

Scottish Liturgy 1982

with Propers
and
Revised Common Lectionary

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Introduction

The Liturgy

This new edition replaces the volume published in 1990 entitled *Scottish Liturgy (Eucharist)*. It includes the *Scottish Liturgy 1982*, with seasonal material for insertion in Eucharistic Prayer I, and the Alternative Eucharistic Prayers II – V as published in 1996. It includes also a version of Eucharistic Prayer I which may be used in the Communion of the Sick.

The Propers

The material for Sundays and Holy Days is arranged in the same sequence as that adopted in the *Calendar and Lectionary*(1999) of the Scottish Episcopal Church. The sections are:

- 1 The First Sunday of Advent to the Feast of the Epiphany;
- 2 The numbered Propers from the First Sunday after Epiphany (the Baptism of the Lord) to the Sunday before Lent;
- 3 Ash Wednesday to the Saturday in Holy Week;
- 4 Easter Day to Pentecost;
- 5 The numbered Propers from the Monday after Pentecost to the Last Sunday after Pentecost (Christ the King).

It should be noted that Sundays in sections 1, 3 and 4 are described as Sundays of Advent, Sundays of Lent and Sundays of Easter. Thus Easter Day is the First Sunday of Easter, the following Sunday the Second Sunday of Easter, and so on. The Sundays in sections 2 and 5, which have numbered propers, are described respectively as Sundays after Epiphany and Sundays after Pentecost.

A further section contains material for Saints' Days and other Holy Days in categories 4 and 5 of the *Revised Scottish Calendar 1991*, and also common propers for commemorations in category 6 of that Calendar. This material has been arranged to harmonise with that given in *Exciting Holiness*, a volume which brings together commemorations in the calendars of the Church of England, the Church of Ireland, the Church in Wales and the Scottish Episcopal Church.

For Sundays, Holy Days and principal Saints' Days throughout the year a Collect of the Day and a Prayer after Communion are provided. The Prayer after Communion is offered as an occasional alternative to the Prayers in section 24 of the *Scottish Liturgy 1982*. It should not be used in addition to them.

The second of the Collects provided for the commemoration respectively of the saints Kentigern, Patrick, Columba and Ninian is adapted from the *Scottish Prayer Book 1929*.

The Readings

The Scripture readings for each Sunday and Holy Day are those given in the *Revised Common Lectionary*. This offers a three-year cycle of readings for use at the principal service of the day on Sundays and certain Holy Days. It is based on the table of readings produced by the Roman Catholic Church in 1969, which in turn was developed by the Consultation on Common Texts and published in 1984 as the *Common Lectionary*, which was included in *Scottish Liturgy (Eucharist) 1990*. Reflection on the 1984 text led to the current revision, undertaken by members of the English Language Liturgical Consultation (ELLC), which included ecumenical associations of churches from Australia, Canada, Great Britain, New Zealand, South Africa and the USA.

The Synoptic Gospels are read semi-continuously, Matthew in Year A, Mark in Year B, Luke in Year C, with passages from the Fourth Gospel occurring at significant points during the three-year cycle. The other New Testament writings are also arranged to be read semi-continuously over the three years. Old Testament passages have been selected for every Sunday and many holy days, and a psalm is provided as a

congregational response to the reading of the Old Testament. From Advent Sunday through to Pentecost the Old Testament reading is linked with the Gospel reading of the day. On the Sundays after Pentecost (except on Trinity Sunday) two Old Testament readings are provided, each with its accompanying psalm. The first set (I) offers semi-continuous reading of the Old Testament texts, the second (II) offers readings which relate to the theme of the Gospel readings. *It is important to make a deliberate choice between 'semi-continuous' and 'thematic' readings of the Old Testament, and to stay with whichever set of readings reflects that choice, through to the Last Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 34).*

Year A of the three-year cycle always begins on the First Sunday of Advent in those years evenly divisible by three (2007, 2010 etc).

Readings are cited according to the verse numbering of the *New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)*. Verse numbering varies to some extent between translations and should be checked against *NRSV*. Readings may occasionally be lengthened at discretion. Some suggested lengthenings are shown in parentheses.

The Psalms

For every Sunday and Holy Day a psalm is designated as a response by the congregation to the Old Testament reading. A refrain is provided for responsorial recitation of the psalm, e.g. when the text of the psalm is said or sung by one voice or group of voices, and the congregation responds with the refrain at suitable intervals.

BRIAN HARDY *on behalf of the Liturgy Committee*
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Scottish Liturgy 1982

PREPARATION

1 Welcome

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

Amen.

2 Peace

or at 16

We meet in Christ's name.
Let us share his peace.

3 Collect for Purity †

Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
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.

4 Summary of the Law †

Our Lord Jesus Christ said:
The first commandment is this:
"Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is the only Lord.
You shall love the Lord your God
with all your heart, with all your soul,
with all your mind
and with all Your strength."
The second is this:
"Love your neighbour as yourself."
There is no other commandment greater than these.
Amen. Lord, have mercy.

5 Confession and Absolution

or at 15

God is love and we are his children.
There is no room for fear in love.

We love because he loved us first.

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith.

Silence

**God our Father, we confess to you
and to our fellow members in the Body of Christ
that we have sinned in thought, word and deed,
and in what we have failed to do.**

We are truly sorry.

**Forgive us our sins,
and deliver us from the power of evil,
for the sake of your Son who died for us,
Jesus Christ, our Lord.**

God, who is both power and love,
forgive *us* and free *us* from *our* sins,
heal and strengthen *us* by his Spirit,
and raise *us* to new life in Christ our Lord.

Amen.

6 Kyrie †

Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

7 Gloria †

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
(with God the Son, Jesus Christ,
and God the Holy Spirit,)
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.

3, 4, 6 and 7 are selected according to the season or the occasion

8 Collect of the day

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

9 Old Testament Reading †

10 Epistle

11 Gospel

When it is announced:
Glory to Christ our Saviour.

At end:
Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel.
Praise to Christ our Lord.

12 Sermon †

or other exposition of the Word

13 Nicene Creed †

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one substance with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven;
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate of 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.
With the Father and the Son, he is worshipped and glorified.
He 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.

14 Intercessions

*Prayer is offered
for the world and its people,
for those who suffer and those in need,
for the Church and its members.*

15 Confession and Absolution

if not used at 5

God is love and we are his children,
There is no room for fear in love.
We love because he loved us first.

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith.

Silence

God our Father, we confess to you
and to our fellow members in the Body of Christ
that we have sinned in thought, word and deed,
and in what we have failed to do.
We are truly sorry.
Forgive us our sins,
and deliver us from the power of evil.
For the sake of your Son who died for us,
Jesus Christ, our Lord.

God, who is both power and love,
forgive us and free us from our sins,
heal and strengthen us by his Spirit
and raise us to new life in Christ our Lord.

Amen.

16 Peace

if not used at 2

We meet in Christ's name.
Let us share his peace.

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

The Taking of the Bread and the Wine

17 Offering

Silence

or

Let us present our offerings to the Lord.
Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory,
the splendour, and the majesty; for everything in
heaven and on earth is yours.
All things come from you, and of your own we give you.

See Appendix for alternative use

The Great Thanksgiving

18. Eucharistic Prayer

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

Worship and praise belong to you, Father,
in every place and at all times.

All power is yours.
You created the heavens and established the earth;
you sustain in being all that is.

In Christ your Son our life and yours
are brought together in a wonderful exchange.
He made his home among us
that we might for ever dwell in you.

Through your Holy Spirit
you call us to new birth

OPENING PRAYER:

*celebrating the work of God,
Father, Son and Spirit, in
creating, restoring and
bringing to completion, all
that is His.*



in a creation restored by love.

As children of your redeeming purpose
we offer you our praise,
with angels and archangels
and the whole company of heaven,
singing the hymn of your unending glory:

**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.**

Glory and thanksgiving be to you,
most loving Father,
for the gift of your Son born in human flesh
He is the Word existing beyond time,
both source and final purpose,
bringing to wholeness all that is made.
Obedient to your will he died upon the Cross.
By your power you raised him from the dead.
He broke the bonds of evil
and set your people free
to be his Body in the world

On the night when he was given up to death,
knowing that his hour had come,
having loved his own,
he loved them to the end.
At supper with his disciples
he took bread and offered you thanks.
He broke the bread,
and gave it to them, saying:
"Take, eat.
This is my Body: it is broken for you."
After supper, he took the cup,
he offered you thanks,
and gave it to them saying:
"Drink this, all of you.
This is my Blood of the new covenant;
it is poured out for you, and for all,
that sins may be forgiven.
Do this in remembrance of me."

We now obey your Son's command.
We recall his blessed passion and death,
his glorious resurrection and ascension;
and we look for the coming of his Kingdom.
Made one with him, we offer you these gifts

SANCTUS:

an anthem to God's glory

BENEDICTUS:

*The greeting to him who
came in the flesh, comes in
the sacrament and is still to
come.*

CHRISTOLOGICAL PRAYER:

*Thanksgiving to God for all
that was accomplished in the
life, death and resurrection of
Jesus.*

**NARRATIVE OF THE
INSTITUTION:**

*An account of the Last
Supper.*

ANAMNESIS AND OBLATION:

*The work of Christ is recalled
and linked with our offering.*

and with them ourselves,
a single, holy, living sacrifice.

Hear us, most merciful Father,
and send your Holy Spirit upon us
and upon this bread and this wine,
that, overshadowed by his life-giving power,
they may be the Body and Blood of your Son,
and we may be kindled with the fire of your love
and renewed for the service of your Kingdom.

Help us, who are baptised into the fellowship of Christ's Body
to live and work to your praise and glory;
may we grow together in unity and love
until at last, in your new creation,
we enter into our heritage
in the company of the Virgin Mary,
the apostles and prophets,
and of all our brothers and sisters living and departed.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord,
with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be to you,
Lord of all ages,
world without end.

