST

6 Sat **THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD** [2](DP Festivals)[White]

Almighty and everlasting God,
who revealed the glory of your beloved Son
when he was transfigured on the holy mountain:
mercifully grant us such a vision of his divine majesty,
that, being purified and strengthened by your grace,
we may be transformed into his likeness, from glory to glory;
through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, world without end.

Week of Proper 19 (DP Week A)

7 Sun **Pentecost 12** [3][Green]
SPB Trinity 11

Open your merciful ears, O Lord,
to the prayers of your humble servants:
and, that you would graciously grant what we ask,
make us desire what is pleasing in your sight;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, world without end.

Week of Proper 20 (DP Week B)

14 Sun **Pentecost 13** [3][Green]
SPB Trinity 12

O God, you make known your almighty power
in your merciful compassion:
increase your mercy towards us;
that we, being eager for your promises,
may inherit the treasures of heaven;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, world without end.

15 Mon **Mary the Virgin** [4](DP Festivals)[White]

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 the same Jesus Christ, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, world without end.

Week of Proper 21 (DP Week C)

21 Sun **Pentecost 14** [3][Green]
SPB Trinity 13

Almighty and eternal God,
by your generous love
you grant to those who pray
more than is desired or deserved:
pour down your mercy upon us,
forgiving what our conscience fears,
and granting what we dare not ask;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, world without end.

24 Wed **Bartholomew, Apostle** [4](DP Festivals)[Red]

Almighty and everlasting God,
who gave grace to your apostle Bartholomew
to believe and preach your word:
grant to your Church, we pray,
both to love what he believed,
and to preach what he taught;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, world without end.

Week of Proper 22 (DP Week D)

28 Sun **Pentecost 15** [3][Green]

SPB Trinity 14

Almighty and merciful God,
by whose grace alone
your faithful people offer you service and praise:
grant that we may hasten without stumbling
towards the things that you promise;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
ever one God, world without end.

29 Mon **The Beheading of John the Baptist** [4](DP Festivals)[Red]

O God,
who called Saint John the Baptist
to be both in birth and death the forerunner of your Son:
grant that, as he was slain for truth and justice,
so we may boldly resist corruption and vice,
and receive with him the unfading crown of glory;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, world without end.

SEPTEMBER

Week of Proper 23 (DP Week A)

4 Sun **Pentecost 16** [3][Green]
SPB Trinity 15

Almighty and eternal God,
make us grow in faith, hope and charity:
and that we may be worthy of your promises,
cause us to love what you command;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, world without end.

8 Thu The Birth of Mary, Mother of the Lord [5][White]
see Common Readings for Saints Days

Almighty God,
who looked with favour on your servant Mary
and called her to be the mother of your Son:
grant us, we pray,
the humility which found favour in your sight;
that we, with her, may proclaim the greatness of your name,
and find the mercy shown to those who stand in awe of you;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, world without end.

Week of Proper 24 (DP Week B)

11 Sun **Pentecost 17** [3][Green]
SPB Trinity 16

Guard your Church, O Lord,
with your perpetual mercy:
and since without your aid we lose our way,
draw us always, by your help, away from harm,
and steer us towards salvation;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, world without end.

14 Wed Holy Cross Day [5][White or Red]

O God,
whom it has pleased to redeem the human race
through the precious blood of your Only-begotten Son,
our Lord Jesus Christ:
mercifully grant, that we,
who rejoice in the life-giving Cross,
might die to our sins and live for righteousness;
through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, world without end.

16 Fri **Ninian of Whithorn, Bishop, sixth century** [4](DP Festivals)[White]

Almighty God,
who through the preaching of your holy bishop, Ninian,
made the light of the gospel shine in our land:
grant that we too, by that same gospel,
may be filled with the light of your truth,
and come to know the joys of the heavenly life;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, world without end.

Week of Proper 25 (DP Week C)

18 Sun **Pentecost 18** [3][Green]
SPB Trinity 17

O Lord,
let your constant compassion
cleanse and strengthen your Church:
and since, without you,
we cannot continue in safety,
may we ever be governed by your grace;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, world without end.

21 Wed **Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist** [4](DP Festivals)[Red]

Almighty God,
whose blessed Son called Matthew, the tax collector,
to be an apostle and evangelist:
give us grace so to forsake the selfish pursuit
of gain and love of riches,
that we may follow the way of Jesus Christ, our Lord;
who lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, world without end.

22 Thu (Consecration of the Bishop of Aberdeen & Orkney, 2007)

Week of Proper 26 (DP Week D)

25 Sun **Pentecost 19** [3][Green]
SPB Trinity 18

O Lord,
may your grace at all times go before us,
and follow on behind:
and so continually direct us to good works;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, world without end.

29 Thu **Michael and All Angels** [4](DP Festivals)[White]

Everlasting God,
who ordained and constituted the ministries of angels and mortals
in a wonderful order:
grant that as your holy angels always serve you in heaven,
so, at your command, they may help and defend us on earth;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord;
who lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, world without end.

