Short prefaces

G88

And now we give you thanks    
because as a mother tenderly gathers her children,  
you embraced a people as your own,  
that with all the powers of heaven  
we might find a voice to sing your praise.

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And now we give you thanks   
because all things are of your making,  
all times and seasons obey your laws,  
but you have chosen to create us in your own image,  
setting us over the whole world in all its wonder.  
You have made us stewards of your creation,  
to praise you day by day   
for the marvels of your wisdom and power:  
so earth unites with heaven  
to sing the new song of creation:

G90

And now we give you thanks   
as we look forward to the day   
when you will make all things new  
as you come to judge the world.

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And now we give you thanks  
because when he humbled himself   
to come among us in human flesh,  
he fulfilled the plan you formed long ago  
and opened for us the way of salvation.  
So now we watch for the day  
knowing that the salvation promised us will be ours  
when Christ our Lord will come again in glory.

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And now we give you thanks  
because you prepared the way of your Son Jesus Christ  
by the preaching of your servant John the Baptist,  
who proclaimed him as the Lamb of God, our Saviour.

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And now we give you thanks   
because your Son our Lord was awaited by the prophets,  
announced by an angel,   
conceived by a virgin,  
and proclaimed at last to men and women of every race.

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And now we give you thanks   
because in his coming the day of our   
 deliverance has dawned;   
and through him you will make all things new,   
as he comes in power and triumph to judge the world.

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And now we give you thanks  
because you sent him to redeem us from sin and death  
 and to make us inheritors of everlasting life;  
that when he shall come again in power and great triumph  
 to judge the world,  
we may with joy behold his appearing,  
and in confidence may stand before him.

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And now we give you thanks  
that he is the King of glory,  
who overcomes the sting of death  
and opens the kingdom of heaven to all believers.  
He is seated at your right hand in glory  
and we believe that he will come to be our judge.

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And now we give you thanks   
because he came among us as a servant,  
to be Emmanuel, your presence with us.

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And now we give you thanks   
as we await the promise of salvation,   
the desire of all the nations,  
and the fulfilment of your good purposes  
before the world began.

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And now we give you thanks   
because he shared our life in human form  
from the warmth of Mary’s womb   
to the stillness of the grave.

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And now we give you thanks   
because he was born in the poverty of a stable,  
to make known the riches of your kingdom.

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And now we give you thanks  
because, in the incarnation of the Word,  
a new light has dawned upon the world;  
you have become one with us  
that we might become one with you in your   
 glorious kingdom.

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And now we give you thanks  
because, by the power of the Holy Spirit,  
he took our nature upon him  
and was born of the Virgin Mary his mother,  
that being himself without sin,  
he might make us clean from all sin.

G103

And now we give you thanks   
because you have brought us from darkness to light  
and made your light shine in our hearts.  
You bring us to know your glory  
in the face of Jesus Christ.

cf 2 Corinthians 4.6

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And now we give you thanks   
because in the wonder of the incarnation  
your eternal Word has brought to the eyes of faith  
a new and radiant vision of your glory.  
In him we see our God made visible  
and so are caught up in love of the God we cannot see.

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And now we give you thanks   
because he is the true passover lamb offered for us,   
to take away the sin of the world.

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And now we give you thanks  
because you give us the spirit of discipline,  
that we may triumph over evil and grow in grace,  
as we prepare to celebrate the paschal mystery  
 with mind and heart renewed.

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And now we give you thanks  
because each year you give us this joyful season  
when we prepare to celebrate the paschal mystery  
with mind and heart renewed.  
You give us a spirit of loving reverence for you  
and of willing service to our neighbour.  
As we recall the saving acts that give new life in Christ,  
you bring the image of your Son to perfection within   
 our hearts.

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And now we give you thanks  
because, for our salvation,  
he was obedient even to death on the cross.  
The tree of shame was made the tree of glory;  
and where life was lost, there life has been restored.

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And now we give you thanks  
because 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,  
became the source of eternal salvation  
for all who put their trust in him].