Amen.

EPICLESIS:

*We ask for the descent of the
Holy Spirit as the divine
response to our obedience.*

PRAYER OF PETITION:

*As members of the Church we
pray for her whole life and
mission.*

DOXOLOGY:

A concluding act of praise.

SEASONAL MATERIAL FOR INSERTION IN THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Each clause is inserted at the same place in the paragraph which precedes the Sanctus.

ADVENT

As children of your redeeming purpose ...
who await with eager longing
the fulfilment of all things
in the coming of your Son,
we offer you our praise, ...

CHRISTMAS

As children of your redeeming purpose ...
for whom Christ Jesus humbled himself
and become poor to make us rich,
we offer you our praise, ...

EPIPHANY

As children of your redeeming purpose ...
who have seen the radiance of your glory
revealed to all the nations in your Son,
we offer you our praise, ...

LENT

As children of your redeeming purpose ...
who are called to share Christ's suffering
and be made like him in his death,
we offer you our praise, ...

PASSIONTIDE

As children of your redeeming purpose ...
for whom Christ endured the cross of shame
to rise triumphant over sin and death,
we offer you our praise, ...

EASTER

As children of your redeeming purpose ...
freed by him who burst from the tomb
and opened the gate of life,
we offer you our praise, ...

ASCENSION

As children of your redeeming purpose ...
who rejoice that in Jesus our human nature
is carried for ever into the glory of heaven,
we offer you our praise, ...

PENTECOST

As children of your redeeming purpose ...
who are marked with the seal of your Spirit
for the day of our final liberation,
we offer you our praise, ...

TRINITY

As children of your redeeming purpose ...
who worship the mystery of your Godhead,
Father. Son and Holy Spirit,
we offer you our praise, ...

ALL SAINTS

As children of your redeeming purpose ...
called to attain with all your saints
to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ,
we offer you our praise, ...

MARY

As children of your redeeming purpose ...
who honour Mary, chosen mother of your Son,
and with all generations call her blessed,
we offer you our praise, ...

ANY SAINT

As children of your redeeming purpose ...
rejoicing in communion
with N. and all your saints,
we offer you our praise, ...

DEDICATION

As children of your redeeming purpose ...
your household, founded upon apostles and prophets
with Christ Jesus himself the chief cornerstone,
we offer you our praise, ...

UNITY

As children of your redeeming purpose ...
called to bring all things in heaven and on earth
into a perfect unity in Christ,
we offer you our praise, ...

HARVEST

As children of your redeeming purpose ...
and stewards of Your creation
who give thanks for the fruits of the earth in their season,
we offer you our praise, ...

BAPTISM / CONFIRMATION / ORDINATION

As children of your redeeming purpose ...
who are marked with the seal of your Spirit
for the day of our final liberation,
we offer you our praise, ...

FUNERAL

As children of your redeeming purpose ...
who as pilgrims on this earth
are kept safe in your tender and steadfast love,
we offer you our praise, ...

Eucharistic Prayer II

Anticipation (*Suitable for Advent*)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Worship and praise belong to you, God our maker.

Out of nothing, you called all worlds to be,

and still you draw the universe to its fulfilment.

Dawn and evening celebrate your glory

till time shall be no more.

In Christ your Son

the life of heaven and earth were joined,

sealing the promise of a new creation,

given, yet still to come.

Taught by your Spirit,

we who bear your threefold likeness

look for the City of Peace

in whose light we are transfigured

and the earth transformed.

As children of your redeeming purpose

who await the coming of your Son,

we offer you our praise,

with angels and archangels

and the whole company of heaven

singing the hymn of your unending glory:

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.

Glory and thanksgiving be to you,

most loving Father.

In Jesus you showed us yourself.

Our hope is built on him,

the first, the last, the living one.

Obedient, even to accepting death,

He opened the gate of glory

and calls us now to share the life of heaven.

OPENING PRAYER:

*celebrating the work of God,
Father, Son and Spirit, in
creating, restoring and
bringing to completion, all
that is His.*

SANCTUS:

an anthem to God's glory

BENEDICTUS:

*The greeting to him who
came in the flesh, comes in
the sacrament and is still to
come.*

CHRISTOLOGICAL PRAYER:

*Thanksgiving to God for all
that was accomplished in the
life, death and resurrection of
Jesus.*

Before he was given up to suffering and death,
alight with the vision of a feast
that heralded a kingdom yet to come,
at supper with his disciples
he took bread and offered you thanks.
He broke the bread,
and gave it to them, saying:
"Take, eat.
This is my Body: it is broken for you."
After supper, he took the cup,
he offered you thanks,
and gave it to them saying:
"Drink this, all of you.
This is my Blood of the new covenant;
it is poured out for you, and for all,
that sins may be forgiven.
Do this in remembrance of me."

**NARRATIVE OF THE
INSTITUTION:**

*An account of the Last
Supper.*

We now obey your Son's command.
We recall his blessed passion and death,
his glorious resurrection and ascension;
and we look for the coming of his Kingdom.
Made one with him, we offer you these gifts
with them ourselves,
a single, holy, living sacrifice.

ANAMNESIS AND OBLATION:

*The work of Christ is recalled
and linked with our offering.*

Hear us, most merciful Father,
and send your Holy Spirit upon us
and upon this bread and this wine,
that, overshadowed by his life-giving power,
they may be the Body and Blood of your Son,
and we may be kindled with the fire of your love
and renewed for the service of your Kingdom.

EPICLESIS:

*We ask for the descent of the
Holy Spirit as the divine
response to our obedience.*

Help us, who are baptised into the fellowship of Christ's Body
to live and work to your praise and glory;
may we grow together in unity and love
until at last, in your new creation,
we enter into our heritage
in the company of the Virgin Mary,
the apostles, and prophets,
and of all our brothers and sisters living and departed.

PRAYER OF PETITION:

*As members of the Church we
pray for her whole life and
mission.*

Through Jesus Christ our Lord,
with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be to you,
Lord of all ages,
world without end.

DOXOLOGY:

A concluding act of praise.

Amen.

Next Section: 19. The Sharing of Bread and Wine

Eucharistic Prayer III

Returning to God (*Suitable for Lent and Passiontide*)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Worship and praise belong to you,
maker of light and darkness.
Your wisdom draws beauty from chaos,
brings a harvest out of sorrow
and leads the exiles home.

In Christ your Son enemies are reconciled,
debts forgiven
and strangers made welcome

Your Spirit frees us
to live as sons and daughters
in our Father's house.

We who by Christ's power
follow the way of the Cross,
sharing the joy of his obedience,
now offer you our praise,
with angels and archangels
and the whole company of heaven
singing the hymn of your unending glory:

**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.**

Glory and thanksgiving be to you,
most loving Father,
for Christ in whom the world is reconciled.
Lifted on the Cross,
his suffering and forgiveness
spanned the gulf our sins had made.
Through that dark struggle
death was swallowed up in victory,
that life and light might reign.

Before he was given up to suffering and death,
recalling the night of Israel's release,

OPENING PRAYER:

*celebrating the work of God,
Father, Son and Spirit, in
creating, restoring and
bringing to completion, all
that is His.*

SANCTUS:

an anthem to God's glory

BENEDICTUS:

*The greeting to him who
came in the flesh, comes in
the sacrament and is still to
come.*

CHRISTOLOGICAL PRAYER:

*Thanksgiving to God for all
that was accomplished in the
life, death and resurrection of
Jesus.*

the night in which the sons of Egypt died,
your Chosen One, himself the First-Born,
freely offered his life.

At supper with his disciples
he took bread and offered you thanks.

He broke the bread,
and gave it to them, saying:

"Take, eat.

This is my Body: it is broken for you."

After supper, he took the cup,
he offered you thanks,
and gave it to them saying:

"Drink this, all of you.

This is my Blood of the new covenant;
it is poured out for you, and for all,
that sins may be forgiven.

Do this in remembrance of me."

We now obey your Son's command.
We recall his blessed passion and death,
his glorious resurrection and ascension;
and we look for the coming of his Kingdom.
Made one with him, we offer you these gifts
and with them ourselves,
a single, holy, living sacrifice.

Hear us, most merciful Father,
and send your Holy Spirit upon us
and upon this bread and this wine,
that, overshadowed by his life-giving power,
they may be the Body and Blood of your Son,
and we may be kindled with the fire of your love
and renewed for the service of your Kingdom.

Help us, who are baptised into the fellowship of Christ's Body
to live and work to your praise and glory;
may we grow together in unity and love
until at last, in your new creation,
we enter into our heritage
in the company of the Virgin Mary,
the apostles, and prophets,
and of all our brothers and sisters living and departed.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord,
with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be to you,
Lord of all ages,
world without end.

Amen.

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PRAYER OF PETITION:

As members of the Church we pray for her whole life and mission.

DOXOLOGY:

A concluding act of praise.

Eucharistic Prayer IV

New Life, The Lord, The Spirit (Suitable from Easter day to Pentecost)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God,

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Worship and praise belong to you, Author of all being.

Your power sustains, your love restores, our broken world.

You are unceasingly at work,

from chaos bringing order

and filling emptiness with life.

Christ, raised from the dead,

proclaims the dawn of hope.

He lives in us that we may walk in light.

Your Spirit is fire in us,

your breath is power

to purge our sin

and warm our hearts to love.

As children of your redeeming purpose,

freed by him who burst from the tomb

and opened the gate of life,

we offer you our praise,

with angels and archangels

and the whole company of heaven,

singing the hymn of your unending glory:

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.

Praise and thanksgiving be to you, Lord of all,

for by the Cross eternal life is ours

and death is swallowed up in victory.

In the first light of Easter

glory broke from the tomb

and changed the women's sorrow into joy.