OCTOBER

Week of Proper 27 (DP Week A)

2 Sun **Pentecost 20** [3][Green]
SPB Trinity 19

O Lord, we beseech you:
give your people grace to turn away from evil;
and to follow you, the only God,
in pureness of heart and mind;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, world without end.

8 Sat (Consecration of the Bishop of Brechin, 2011)

Week of Proper 28 (DP Week B)

9 Sun **Pentecost 21** [3][Green]
SPB Trinity 20

O Lord, since without you we cannot please you:
let the work of your mercy in all things guide our hearts;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, world without end.

13 Thu (Consecration of the Bishop of Moray, Ross & Caithness, 2007)

Week of Proper 29 (DP Week C)

16 Sun **Pentecost 22** [3][Green]

SPB Trinity 21

Almighty and merciful God:
in your goodness keep from us all that is harmful;
that, being ready both in body and soul,
we may freely accomplish your will;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, world without end.

18 Tue **Luke, Evangelist** [4](DP Festivals)[Red]

Almighty God,
who inspired your servant Luke the physician
to set forth in the Gospel the love and healing power of your Son:
graciously continue in your Church
this love and power to heal,
to the praise and glory of your Name;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, world without end.

Week of Proper 30 (DP Week D)

23 Sun **Pentecost 23** [3][Green]

SPB Trinity 22

O Lord, in your mercy:
grant to your faithful people pardon and peace;
that they may be cleansed from all their sins,
and serve you with a quiet mind;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, world without end.

24 Mon **James of Jerusalem, Martyr, c 62** [4](DP Festivals)[Red]

Almighty God,
whose apostle James was faithful in prayer,
devoted to the poor, and accepted persecution:
grant us grace to follow his example;
to walk in the way of the just;
and to witness to our risen Lord, Jesus Christ;
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, world without end.

28 Fri **Simon and Jude, Apostles** [4](DP Festivals)[Red]

Almighty God,
whom we thank for the glorious company of the apostles,
and especially on this day for Simon and Jude:
grant that as they were faithful and zealous in their mission
so we may, with ardent devotion,
make known the love and mercy
of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ;
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, world without end.

Week of Proper 31 (DP Week A)

30 Sun **Pentecost 24** [3][Green]
SPB Trinity 23

O Lord,
watch over your household with constant love:
that with you as our shelter
your family may be free from all distress,
and devoted to good works for the glory of your name;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, world without end.

NOVEMBER

1 Tue **ALL SAINTS** [2](DP Festivals)[White]

Almighty God,
you have knit together your elect in one communion
in the mystical body of your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord:
grant that we may attain,
with all your saints,
the whole measure of the fullness of Christ;
who lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, world without end.

2 Wed All Souls [5](DP Commendation)[Violet or White]

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,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, world without end.

or

Eternal Lord God,
you hold all souls in life:
shed forth upon all the faithful departed
the bright beams of your light and heavenly comfort;
and grant that they, and we with them,
may at length enter into the joys of your eternal kingdom;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, world without end.

Week of Proper 32 (DP Week B)

6 Sun **Pentecost 25** [3][Green]
SPB Trinity 24

O God, our refuge and strength,
the very author of devotion:
hear the prayers of your Church;
and grant that what we seek in faith
we may in fact obtain;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, world without end.

Week of Proper 33 (DP Week C)

13 Sun **Pentecost 26** [3][Green]
SPB Trinity 25

O Lord,
forgive the transgressions of your people:
and by your goodness release us from the snare of sin,
in which, by our frailty, we have been caught;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, world without end.

The following Collect is provided for Remembrance Sunday –

O God, whose will it is
to hold both heaven and earth in a single peace:
let the design of your great love
shine on the waste of our wraths and sorrows;
and give peace to your Church,
peace among nations,
peace in our homes,
and peace in our hearts;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, world without end.

14 Mon (Consecration of Samuel Seabury, Bishop, 1784)

Almighty God,
who called your servant Margaret to an earthly throne
that she might advance your heavenly kingdom,
and endued her with zeal for your Church
and charity towards your people:
mercifully grant that we,
who commemorate her example,
may be fruitful in good works
and attain to the glorious company of your saints;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, world without end.

Week of Proper 34 (DP Week D)

20 Sun **The Last Sunday after Pentecost** (Christ the King) [3][White or Red]
SPB Sunday next before Advent

Almighty and everlasting God,
whose will it is to restore all things
in the kingdom of your well-beloved Son:
mercifully grant
that the peoples of the earth,
now divided and enslaved by sin,
may be freed and brought together
under his most gracious rule;
through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, world without end.

The following Collect is provided for the weekdays of Proper 34 –

Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people:
that they, richly bearing the fruit of good works,
may by you be richly rewarded;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, world without end.

Week of 1 Advent (DP Anticipation)

[Sunday readings Year A; Daily Eucharist and Daily Prayer readings Year 1]

27 Sun **First Sunday of Advent** [1][Violet]

Stir up your power, Lord, and come:
that, with you as our protector,
we may be rescued from our sins;
and with you as our deliverer,
we may be set free;
for you live and reign with God the Father,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, world without end.