G110

And now we give you thanks  
because you anointed Jesus Christ, your only Son,   
as priest and king.  
Crowned with thorns, he offered his life upon the cross,  
that he might draw all people into that kingdom   
 where he now reigns in glory.

G111

And now we give you thanks  
because you anointed Jesus Christ, your only Son,   
as the eternal priest and king of all.  
As a priest he offered up his life on the cross,  
that by his one sacrifice he might present to you an   
 eternal kingdom;  
a kingdom of truth and life;  
a kingdom of justice, love and peace.

G112

And now we give you thanks   
because Christ is the victim who dies no more,  
the Lamb, once slain, who lives for ever,  
our advocate in heaven to plead our cause,  
exalting us there to join the angels and archangels,  
with all the company of heaven for ever praising you   
 and saying:

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And now we give you thanks   
because by his death he broke the power of sin  
and made us holy through his blood.

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And now we give you thanks   
because by his death he has destroyed death,  
and by his rising again he has restored to us eternal life.

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And now we give you thanks   
because by his victory over the grave  
he burst the gates of death for ever.

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But chiefly are we bound to praise you  
because you raised him gloriously from the dead.  
For he is the true paschal lamb who was offered for us,  
and has taken away the sin of the world.  
By his death he has destroyed death,  
and by his rising to life again he has restored to us everlasting life.

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And now we give you thanks   
because you have highly exalted him,  
and given him the name which is above all other names,  
that at the name of Jesus every knee shall bow.

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And now we give you thanks   
because Jesus has been given all authority,  
in heaven and on earth,  
to present to you, his Father,  
a kingdom of truth, holiness and everlasting love.

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And now we give you thanks   
because he humbled himself to die on a cross;  
but you raised him high  
and gave him the name above all other names,  
Jesus Christ our Lord.

cf Philippians 2.8,9

G120

And now we give you thanks  
because, after his most glorious resurrection,  
he appeared to his disciples,  
and in their sight ascended into heaven to prepare a place for us;  
that where he is, thither we might also ascend,  
and reign with him in glory.

G121

And now we give you thanks   
because through him we receive the Spirit of adoption,  
affirming us as your children,  
and crying ‘Abba, Father’.

cf Romans 8.15

G122

And now we give you thanks  
that, after he had ascended far above all heavens,  
and was seated at the right hand of your majesty,  
he sent forth upon the universal Church your holy   
 and life-giving Spirit;  
that through his glorious power   
the joy of the everlasting gospel might go forth into all the world.

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And now we give you thanks   
because he breathed upon his disciples   
 the power of your Spirit  
to proclaim the good news to all peoples.

cf John 20.21,22

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And now we give you thanks   
because the wisdom of your word sustains all things  
and reveals you to us in your fullness.

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And now we give you thanks  
because by the Holy Spirit you lead us into all truth,  
and give us power to proclaim your gospel to the nations  
and to serve you as a royal priesthood.

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And now we give you thanks   
because he is the true vine, your chosen one,  
in whom we are joined to bear fruit in plenty.

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And now we give you thanks   
because through him we are saved for ever  
and baptized into your service.

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And now we give you thanks  
because he 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.

G129

And now we give you thanks   
because in his earthly childhood  
you entrusted him to the care of a human family.  
In Mary and Joseph you give us an example of love and  
 devotion to him,  
and also a pattern of family life.

G130

And now we give you thanks   
because [a man leaves his father and mother  
and is joined to his wife:  
you make them one flesh;   
and because] you put us together in families,  
to grasp your love and forgiveness,  
reflected in those around us,  
and as we grow,   
you prepare to bring us into the glorious freedom   
 of your children,  
as brothers and sisters of Jesus Christ.

Genesis 2.24; Romans 8.17,22

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And now we give you thanks  
because you have made the union between Christ   
 and his Church  
a pattern for the marriage between husband and wife.