From the Garden the mystery dawned

that he whom they had loved and lost

is with us now

OPENING PRAYER:

*celebrating the work of God,
Father, Son and Spirit, in
creating, restoring and
bringing to completion, all
that is His.*

SANCTUS:

an anthem to God's glory

BENEDICTUS:

*The greeting to him who
came in the flesh, comes in
the sacrament and is still to
come.*

CHRISTOLOGICAL PRAYER:

*Thanksgiving to God for all
that was accomplished in the
life, death and resurrection of
Jesus.*

in every place for ever.

Making himself known in the breaking of the bread,
speaking peace to the fearful disciples,
welcoming weary fishermen on the shore,
he renewed the promise of his presence
and of new birth in the Spirit
who sets the seal of freedom on your sons and daughters.

Before he was given up to suffering and death,
recalling the night of Israel's release,
the night in which slaves walked free,
at supper with his disciples
he took bread and offered you thanks.
He broke the bread,
and gave it to them, saying:
"Take, eat.
This is my Body: it is broken for you."
After supper, he took the cup,
he offered you thanks,
and gave it to them saying:
"Drink this, all of you.
This is my Blood of the new covenant;
it is poured out for you, and for all,
that sins may be forgiven.
Do this in remembrance of me."

We now obey your Son's command
We recall his blessed passion and death,
his glorious resurrection and ascension;
and we look for the coming of his Kingdom.
Made one with him, we offer you these gifts
and with them ourselves
a single, holy living sacrifice.

Hear us, most merciful Father,
and send your Holy Spirit upon us
and upon this bread and this wine,
that, overshadowed by his life-giving power,
they may be the Body and Blood of your Son,
and we may be kindled with the fire of your love
and renewed for the service of your Kingdom.

Help us, who are baptised into the fellowship of Christ's Body
to live and work to your praise and glory;
may we grow together in unity and love
until at last, in your new creation,
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with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be to you,
Lord of all ages,
world without end.

Amen.

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Eucharistic Prayer V

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Worship and praise belong to you, Father,
in every place and at all times.

You made us,
all the people of the world,
and everything that is.

You give us the daylight.
Your Word lights up our minds.
Jesus was born among us
to be light in our darkness.

Your Spirit lives in us
so that we can look at the world with your eyes.

One day we will be with you in heaven,
but already we laugh with the saints and angels,
and sing their joyful song:

**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.**

Father, you never forget us or turn away from us,
even when we fail you.
You sent your Son Jesus
who gave his life for us.

DOXOLOGY:

A concluding act of praise.

OPENING PRAYER:

*celebrating the work of God,
Father, Son and Spirit, in
creating, restoring and
bringing to completion, all
that is His.*

SANCTUS:

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came in the flesh, comes in
the sacrament and is still to
come.*

CHRISTOLOGICAL PRAYER:

*Thanksgiving to God for all
that was accomplished in the
life, death and resurrection of
Jesus.*

He healed those who were sick,
cared for those who were poor,
and cried with those who were sad.
He forgave sinners
and taught us to forgive.

For all your love we give you thanks
in the way that Jesus showed us.

On the night before he died,
while he was having supper with his friends,
he took bread and offered you thanks.
He broke the bread,
and gave it to them, saying:
"Take, eat.

This is my Body: it is broken for you."
After supper, he took the cup,
he offered you thanks,
and gave it to them saying:
"Drink this, all of you.
This is my Blood of the new covenant;
it is poured out for you, and for all,
that sins may be forgiven.
Do this in remembrance of me."

So, as we do what he told us,
we open our hearts to him;
we remember how he died and rose again
to live now in us.

Together with him we offer you these gifts:
in them we give you ourselves.

Send your Holy Spirit on us and on this bread and this wine,
that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ,
and that, sharing your life,
we may travel in your company to our journey's end.

With all your people
we give you thanks and praise
through the Son and in the Spirit,
now and for ever.

Amen.

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response to our obedience.*

DOXOLOGY:

A concluding act of praise.

The Sharing of the Bread and the Wine

19 Breaking of the Bread

Silence

or

The living bread is broken for the life of the world.

Lord, unite us in this sign.

20 Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour has taught
us, so we pray:

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Do not bring us
to the time of trial
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever.**

Amen.

or

As our Saviour Christ has
commanded and taught us,
we are bold to say:

**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,**

the power and the glory,
for ever and ever.

Amen.

21 Communion

At the giving of the bread:
The Body of Christ given for you.

At the giving of the cup:
The Blood of Christ shed for you.

The Communicant replies **Amen.**

22 Communion Song †

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
grant us peace.

or

Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer of the world: Give us your peace.

THANKSGIVING AND SENDING OUT

23 Sentence

An appropriate seasonal sentence may be used

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is gracious.
And his mercy endures for ever.

24 Prayers

One of the following is said

- (a) Father, we have broken the bread which is Christ's body, we have tasted the wine of his new life. We thank you for these gifts by which we are made one in him and drawn into that new creation which is your will for all mankind; through him who died for us and rose again, your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Amen.

- (b) Father of all, we give you thanks and praise that when we were still far off you met us in your Son and brought us home. Dying and living, he declared your love, gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory. May we who share Christ's body live his risen life; we who drink his cup bring life to others; we whom the Spirit lights, give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name; through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

- (c) Father, your steadfast purpose is the completion of all things in your Son. May we who have received the pledges of the kingdom, live by faith, walk in hope and be renewed in love, until the world reflects your glory and you are all in all; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

25 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 seasonal variant may be used

26 Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ.

Amen.

APPENDIX

FORMS OF INTERCESSION

Form 1

Through Jesus, whom we confess as Lord,
we give thanks and praise to the Father,
calling on him who is judge of all:
Father, your kingdom come.

Father, your kingdom come.

For all the peoples of the world;
that they may know you as the God of peace,
we pray to you, O Lord:

Father, your kingdom come.

For nations, for leaders and governments;
that integrity may mark all their dealings,
we pray to you O Lord:

Father, your kingdom come.

For all who labour for righteousness;
that your presence and help may give them courage,
we pray to you, O Lord:

Father, your kingdom come.

For communities torn by dissension and strife;
that your forgiveness may bring them healing,
we pray to you, O Lord:

Father, your kingdom come.

For the anxious, the lonely, the bereaved;
that consolation and peace may be theirs,
we pray to you, O Lord:

Father, your kingdom come.

For the Church, your household and family;
that she may be firm in the confession of her hope,
we pray to you, O Lord:

Father, your kingdom come.

For ... our Bishop, and for all who bear Christ's name;

that their lives may proclaim your glory,
we pray to you, o Lord:

Father, your kingdom come.

For those who are separated from us by death;
that theirs may be the kingdom which is unshakeable,
we pray to you, O Lord:

Father, your kingdom come.

O God of peace,
who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,
that great Shepherd of the sheep:
make us perfect in all goodness to do your will
and to be what you would have us be;
through him to whom be glory for ever,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Form 2

O God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
in whom you chose us, before the foundation of the world,
and destined us in love to be your own:
help us to pray for all your children.
For the life of the world;
that your peace may be known and may prevail:

For ...

Lord, hear us.
Lord, graciously hear us.

For all who suffer injury, death or loss;
that they may know the hope to which you call us:

For ...

Lord, hear us.
Lord, graciously hear us.

For all who exercise rule and authority;
that they may acknowledge your power:

For ...

Lord, hear us.
Lord, graciously hear us.

For the Church which is Christ's body;

that it may live for the praise of your glory:

For ...

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

O God, you exerted your strength and power
when you raised Christ from the dead,
putting everything in subjection beneath his feet:
accept the prayers which we offer in his name
for the world you have created and redeemed;
through him in whom you have set forth
the mystery of your will,
to unite all things in heaven and on earth,
your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Form 3

To him who alone is God
let us make our requests with thanksgiving,
through the one mediator,
the man Christ Jesus.

I ask your prayers for peace
in the life of the world ...
Pray for God's peace.

Silence

I ask your prayers for all
who suffer injury, sickness and loss ...
Pray for all who are afflicted.

Silence

I ask your prayers for all
who wield authority and influence ...
Pray for all who exercise power.

Silence

I ask your prayers for all
whom we have wronged ...
Pray for all who hate us.

Silence

I ask your prayers for our bishop(s) ...
and for all whom Christ has appointed to his service ...

Pray for God's people.

Silence

I ask your prayers for ...

Silence

Give thanks to God for all
in whom Christ has been honoured,
(especially ...)

Silence

O God, whose will it is
that all should find salvation
and come to know the truth:
receive the prayers and petitions
which we offer in faith and love;
through him who gave proof of your purpose,
and who sacrificed himself
to win freedom for all mankind,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

ALTERNATIVE USE AT OFFERTORY

Prayers of Offering

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation; through your
goodness we have this bread to offer, which earth has given
and human hands have made: it will become for us the bread
of life.

Blessed be God for ever.

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation; through your
goodness we have this wine to offer, fruit of the vine and work
of human hands; it will become the cup of our salvation.

Blessed be God for ever.

THE PROPER OF THE CHURCH YEAR - SUNDAYS AND HOLY DAYS

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Collect

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and 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 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 forever.

Readings

A	Isaiah 2.1-5	<i>Refrain:</i>	I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go to God's house.'
	Psalm 122		
	Romans 13.11-14		
	Matthew 24.36-44		
B	Isaiah 64.1-9	<i>Refrain:</i>	[Restore us, O God of hosts;] Show the light of your countenance and we shall be saved. <i>(after vv.2,4,6,17)</i>
	Psalm 80.1-7,16-18		
	1 Corinthians 1.3-9		
	Mark 13.24-37		
C	Jeremiah 33.14-16	<i>Refrain:</i>	To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.
	Psalm 25.1-9		
	1 Thessalonians 3.9-13		
	Luke 21.25-36		

Prayer after Communion

God for whom we wait, you have fed us with the bread of eternal life. Keep us ever watchful, that we may be ready to stand before the Son of man. We ask this in the name of Christ the Lord.