The following Collect may be used to conclude the Intercession throughout Advent, or as the Prayer after Communion as an alternative to the Prayers in section 24 of the Scottish Liturgy 1982 -

Almighty God,
give us grace to cast away the works of darkness
and to put on the armour of light,
now in the time of this mortal life,
in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility:
that on the last day,
when he shall come again in his glorious majesty
to judge the living and the dead,
we may rise to the life immortal;
through him who lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, world without end.

30 Wed **Andrew, Apostle, Patron of Scotland** [4](DP Festivals)[Red]

Almighty God,
who gave such grace to your apostle Andrew
that he readily obeyed the call of your Son, Jesus Christ:
give us, who are called by your holy Word,
the grace to follow him without delay,
and to be messengers of the good news of your kingdom;
through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, world without end.

DECEMBER

Week of 2 Advent (DP Anticipation)

4 Sun **Second Sunday of Advent** [1][Violet]

Stir up our hearts, Lord,
to prepare the way of your only-begotten Son:
that, in his coming,
we might serve you with our hearts made pure;
through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, world without end.

8 Thu The Conception of Mary, Mother of the Lord [5][White]
see Common Readings for Saints Days

Almighty God,
who looked with favour on your servant Mary
and called her to be the mother of your Son:
grant us, we pray,
the humility which found favour in your sight;
that we, with her, may proclaim the greatness of your name,
and find the mercy shown to those who stand in awe of you;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, world without end.

Week of 3 Advent (DP Anticipation)

11 Sun **Third Sunday of Advent** [1][Violet]

Stir up our prayers, Lord, and hear us:
that they who are sorrowful and suffering
may rejoice at the Advent of your only-begotten Son;
who lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, world without end.

*From 17 December to Christmas Eve readings at the Daily Eucharist are identified by date.
From 18 December to Christmas Eve readings at Daily Prayer are identified by date.*

Week of 4 Advent (DP Anticipation)

18 Sun **Fourth Sunday of Advent** [1][Violet]

Stir up your power, Lord, and come:
and strengthen us by the might of your love;
that, although we are hindered by our sins,
your abundant grace and mercy may quickly come and save us;
for you live and reign with the Father,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, world without end.

21 Wed **Thomas, Apostle** [4](DP Festivals)[Red] (if not kept on 3 July)

Almighty and everliving God,
who strengthened your apostle Thomas
with faith in the resurrection of your Son:
grant to us, who have not seen,
that we also may believe
and so confess Christ as our Lord and our God;
who lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, world without end.

24 Sat **Christmas Eve** [2]

Week of Christmas (DP Incarnation)

25 Sun **CHRISTMAS DAY** [1](DP Incarnation)[White]

The following Collect is provided for celebrations of Christmas at Midnight on 24/25 December –

O God,
you have made this most holy night
grow radiant with the brilliance of the true Light:
grant that, as we have known the mystery of that Light on earth,
so we may delight in him in heaven;
through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, world without end.

The following Collect is provided for celebrations of Christmas in the Early Morning on 25 December. It is suitable for use at any or all of the celebrations on Christmas Day and is to be used at Morning Prayer. It may be used for other celebrations during the week after Christmas if optional commemorations [6] are not kept on 29, 30 and 31 December –

O God our Father,
the light of whose Word has come among us
in the Holy Child of Bethlehem:
grant that the radiance of that true light,
which enlightens our minds by faith,
may shine brightly through our words and deeds;
through the same Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, world without end.

The following Collect is provided for celebrations of Christmas during the day on 25 December. Also for use at Evening Prayer and may be used for other celebrations during the week after Christmas if optional commemorations [6] are not kept on 29, 30 and 31 December –

O God,
who wonderfully created
and yet more wonderfully restored
the dignity of our human nature:
grant that we may share in the divinity of Christ,
who humbled himself to share in our humanity;
who lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, world without end.

26 Mon **Stephen, Deacon and Martyr** [4](DP Incarnation/Festivals)[Red]

Grant, O Lord, that we may learn to love our enemies
by the example of your martyr, Saint Stephen,
who prayed to you for his persecutors;
for you live and reign with the Father,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, world without end.

27 Tue **John, Apostle and Evangelist** [4](DP Incarnation/Festivals) [White]

Merciful Lord,
shed upon your people
the bright beams of your light:
that enlightened by the teaching of Saint John,
your apostle and evangelist,
we may live in the light of your truth,
and come at length to the fullness of eternal life;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, world without end.

28 Wed **The Holy Innocents** [4](DP Incarnation/Festivals)[White]

Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
whose Holy Innocents were slaughtered at the hand of Herod:
receive into the arms of your mercy, we pray, all innocent victims;
and, by your great might, frustrate the designs of evil tyrants,
and establish your rule of justice, love, and peace;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, world without end.

*From 29 December to the Saturday after the Epiphany the readings at the Daily Eucharist
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