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All glory, honour, thanks and praise  
be given to you, creator of heaven and earth.  
When you made us in your image,  
creating us male and female,  
you gave us the gift of marriage.  
When sin marred that image  
you healed our brokenness,  
giving your Son to die for us.  
Therefore we raise our voices,  
with all who have served you in every age,  
to proclaim the glory of your name:

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And now we give you thanks   
because in the covenant of marriage   
you show us your divine love,  
a mirror of your will for all creation  
made new and united to you for ever.

G134

And now we give you thanks   
because you provide medicine to heal our sickness,  
and the leaves of the tree of life  
for the healing of the nations,  
anointing us with your healing power  
so that we may be the first fruits of your new creation.

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And now we give you thanks     
that, taking upon himself our human nature,  
he shared our joy and our tears,  
bore all our sickness,  
and carried all our sorrows.  
Through death he brought us   
to the life of his glorious resurrection,  
giving for frailty eternal strength,  
and restoring in us the image of your glory.

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And now we give you thanks  
that you have shown the greatness of your love for us  
by sending him to share our human nature  
and accomplish our forgiveness.  
He embraces us in our weakness,  
he suffers with the sick and the rejected,  
and, bringing your healing to the world,  
he rescues us from every evil.

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And now we give you thanks    
that through him the sick are healed:  
the blind regain their sight,  
the deaf hear, the lame walk,  
and the outcast are brought home;  
the poor receive good news   
and the dead are raised to life.

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It is right to give you thanks  
in sickness and in health,  
in suffering and in joy,  
through Christ our Saviour and Redeemer,  
who as the Good Samaritan  
tends the wounds of body and spirit.  
He stands by us and pours out for our healing  
the oil of consolation and the wine of renewed hope,  
turning the darkness of our pain  
into the dawning light of his kingdom.  
And now we join with saints and angels  
for ever praising you and saying:

G139

And now we give you thanks   
because he broke bread with those whom others scorned  
and when the multitude were hungry   
he fed them abundantly.

G140

And now we give you thanks   
because you are one God in three persons   
and you draw us into the unity of your Kingdom,  
where all divisions of age or achievement,   
 race and language   
are overcome by your love.

G141

And now we give you thanks   
because you call us to live in your city  
while we look for the city which is to come,   
designed and built by you,  
with eternal foundations,   
to which we journey as citizens of heaven.

Hebrews 13.14; 11.10

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And now we give you thanks   
because he gave up his life outside the city gate  
and opened for all the way to heaven.

Hebrews 13.12

G143

And now we give you thanks   
because in him you have received us as your sons   
 and daughters,  
joined us in one fellowship with the saints,  
and made us citizens of your kingdom.

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And now we give you thanks        
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
In him who rose from the dead  
our hope of resurrection dawned.  
The sting of death has been removed  
by the glorious promise of his risen life.

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Blessed are you, gracious God,  
creator of heaven and earth,  
giver of life, and conqueror of death.  
By his death on the cross,  
your Son Jesus Christ  
 offered the one true sacrifice for sin,  
breaking the power of evil  
and putting death to flight.  
[With all your saints

All we give you thanks and praise.]

Through his resurrection from the dead  
you have given us new birth into a living hope,  
into an inheritance which is imperishable,  
undefiled, and unfading.  
[With all your saints

All we give you thanks and praise.]

The joy of resurrection fills the universe,  
and so we join with angels and archangels,  
with [N and] all your faithful people,  
evermore praising you and saying:

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And now we give you thanks   
for the hope to which you call us in your Son,   
that following in the faith of all your saints,   
we may run with perseverance the race that is   
 set before us,   
and with them receive the unfading crown of glory.

G147

And now we give you thanks   
because through him you have given us the hope of a   
 glorious resurrection;  
so that, although death comes to us all,  
yet we rejoice in the promise of eternal life;  
for to your faithful people life is changed, not taken away;  
and when our mortal flesh is laid aside  
an everlasting dwelling place is made ready for us in heaven.

G148

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through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
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our hope of resurrection dawned.  
The sting of death has been drawn  
by the glorious promise of his risen life.