Blessing

Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Collect

Almighty God, who sent your servant John the Baptist to prepare your people to welcome the Messiah, inspire us, the ministers and stewards of your truth, to turn our disobedient hearts to you, that when the Christ shall come again to be our judge, we may stand with confidence before his glory; who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Readings

A	Isaiah 11.1-10	<i>Refrain:</i>	In his time shall the righteous flourish, [and peace till the moon shall be no more].
	Psalms 72.1-7, 18-19		
	Romans 15.4-13		
	Matthew 3.1-12		
B	Isaiah 40.1-11	<i>Refrain:</i>	Show us your mercy, O Lord, and grant us your salvation.
	Psalms 85.1-2, 8-13		
	2 Peter 3.8-15a		
	Mark 1.1-8		
C	Baruch 5.1-9 or Malachi 3.1-4	<i>Refrain:</i>	Blessed be the Lord, who sets his people free.
	<i>Canticle</i> ; Benedictus (Luke 1.68-79)		
	Philippians 1.3-11		
	Luke 3.1-6		

Prayer after Communion

Faithful God, we thank you for feeding us with this heavenly banquet. Help us always to hear the prophet's call to turn our hearts to you; in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

Blessing

Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

Benedictus (Luke 1.68-79)

Refrain: Blessed be the Lord, who sets his people free.

- 1 Blessed be the Lord the God of Israel,*
for he has come to his people and set them free.
- 2 He has raised up for us a mighty saviour,*
born of the house of his servant David.
- 3 Through his holy prophets he promised of old*
that he would save us from our enemies,
from the hands of all that hate us.
- 4 He promised to show mercy to our fathers,*

and to remember his holy covenant.

- 5 This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham:*
- to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
- 6 free to worship him without fear,*
- holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.
- 7 You my child shall be called the prophet of the Most High,*
- for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,
- 8 to give his people knowledge of salvation*
- by the forgiveness of all their sins.
- 9 In the tender compassion of our God*
- the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
- 10 to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death,*
- and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Glory to the Father and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now,
and shall be for ever. Amen.

Another version of this canticle is given in Daily Prayer, page 8

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Collect

God of power and mercy, you call us once again to celebrate the coming of your Son. Remove those things which hinder love of you, that when he comes he may find us waiting in awe and wonder for him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Readings

A	Isaiah 35.1-10 Psalm 146.4-9	<i>Refrain:</i> <i>or</i>	Come, Lord, and save us. Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help.
	<i>or Canticle:</i> Magnificat (Luke 1.46b-55)	<i>Refrain:</i>	My spirit rejoices in God my saviour.
	James 5.7-10 Matthew 11.2-11		
B	Isaiah 61.1-4,8-11 Psalm 126	<i>Refrain:</i>	The Lord has done great things for us [and we are glad indeed].
	<i>or Canticle:</i> Magnificat (Luke 1.46b-55)	<i>Refrain:</i>	My spirit rejoices in God my saviour.
	1 Thessalonians 5.16-24 John 1.6-8,19-28		
C	Zephaniah 3.14-20 <i>Canticle:</i> Isaiah 12.2-6	<i>Refrain:</i>	Shout aloud and sing for joy, for great in our midst is the Holy One of Israel.
	Philippians 4.4-7 Luke 3.7-18		

Prayer after Communion

Merciful God, may this eucharist free us from our sins, fill us with unending joy, and prepare us for the birthday of our Saviour. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, who is Lord for ever and ever.

Blessing

Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

Magnificat (Luke 1.46b-55) *See also Daily Prayer, page 10*

Refrain: My spirit rejoices in God my Saviour.

- 1 My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,*
my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour;
- 2 for he has looked with favour on his lowly servant;*
from this day all generations will call me blessed.
- 3 The Almighty has done great things for me*

- and holy is his name.
- 4 He has mercy on those who fear him*
in every generation.
- 5 He has shown the strength of his arm;*
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.
- 6 He has cast down the mighty from their thrones*
and has lifted up the lowly.
- 7 He has filled the hungry with good things,*
and the rich he has sent away empty.
- 8 He has come to the help of his servant Israel,*
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,
- 9 the promise he made to our fathers,*
to Abraham and his children for ever.

Glory to the Father and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit;*
as it was in the beginning, is now,
and shall be for ever. Amen.

Song of Thanksgiving (Isaiah 12.2-6)

Refrain: Shout aloud and sing for joy, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

- 1 Behold God is my salvation,*
I will trust and not be afraid;
- 2 the Lord God is my strength and my song;*
he has become my salvation.
- 3 With joy you will draw water*
from the wells of salvation.
- 4 Give thanks to the Lord, call upon his name;*
make known his deeds among the nations.
- 5 Sing to the Lord for he has done gloriously;*
let this be known in all the earth.
- 6 Shout aloud and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion,*
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

Glory to the Father ...

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Collect

Heavenly Father, who chose the Virgin Mary, full of grace, to be the mother of our Lord and Saviour: now fill us with your grace, that we in all things may embrace your will and with her rejoice in your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Readings

A	Isaiah 7.10-16	<i>Refrain:</i>	<i>(after verses 2,4,6,17)</i> Restore us, O God of hosts; show the light of your countenance and we shall be saved.
	Psalms 80.1-7,16-18		
	Romans 1.1-7		
	Matthew 1.18-25		
B	2 Samuel 7.1-11,16	<i>Refrain:</i>	My spirit rejoices in God my Saviour.
	<i>Canticle:</i> Magnificat (Luke 1.46b-55)		
	or Psalm 89.1-4,19-26	<i>Refrain:</i>	Your love, O Lord, for ever will I sing.
	Romans 16.25-27		
	Luke 1.26-38		
C	Micah 5.2-5a	<i>Refrain:</i>	My spirit rejoices in God my Saviour.
	<i>Canticle:</i> Magnificat (Luke 1.46b-55)		
	or Psalm 80.1-7	<i>Refrain:</i>	<i>(after verses 2,4,6)</i> Restore us, O God of hosts; show the light of your countenance and we shall be saved.
	Hebrews 10.5-10		
	Luke 1.39-45(46-55)		

Post Communion Prayer

Faithful God, in this sacrament we receive the promise of salvation. May we, like the Virgin Mary, be obedient to your will. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

Blessing

Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

CHRISTMAS - at Midnight

Collect

Eternal God, this holy night is radiant with the brilliance of your one true light. As we have known the revelation of that light on earth, so bring us to see the splendour of your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Readings

The readings listed under III should be used at least once during the Christmas season

I	Isaiah 9.2-7	<i>Refrain:</i>	Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised. To you is born this day a saviour, who is Christ the Lord. as Psalm 98 (see Set III)
	Psalm 96		
	Titus 2.11-14		
	Luke 2.1-14(15-20)		
II	Isaiah 62.6-12	<i>Refrain:</i>	Zion hears and is glad, and the cities of Judah rejoice. as Psalm 98 (see Set III)
	Psalm 97		
	Titus 3.4-7		
	Luke 2.(1-7)8-20		
III	Isaiah 52.7-10	<i>Refrain:</i>	All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.
	Psalm 98		
	Hebrews 1.1-4(5-12)		
	John 1.1-14		

Prayer after Communion

Father of all, tonight you have united earth and heaven in sending your Son to take our human nature. May we who have tasted heavenly things share in the life of his eternal kingdom. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Blessing

Christ, who by his incarnation gathered into one all things earthly and heavenly, fill you with his joy and peace; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

or

Christ the Son of God, born of Mary, fill you with his grace to trust his promises and obey his will; and the blessing...

CHRISTMAS - in the early morning

Collect

God our Father, whose Word has come among us in the Holy Child of Bethlehem, may the light of faith illumine our hearts and shine in our words and deeds; through him who is Christ the Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Readings

AS BEFORE

Prayer after Communion

Source of truth and joy, may we who have received the gift of divine life always follow the way of your Son. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

CHRISTMAS - during the day

Collect

Almighty God, you wonderfully created and yet more wonderfully restored our human nature. May we share the divine life of your Son Jesus Christ, who humbled himself to share our humanity, and now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Readings

As before

Prayer after Communion

Father of all, the child born for us is the Saviour of the world. May he who made us your children welcome us into your kingdom, where he is alive and reigns with you now and for ever.

Blessing

Christ, who by his incarnation gathered into one all things earthly and heavenly, fill you with his joy and peace; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

or

Christ the Son of God, born of Mary, fill you with his grace to trust his promises and obey his will; and the blessing...

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

Collect

Almighty God, you have shed upon us the new light of your incarnate Word. May this light, enkindled in our hearts, 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.

Readings

A	Isaiah 63.7-9	<i>Refrain:</i>	Praise, O praise the name of the Lord.
	Psalms 148		
	Hebrews 2.10-18		
	Matthew 2.13-23		
B	Isaiah 61.10-62.3	<i>Refrain:</i>	as Year A
	Psalms 148		
	Galatians 4.4-7		
	Luke 2.22-40		
C	1 Samuel 2.18-20,26	<i>Refrain:</i>	as Year A
	Psalms 148		
	Colossians 3.12-17		
	Luke 2.41-52		

Prayer after Communion

Source of truth and joy, may we who have received the gift of divine life always follow the way of your Son. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

Blessing

Christ, who by his incarnation gathered into one all things earthly and heavenly, fill you with his joy and peace; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

or

Christ the Son of God, born of Mary, fill you with his grace to trust his promises and obey his will; and the blessing ...

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

Collect

God of power and life, the glory of all who believe in you, fill the world with your splendour and show the nations the light of your truth; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Readings

A Jeremiah 31.7-14
or Sirach 24.1-12
Psalm 147.13-21

Refrain: Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving;
make music to our God.
or The Word became flesh and lived
among us.

or Canticle: Wisdom 10.15-21

Refrain: The righteous sing hymns to your name.

Ephesians 1.3-14
John 1.(1-9)10-18

B As Year A

C As Year A

Prayer after Communion

Light eternal, you have nourished us in the mystery of the body and blood of your Son. By your grace keep us ever faithful to your word, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Blessing

Christ, who by his incarnation gathered into one all things earthly and heavenly, fill you with his joy and peace; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

or

Christ the Son of God, born of Mary, fill you with his grace to trust his promises and obey his will; and the blessing ...

THE EPIPHANY

Collect

Eternal God, who by a star led wise men to the worship of your Son, guide by your light the nations of the earth, that the whole world may know your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Readings (Years A,B,C)

Isaiah 60.1-6

Psalm 72.1-7,10-14

Refrain:

Kings bow down before him;
all the nations do him service.

or

All nations shall serve him.

Ephesians 3.1-12

Matthew 2.1-12

Prayer after Communion

God of all the nations of the earth, guide us with your light. Help us to recognise Christ as he comes to us in this eucharist and in our neighbours. May we welcome him with love, for he is Lord now and for ever.

Blessing

Christ the Son of God gladden your hearts with the good news of his kingdom; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

The Baptism of the Lord

Collect

Eternal Father, who at the baptism of Jesus revealed him to be your Son, anointing him with the Holy Spirit, keep your children, born of water and the Spirit, faithful to their calling; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Readings

A	Isaiah 42.1-9	<i>Refrain:</i> <i>or</i>	The voice of the Lord is upon the mighty waters. The Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.
	Psalms 29		
	Acts 10.34-43 Matthew 3.13-17		
B	Genesis 1.1-5	<i>Refrain:</i> <i>or</i>	as Year A The voice of the Lord is upon the waters [the God of glory thunders].
	Psalms 29		
	Acts 19.1-7 Mark 1.4-11		
C	Isaiah 43.1-7	<i>Refrain:</i>	see Years A and B
	Psalms 29		
	Acts 8.14-17 Luke 3.15-17, 21-22		

Prayer after Communion

Gracious God, lover of all, by this sacrament you make us one family in Christ your Son, one in the sharing of his body and blood, one in the communion of his Spirit. Help us to grow in love for one another and come to the full maturity of the Body of Christ. We ask this in his name.

Blessing

Christ the Son of God gladden your hearts with the good news of his kingdom; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

Collect

Almighty God, your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of the world. May your people, illumined by your word and sacraments, shine with the radiance of his glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Readings

A	Isaiah 49.1-7 Psalm 40.1-11	<i>Refrain:</i>	I love to do your will, O God [your law is in my heart].
	1 Corinthians 1.1-9 John 1.29-42		
B	1 Samuel 3.1-10(11-20) Psalm 139.1-5,12-17	<i>Refrain:</i> <i>or</i>	I will thank you for I am wonderfully made. Lord, you have searched me out and known me [you discern my thoughts from afar].
	1 Corinthians 6.12-20 John 1.43-51		
C	Isaiah 62.1-5 Psalm 36.5-10	<i>Refrain:</i>	With you is the well of life [and in your light we see light].
	1 Corinthians 12.1-11 John 2.1-11		

Prayer after Communion

God of glory, you nourish us with bread from heaven. Fill us with your Holy Spirit, that through us your light may shine in all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ.

Blessing

Christ the Son of God gladden your hearts with the good news of his kingdom; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

Collect

Almighty God, by grace alone you call us and accept us in your service. Strengthen us by your Spirit, and make us worthy of your call; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Readings

A	Isaiah 9.1-4	<i>Refrain:</i>	The Lord is my light and my salvation; [whom then shall I fear?]
	Psalm 27.1,5-13		
	1 Corinthians 1.10-18		
	Matthew 4.12-23		
B	Jonah 3.1-5,10	<i>Refrain:</i>	God alone is my rock and my salvation.
	Psalm 62.6-14		
	1 Corinthians 7.29-31		
	Mark 1.14-20		
C	Nehemiah 8.1-3,5-6,8-10	<i>Refrain:</i> <i>or</i>	The statutes of the Lord are right and rejoice the heart. Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life.
	Psalm 19		
	1 Corinthians 12.12-31a		
	Luke 4.14-21		

Prayer after Communion

Gracious God, our hands have taken holy things; our lives have been nourished by the body of your Son. May we who have eaten at this holy table be strengthened for service in your world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

Blessing

Christ the Son of God gladden your hearts with the good news of his kingdom; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

Collect

Living God, in Christ you make all things new. Transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Readings

A	Micah 6.1-8	<i>Refrain:</i>	Do justice, love kindness, walk humbly with your God. Those who do what is right will dwell in the presence of the Lord.
	Psalms 15		
	1 Corinthians 1.18-31 Matthew 5.1-12		
B	Deuteronomy 18.15-20	<i>Refrain:</i>	Great are the deeds of the Lord [they are studied by all who delight in them].
	Psalms 111		
	1 Corinthians 8.1-13 Mark 1.21-28		
C	Jeremiah 1.4-10	<i>Refrain:</i>	You are my hope, O Lord God [my confidence since I was young].
	Psalms 71.1-6		
	1 Corinthians 13.1-13 Luke 4.21-30		

Prayer after Communion

Source of all goodness, in this eucharist we are nourished by the bread of heaven and invigorated with new wine. May these gifts renew our lives, that we may show your glory to all the world; in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

Blessing

Christ the Son of God gladden your hearts with the good news of his kingdom; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

Collect

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 is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Readings

A	Isaiah 58.1-9a,(9b-12)	<i>Refrain:</i> <i>or</i>	Light shines in the darkness for the upright. The righteous are merciful and full of compassion.
	Psalms 112.1-9(10)		
	1 Corinthians 2.1-12(13-16) Matthew 5.13-20		
B	Isaiah 40.21-31	<i>Refrain:</i>	Sing praises to our God who heals the broken hearted.
	Psalms 147.1-12		
	1 Corinthians 9.16-23 Mark 1.29-39		
C	Isaiah 6.1-8(9-13)	<i>Refrain:</i> <i>or</i>	Before the gods I will sing your praise. Great is the glory of the Lord!
	Psalms 138		
	1 Corinthians 15.1-11 Luke 5.1-11		

Prayer after Communion

Eternal God, in you we find peace beyond all telling. May we who share in this heavenly banquet be instruments of your peace on earth, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

Blessing

Christ the Son of God gladden your hearts with the good news of his kingdom; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

Collect

Almighty and everliving God, whose Son Jesus Christ healed the sick and restored them to wholeness of life, look with compassion on the anguish of the world, and by your power make whole all peoples and nations; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Readings

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| <p>A Deuteronomy 30.15-20
 or Sirach 15.15-20
 Psalm 119.1-8
 Corinthians 3.1-9
 Matthew 5.21-37</p> | <p><i>Refrain:</i></p> | <p>Happy are they who walk in the law of the Lord.1</p> |
| <p>B 2 Kings 5.1-14
 Psalm 30</p> | <p><i>Refrain:</i></p> | <p>O Lord my God, I cried out to you,
 and you restored me to health.
 or
 You have made us, Lord, as strong as the
 mountains.</p> |
| <p>1 Corinthians 9.24-27
 Mark 1.40-45</p> | | |
| <p>C Jeremiah 17.5-10
 Psalm 1
 1 Corinthians 15.12-20
 Luke 6.17-26</p> | <p><i>Refrain:</i></p> | <p>Happy are they who walk in the law of the Lord.</p> |

Prayer after Communion

God of tender care, in this eucharist we celebrate your love for us and for all people. May we show your love in our lives and know its fulfilment in your presence. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

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.

Collect

Almighty God, your Son revealed in signs and miracles the wonder of your saving love. Renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your mighty power; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Readings

A	Leviticus 19.1-2,9-18 Psalm 119.33-40 1 Corinthians 3.10-11,16-23 Matthew 5.38-48	<i>Refrain:</i>	Give me understanding and I shall keep your law.
B	Isaiah 43.18-25 Psalm 41 2 Corinthians 1.18-22 Mark 2.1-12	<i>Refrain:</i>	[Lord, be merciful to me]; heal me, for I have sinned against you.
C	Genesis 45.3-11,15 Psalm 37.1-12,41-42 1 Corinthians 15.35-38,42-50 Luke 6.27-38	<i>Refrain:</i>	Commit your way to the Lord and trust in him. <i>or</i> Dwell in the land and feed on its riches.

Prayer after Communion

Gracious God, in the eucharist we celebrate your love for us and for all people. Grant that, strengthened by these holy gifts, we may show your love in our lives and know its fulfilment in your presence. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

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.

Collect

Almighty God, grant us the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we who can do nothing good without you may live according to your holy will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Readings

A	Isaiah 49.8-16a	<i>Refrain:</i>	I still my soul and make it quiet.
	Psalm 131		
		<i>or</i>	The Lord has comforted his people.
	1 Corinthians 4.1-5		
	Matthew 6.24-34		
B	Hosea 2.14-20	<i>Refrain:</i>	Bless the Lord, O my soul!
	Psalm 103.1-13,22		
		<i>or</i>	The Lord is full of compassion and mercy.
	2 Corinthians 3.1-6		
	Mark 2.13-22		
C	Sirach 27.4-7	<i>Refrain:</i>	It is a good thing to give thanks to the Lord.
	<i>or</i> Isaiah 55.10-13		
	Psalm 92.1-4,11-14		
	1 Corinthians 15.51-58		
	Luke 6.39-49		

Prayer after Communion

Faithful God, as we are nourished by heavenly food, may we live according to your will and show the fruits of your love. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

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.

Collect

Lord God of the nations, you have revealed your will to all people and promised us your saving help. May we hear and do what you command, that the darkness may be overcome by the power of your light; through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

Readings

A	Deuteronomy 11.8-21,26-28 Psalm 31.1-5,19-24	<i>Refrain:</i>	Love the Lord, all you who worship him.
	Romans 1.16-17;3.22b-28(29-31) Matthew 7.21-29	<i>or</i>	Be my strong rock, O Lord; a tower of strength.
B	Deuteronomy 5.12-15 Psalm 81.1-10	<i>Refrain:</i>	Sing with joy to God our strength.
	2 Corinthians 4.5-12 Mark 2.23-3.6		
C	1 Kings 8.22-23,41-43 Psalm 96.1-9	<i>Refrain:</i>	Ascribe to the Lord honour and power.
	Galatians 1.1-12 Luke 7.1-10		

Prayer after Communion

Eternal God, you have fed us at the table of your grace. Deliver us from all spiritual pride, and give us a quiet confidence in your mercy. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

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.

SUNDAY BEFORE LENT

(When kept as Transfiguration Sunday. Otherwise see the numbered Proper which corresponds most closely to the date of the Sunday before Ash Wednesday)

Collect

Almighty God, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross, give us faith to perceive his glory, that being strengthened by his grace we may be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Readings

A	Exodus 24.12-18		
	Psalm 2	<i>Refrain:</i>	You are my Son; this day have I begotten you.
	or Psalm 99	<i>Refrain:</i>	He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud.
	2 Peter 1.16-21		
	Matthew 17.1-9		
B	2 Kings 2.1-12		
	Psalm 50.1-6	<i>Refrain:</i>	Our God will come and will not keep silence.
	2 Corinthians 4.3-6		
	Mark 9.2-9		
C	Exodus 34.29-35		
	Psalm 99	<i>Refrain:</i>	He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud.
	2 Corinthians 3.12-4.2		
	Luke 9.28-36(37-43)		

Prayer after Communion

Holy God, we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. May we who are partakers of his table reflect his life in word and deed, that all the world may know his power to change and save. We ask this in his name.

Blessing

Christ our king make you faithful and strong to do his will, that you may reign with him in glory; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

ASH WEDNESDAY

Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, you despise nothing you have made and 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 brokenness, 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.

Readings (Years A,B,C)

Joel 2.1-2,12-17

or Isaiah 58.1-12

Psalm 51.1-18

Refrain: Have mercy on me, O God
[and cleanse me from my sin].

2 Corinthians 5.20b-6.10

Matthew 6.1-6,16-21

Prayer after Communion

God of compassion, through your Son Jesus Christ you reconciled your people to yourself. Following his example of prayer and fasting, may we obey you with willing hearts and serve one another in holy love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Blessing

Christ give you grace to grow in holiness, to deny yourselves, take up your cross, and follow him; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Collect

Almighty God, whose Son fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are but 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 Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Readings

A	Genesis 2.15-17;3.1-7	<i>Refrain:</i>	I will confess my transgressions to the Lord.
	Psalm 32		
	Romans 5.12-19		
	Matthew 4.1-11		
B	Genesis 9.8-17	<i>Refrain:</i>	Your paths, O Lord, are love and faithfulness [to those who keep your covenant].
	Psalm 25.1-9		
	1 Peter 3.18-22		
	Mark 1.9-15		
C	Deuteronomy 26.1-11	<i>Refrain:</i> <i>or</i>	Be with me, O Lord, in trouble. You, O Lord, are my refuge [my God in whom I put my trust].
	Psalm 91.1-2,9-16		
	Romans 10.8b-13		
	Luke 4.1-13		

Prayer after Communion

Faithful God, in this holy bread you increase our faith and hope and love. Lead us in the path of Christ who is your Word of life. We ask this in his name.

The Blessing

Christ give you grace to grow in holiness, to deny yourselves, take up your cross, and follow him; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Collect

If the Gospel reading is from John 3, Mark 8 or Luke 13:

God of patience and humility, in your love you gave your Son to be rejected and raised up on a cross. Gather us under its shadow and open our eyes to its mystery, that we may share even now in the life that is from above; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

If the Gospel reading is the story of the Transfiguration:

Almighty God, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross, give us faith to perceive his glory, that being strengthened by his grace we may be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Readings

A	Genesis 12.1-4a	<i>Refrain:</i>	My help comes from the Lord [the maker of heaven and earth].
	Psalm 121		
	Romans 4.1-5,13-17		
	John 3.1-17 or Matthew 17.1-9		
B	Genesis 17.1-7,15-16	<i>Refrain:</i>	All the ends of the earth shall turn to you, O Lord.
	Psalm 22.22-30		
	Romans 4.13-25		
	Mark 8.31-28 or Mark 9.2-9		
C	Genesis 15.1-12,17-18	<i>Refrain:</i>	The Lord is my light and my salvation.
	Psalm 27		
	Philippians 3.17-4.1		
	Luke 13.31-35 or Luke 9.28-36		

Prayer after Communion

Creator of heaven and earth, we thank you for these holy mysteries, which bring us now a share in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Blessing

Christ give you grace to grow in holiness to deny yourselves, take up your cross, and follow him; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT – Year A

Collect

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life, may we always thirst for you, the spring of life and source of goodness; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Readings

A Exodus 17.1-7
Psalm 95

Refrain: O that today you would hearken to his voice!
Harden not your hearts.

Romans 5.1-11
John 4.5-26(27-42)

Prayer after Communion

God of our pilgrimage, we have found the living water. Refresh and sustain us as we go forth on our journey, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Blessing

Christ give you grace to grow in holiness, to deny yourselves, take up your cross, and follow him; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT - Years B and C

Collect

Father of mercy, alone we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves. When we are discouraged by our weakness, strengthen us to follow Christ, our pattern and our hope; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Readings

B Exodus 20.1-17
Psalm 19

Refrain: You, Lord, have the words of eternal life.
or The statutes of the Lord are just
and rejoice the heart.

1 Corinthians 1.18-25
John 2.13-22

C Isaiah 55.1-9
Psalm 63.1-8
1 Corinthians 10.1-13
Luke 13.1-9

Refrain: My soul thirsts for you, O my God.

Prayer after Communion

God of mercy and forgiveness, may we who share this sacrament live together in unity and peace, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

Blessing

Christ give you grace to grow in holiness, to deny yourselves, take up your cross, and follow him; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT – Year A

Collect

Almighty God, through the waters of baptism your Son has made us children of light. May we ever walk in his light and show forth your glory in the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Readings

1 Samuel 16.1-13

Psalm 23

Ephesians 5.8-14

John 9.(1-12)13-41

Refrain: The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want

Prayer after Communion

Father, through your goodness we receive your Son in word and sacrament. May we always have faith in him, Jesus Christ the Lord.

Blessing

Christ give you grace to grow in holiness, to deny yourselves, take up your cross, and follow him; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT – Years B and C

Collect

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came 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.

Readings

B	Numbers 21.4-9	<i>Refrain:</i>	Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; and his mercy endures for ever. <i>or</i> Give thanks to the Lord for his mercy.
	Psalms 107.1-3, 17-22		
	Ephesians 2.1-10 John 3.14-21		
C	Joshua 5.9-12	<i>Refrain:</i>	You, O Lord, are my hiding-place [you preserve me from trouble].
	Psalms 32		
	2 Corinthians 5.16-21 Luke 15.1-3, 11b-32		

Prayer after Communion

Giver of life, you enlighten all who come into the world. Fill our hearts with the splendour of your grace, that we may perfectly love you and worthily praise your holy name; through Jesus Christ the Lord.

Blessing

Christ give you grace to grow in holiness, to deny yourselves, take up your cross, and follow him; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT – Year A

Collect

Almighty God, your Son came into the world to free us all from sin and death. Breathe upon us with the power of your Spirit, that we may be raised to new life in Christ and serve you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Readings

Ezekiel 37.1-14

Psalm 130

Refrain:

With the Lord there is mercy and
plenteous redemption.

or

You shall know that I am the Lord
when I open your graves.

Romans 8.6-11

John 11.(1-16)17-45

Prayer after Communion

God of hope, in this eucharist we have tasted the promise of your heavenly banquet and the richness of eternal life. May we who bear witness to the death of your Son also proclaim the glory of his resurrection, for he is Lord for ever and ever.

Blessing

Christ crucified draw you to himself, to find in him a sure ground for faith, a firm support for hope, and the assurance of sins forgiven; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT – Years B and C

Collect

Most merciful God, by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you created humanity anew. May the power of his victorious cross transform those who turn in faith to him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Readings

B Jeremiah 31.31-34
 Psalm 51.1-13
 or Psalm 119.9-16
 Hebrews 5.5-10
 John 12.20-33

Refrain: A clean heart create in me, O God.
Refrain: O Lord, how I love your law.

C Isaiah 43.16-21
 Psalm 126

 Philippians 3.4b-14
 John 12.1-8

Refrain: The Lord has done great things for us
 [and we are glad indeed].

Prayer after Communion

Merciful God, you have called us to your table and fed us with the bread of life. Draw us and all people to your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Blessing

Christ crucified draw you to himself, to find in him a sure ground for faith, a firm support for hope, and the assurance of sins forgiven; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

PALM SUNDAY - LITURGY OF THE PALMS

Collect

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.

Readings

- A Matthew 21.1-11
- B Mark 11.1-11 *or* John 12.12-16
- C Luke 19.28-40

The Procession

Then may be said or sung:

Let us go forth in peace
In the name of Christ.

Amen.

During the procession Psalm 118.1-2,19-29 is sung:

Psalm 118.1-2,19-29	<i>Refrain:</i>	This is the day that the Lord has made. We will be glad and rejoice in it.
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Alternatively, other suitable psalms, hymns or anthems may be sung. At a suitable place the procession may halt while the following or some other appropriate collect is said.

*Almighty God,
whose Son entered not into glory before he was crucified,
may we, walking in the way of the cross,
find it to be for us the way of life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.*

PALM SUNDAY - LITURGY OF THE PASSION

Collect

Almighty and everliving God, in tender love for all our human race you sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take our flesh and suffer death upon a cruel cross. May we follow the example of his great humility and share in the glory of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Readings

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| A | Isaiah 50.4-9a
Psalm 31.9-16

Philippians 2.5-11
Matthew 26.14-27.66
or Matthew 27.11-54 | <i>Refrain:</i>
<i>or</i>
<i>or</i> | I have trusted in you. You are my God.
Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.
My God, my God, why have you forsaken me ? |
| B | Isaiah 50.4-9a
Psalm 31.9-16

Philippians 2.5-11
Mark 14.1-15.47
or Mark 15.1-39(40-47) | <i>Refrain:</i>
<i>or</i>
<i>or</i> | I have trusted in you. You are my God.
Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.
My God, my God, why have you forsaken me ? |
| C | Isaiah 50.4-9a
Psalm 31.9-16

Philippians 2.5-11
Luke 22.14-23.56
or Luke 23.1-49 | <i>Refrain:</i>
<i>or</i>
<i>or</i> | I have trusted in you. You are my God.
Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.
My God, my God, why have you forsaken me ? |

Prayer after Communion

God our help and strength, you have satisfied our hunger with this eucharistic food. Strengthen our faith, that through the death and resurrection of your Son we may be led to salvation; for he is Lord, now and for ever.

Blessing

Christ crucified draw you to himself, to find in him a sure ground for faith, a firm support for hope, and the assurance of sins forgiven; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK

Collect

Almighty God, whose Son was crucified yet entered into glory, may we, walking in the way of the cross, find it to be for us the way of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Readings (Years A,B,C)

Isaiah 42.1-9

Psalm 36.5-11

Refrain:

With you is the well of life,
and in your light we see light.

Hebrews 9.11-15

John 12.1-11

Prayer after Communion

God of our salvation, in this eucharist you have renewed us in your covenant. Help us to follow in the path of him who came to open the eyes of the blind and bring prisoners out of darkness, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Blessing

Christ crucified draw you to himself, to find in him a sure ground for faith, a firm support for hope, and the assurance of sins forgiven; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK

Collect

O God, by the passion of your blessed Son you made an instrument of shameful death to be for us the means of life. May our lives be so transformed by his passion that we may witness to his grace; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Readings (Years A,B,C)

Isaiah 49.1-7

Psalms 71.1-14

Refrain:

You are my hope, O Lord my God
[my mouth shall be full of your praise].

or

From my mother's womb
you have been my strength.

1 Corinthians 1.18-31

John 12.20-36

Prayer after Communion

Faithful God, may we who share this banquet glory in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, our salvation, life and hope, who reigns as Lord, now and for ever.

Blessing

Christ crucified draw you to himself, to find in him a sure ground for faith, a firm support for hope, and the assurance of sins forgiven; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK

Collect

Lord God, your Son our Saviour gave his body to be whipped and turned his face for men to spit upon. Give your servants grace to accept suffering for his sake, confident of the glory that will be revealed; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Readings (Years A,B,C)

Isaiah 50.4-9a

Psalm 70

Hebrews 12.1-3

John 13.21-32

Refrain: [As for me, I am poor and needy;
O Lord, make haste to help me.

Prayer after Communion

God our help, your Son was betrayed by one who called himself a friend. May we who call him Lord ever remain his faithful people; for he lives and reigns with you, now and for ever.

Blessing

Christ crucified draw you to himself, to find in him a sure ground for faith, a firm support for hope, and the assurance of sins forgiven; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

MAUNDY THURSDAY

Collect

O God, your Son Jesus Christ has left to us this meal of bread and wine in which we share his body and his blood. May we who celebrate this sign of his great love show in our lives the fruits of his redemption; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Readings (Years A,B,C)

Exodus 12.1-4(5-10)11-14

Psalm 116.1,10-17

Refrain:

I will lift up the cup of salvation.

or

The cup of blessing that we bless,

is it not a sharing in the blood of Christ?

1 Corinthians 11.23-26

John 13.1-17,31b-35

Prayer after Communion

Holy God, source of all love, on the night of his betrayal Jesus gave his disciples a new commandment to love one another as he loved them. Write this commandment in our hearts; give us the will to serve others as he was the servant of all, who gave his life and died for us, yet is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Blessing

Christ crucified draw you to himself, to find in him a sure ground for faith, a firm support for hope, and the assurance of sins forgiven; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

GOOD FRIDAY

Collect

Almighty God, look graciously, we pray, on 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, now and for ever.

Readings (Years A,B,C)

Isaiah 52.13-53.12

Psalm 22

Hebrews 10.16-25

or Hebrews 4.14-16;5.7-9

John 18.1-19.42

Refrain: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Prayer after Communion

Almighty and eternal God, you have restored us to life by the triumphant death and resurrection of Christ. Continue this healing work within us. May we who partake of this mystery never cease to give you dedicated service. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

or

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, we pray you to set your passion, cross, and death between your judgement and our souls, now and in the hour of our death. Give mercy and grace to the living, pardon and rest to the dead, to your holy Church peace 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.

Blessing

Christ crucified draw you to himself, to find in him a sure ground for faith, a firm support for hope, and the assurance of sins forgiven; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

If no blessing or dismissal is used, the service may end with the following prayer:

Send down your abundant blessing, Lord, upon your people who have devoutly recalled the death of your Son in the sure and certain hope of the resurrection. Grant them pardon; bring them comfort. May their faith grow stronger and their eternal salvation be assured. We ask this through Christ the Lord.

HOLY SATURDAY

Collect

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; who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Readings (Years A,B,C)

The following readings are for use at services other than the Easter Vigil

Job 14.1-14

or Lamentations 3.1-9,19-24

Psalm 31.1-4,15-16

Refrain: Let your face shine on your servants
[and we shall be saved].

1 Peter 4.1-8

Matthew 27.57-66

or John 19.38-42

Concluding Prayer

Grant, O God, that we who are baptised into the death of your Son Jesus Christ may continually die to sin and be buried with him, that through the grave and gate of death we may pass to our joyful resurrection; for his sake, who died, and was buried, and rose again for us, your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ.

THE VIGIL OF EASTER

The Old Testament Readings

A minimum of three Old Testament readings should be chosen. The reading from Exodus 14 should always be used.

Each reading is followed by a psalm (or other suitable canticle, anthem or hymn), a time of silence, and the prayer appointed for that reading.

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| 1 | Genesis 1.1-2.4a
Psalm 136.1-9,23-26 | <i>Refrain:</i> For his mercy endures for ever.
(said after each half-verse) |
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Silence

Almighty and eternal God, you created all things in a wonderful order. Help us now to perceive how still more wonderful is the new creation, by which in the fullness of time you redeemed your people through the sacrifice of our Passover, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

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| 2 | Genesis 7.1-5,11-18; 8.6-18; 9.8-13
Psalm 46 | <i>Refrain:</i> The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our refuge.
(said after verses 3,7,11) |
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Silence

Faithful God, you have placed the rainbow in the skies as the sign of your covenant with all living things. May we who are saved through water and the Spirit worthily offer to you our sacrifice of thanksgiving. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

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| 3 | Genesis 22.1-18
Psalm 16 | <i>Refrain:</i> O Lord, you are my portion and my cup |
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Silence

God and Father of all who believe in you, you promised Abraham that he would become the father of all nations, and through the death and resurrection of Christ you fulfil that promise; everywhere throughout the world you increase your chosen people. May we respond to your call by joyfully accepting your invitation to the new life of grace. Grant this through Christ our Lord.

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| 4 | Exodus 14.10-31; 15.20-21
<i>Canticle:</i> Exodus 15.1b-13,17-18 (<i>The Song of Moses</i>) | <i>Refrain:</i> Sing to the Lord,
for he has triumphed gloriously. |
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Silence

God of steadfast love, your 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 of 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. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

- 5 Isaiah 55.1-11
Canticle: Isaiah 12.2-6 *Refrain:* Shout aloud and sing for joy,
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

Silence

O God, by the power of your Word you have created all things, and by your Spirit you renew the earth. Give now the water of life to those who thirst for you, that they may bring forth abundant fruit in your glorious kingdom. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

- 6 Baruch 3.9-15,32-4.4
or Proverbs 8.1-8,19-21; 9.4b-6
Psalm 19 *Refrain:* The law of the Lord is perfect
and revives the soul.

Silence

Creator of the universe, Source of light, teach us to hold fast to the ways of wisdom, that we may live for ever in the radiance of your glory. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Saviour.

- 7 Ezekiel 36.24-28
Psalms 42,43 *Refrain:* Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul?
and why are you so disquieted within me ?
(said after verses [42].3,5,9,11,13,15;[43].2,4,6)

Silence

Almighty and everlasting God, in the paschal mystery you established the new covenant of reconciliation. Grant that all who are born again in baptism may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith. Grant this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

- 8 Ezekiel 37.1-14
Psalm 143 *Refrain:* Let me hear of your loving-kindness
in the morning.

Silence

Living God, by the Passover 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.

- 9 Zephaniah 3.14-20
Psalm 98 *Refrain:* The Lord has made known his victory
in the sight of the nations.

Silence

O God of unchangeable power and eternal light, look favourably on your whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery. By the effectual working of your providence carry out in tranquillity 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 all things are being brought to their perfection by him through whom all things were made, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Vigil Collect

Eternal Giver of life and light, this holy night shines with the radiance of the risen Christ. Renew your Church with the Spirit given to us in baptism, that we may worship you in sincerity and truth, and shine as a light in the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

The Readings

New Testament (Years A,B,C)
Gradual Psalm

Romans 6.3-11
Psalm 114

Refrain: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Gospel

A Matthew 28.1-10
B Mark 16.1-8
C Luke 24.1-12

Prayer after Communion

Giver of all, we are nourished with your Easter sacraments. Fill us with the Spirit of love and unite us in faith, that we may be witnesses to the resurrection and show your glory to all the world, in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord.

Blessing

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the eternal 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.

EASTER – during the day

Collect

Lord of life and power, through the mighty resurrection of your Son you have overcome the old order of sin and death and have made all things new in him. May we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ, reign with him in glory, who with you and the Holy Spirit is alive, one God, now and for ever.

Readings

If the first reading is from the Old Testament, the lection from Acts should be the second reading.

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| A | Acts 10.34-43 <i>or</i> Jeremiah 31.1-6
Psalm 118.1-2,14-24

Colossians 3.1-4 <i>or</i> Acts 10.34-43
John 20.1-18 <i>or</i> Matthew 28.1-10 | <i>Refrain:</i> Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
This is the day the Lord has made. |
| B | Acts 10.34-43 <i>or</i> Isaiah 25.6-9
Psalm <i>as Year A</i>
1 Corinthians 15.1-11 <i>or</i> Acts 10.34-43
John 20.1-18 <i>or</i> Mark 16.1-8 | |
| C | Acts 10.34-43 <i>or</i> Isaiah 65.17-25
Psalm <i>as Year A</i>
1 Corinthians 15.19-26 <i>or</i> Acts 10.34-43
John 20.1-18 <i>or</i> Luke 24.1-12 | |

If the main (eucharistic) service has to be held in the evening of Easter Day, the following readings may be used:

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| Daniel 12.1-3 <i>or</i> Acts 5.29-32
Psalm 150
1 Corinthians 5.6-8 <i>or</i> Acts 5.29-32
Luke 24.13-49 | <i>Refrain:</i> Alleluia! Alleluia! |
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Prayer after Communion

God of life, bring us to the glory of the resurrection promised in this Easter sacrament. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord.

Blessing

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the eternal 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.

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Collect

Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Readings

A	Acts 2.14a,22-32	<i>Refrain:</i>	O Lord, you are my portion and my cup.
	Psalm 16		
	1 Peter 1.3-9		
	John 20.19-31		
B	Acts 4.32-35	<i>Refrain:</i>	How good and pleasant it is to live together in unity.
	Psalm 133		
	1 John 1.1-2.2		
	John 20.19-31		
C	Acts 5.27-32	<i>Refrain:</i>	Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his mercy endures for ever.
	Psalm 118.14-29		
		<i>or</i>	This is the day that the Lord has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.
	<i>or</i> Psalm 150	<i>Refrain:</i>	Praise God in his holy temple.
	Revelation 1.4-8		
	John 20.19-31		

Prayer after Communion

Father, we have seen with our eyes and touched with our hands the bread of life. Strengthen our faith that we may grow in love for you and for each other; through Jesus Christ the risen Lord.

Blessing

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the eternal 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.

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Collect

O God, your Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread. Open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in his redeeming work, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Readings

A	Acts 2.14a,36-41 Psalm 116.1-3(4-9)10-17	<i>Refrain:</i>	Gracious is the Lord and righteous [our God is full of compassion].
		<i>or</i>	I will call upon the name of the Lord.
	1 Peter 1.17-23 Luke 24.13-35		
B	Acts 3.12-19 Psalm 4	<i>Refrain:</i>	Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O Lord.
	1 John 3.1-7 Luke 24.36b-48		
C	Acts 9.1-6(7-20) Psalm 30	<i>Refrain:</i>	I will exalt you, O Lord, because you have lifted me up.
		<i>or</i>	You have made me, Lord, as strong as the mountains.
	Revelation 5.11-14 John 21.1-19		

Prayer after Communion

Author of life divine, in the breaking of bread we know the risen Lord. Feed us always in these mysteries, that we may show your glory to all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Blessing

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the eternal 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.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Collect

O God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, that great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, make us perfect in every good work to do your will, and work in us that which is well-pleasing in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Readings

A	Acts 2.42-47	<i>Refrain:</i>	The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not be in want.
	Psalms 23		
	1 Peter 2.19-25		
	John 10.1-10		
B	Acts 4.5-12	<i>Refrain:</i>	as Year A
	Psalms 23		
	1 John 3.16-24		
	John 10.11-18		
C	Acts 9.36-43	<i>Refrain:</i>	as Year A
	Psalms 23		
	Revelation 7.9-17		
	John 10.22-30		

Prayer after Communion

God of steadfast love, watch over the Church redeemed by the blood of your Son. May we who share in these holy mysteries come safely to your eternal kingdom, where there is one flock and one shepherd. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord.

Blessing

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the eternal 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.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Collect

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another and walk in the way of his commandments, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Readings

A	Acts 7.55-60	<i>Refrain:</i>	Let your face shine on your servants [and we shall be saved].
	Psalm 31.1-5,15-16		
	1 Peter 2.2-10		
	John 14.1-14		
B	Acts 8.26-40	<i>Refrain:</i>	All the ends of the earth shall turn to you, O Lord.
	Psalm 22.24-30		
	1 John 4.7-21		
	John 15.1-8		
C	Acts 11.1-18	<i>Refrain:</i>	Praise, O praise the name of the Lord.
	Psalm 148		
	Revelation 21.1-6		
	John 13.31-35		

Prayer after Communion

God of love, in this eucharist we have heard your truth and shared in your life. May we always walk in your way, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

Blessing

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the eternal 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.

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Collect

Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you riches beyond imagination. Pour into our hearts such love towards you that we, loving you above all things, may obtain your promises which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Readings

A	Acts 17.22-31	<i>Refrain:</i>	Bless our God, you peoples; let the sound of his praise be heard.
	Psalms 66.7-18		
	1 Peter 3.13-22		
	John 14.15-21		
B	Acts 10.44-48	<i>Refrain:</i>	The Lord has made known his victory in the sight of the nations.
	Psalms 98		
	1 John 5.1-6		
	John 15.9-17		
C	Acts 16.9-15	<i>Refrain:</i>	Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. <i>(said after verses 2,4,7)</i>
	Psalms 67		
	Revelation 21.10,22 – 22.5		
	John 14.23-29 or John 5.1-9		

Prayer after Communion

Father, you restored us to life by raising your Son from death. May we who receive this sacrament always be strengthened to do your will, in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord.

Blessing

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the eternal 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.

ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Collect

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord. Keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole of creation to worship at his feet, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Readings (Years A,B,C)

Acts 1.1-11

Psalm 47

Refrain: God has gone up with a shout,
the Lord with the sound of the trumpet.

or Psalm 93

Refrain: The Lord is king
and has girded himself with strength.

Ephesians 1.15-23

Luke 24.44-53

Prayer after Communion

Eternal Giver of love and power, your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world to preach the gospel of his kingdom. Confirm us in this mission, and help us to live the good news we proclaim; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Blessing

Christ our king make you faithful and strong to do his will, that you may reign with him in glory; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Collect

Almighty God, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven. Mercifully give us faith to know that, as he promised, he abides with us on earth to the end of time; who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Readings

A	Acts 1.6-14	<i>Refrain:</i>	Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth [sing praises to the Lord].
	Psalm 68.1-10,33-36		
	1 Peter 4.12-14; 5.6-11		
	John 17.1-11		
B	Acts 1.15-17,21-26	<i>Refrain:</i> <i>or</i>	Happy are they who trust in the Lord. The Lord knows the way of the righteous.
	Psalm 1		
	1 John 5.9-13		
	John 17.6-19		
C	Acts 16.16-34	<i>Refrain:</i>	The Lord is king, most high over all the earth.
	Psalm 97		
	Revelation 22.12-14,16-17,20-21		
	John 17.20-26		

Prayer after Communion

Eternal God, may we who share Christ's banquet be one with him as he is one with you. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, the risen and ascended Lord.

Blessing

Christ our king make you faithful and strong to do his will, that you may reign with him in glory; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

THE DAY OF PENTECOST

Collect

Almighty and everliving God, who fulfilled the promises of Easter by sending us your Holy Spirit and opening to every race and nation the way of life eternal: keep us in the unity of your Spirit, that every tongue may tell of your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Readings

If an Old Testament passage is chosen as the first reading, the passage from Acts should be the second reading

A Acts 2.1-21 *or* Numbers 11.24-30
Psalm 104.25-35,37

Refrain: Send forth your Spirit, O Lord,
and renew the face of the earth.

1 Corinthians 12.3b-13 *or* Acts 2.1-21
John 20.19-23 *or* John 7.37-39

B Acts 2.1-21 *or* Ezekiel 37.1-14
Psalm *as Year A*
Romans 8.22-27 *or* Acts 2.1-21
John 15.26-27; 16.4b-15

C Acts 2.1-21 *or* Genesis 11.1-9
Psalm *as Year A*
Romans 8.14-17 *or* Acts 2.1-21
John 14.8-17,(25-27)

Prayer after Communion

Father, may we who have received this eucharist live in the unity of your Holy Spirit, that we may show forth his gifts to all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Blessing

The Spirit of truth lead you into all truth, give you grace to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, and to proclaim the word and works of God; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

SUNDAYS AFTER PENTECOST - TRINITY SUNDAY

Collect

Father, we praise you: through your Word and Holy Spirit you created all things. You reveal your salvation in all the world by sending to us Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. Through your Holy Spirit you give us a share in your life and love. Fill us with the vision of your glory, that we may always serve and praise you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Readings

A	Genesis 1.1 – 2.4a	<i>Refrain:</i>	[O Lord our governor, How excellent is your name in all the world.
	Psalms 8		
	2 Corinthians 13.11-13		
	Matthew 28.16-20		
B	Isaiah 6.1-8	<i>Refrain:</i> <i>or</i>	In God's temple all cry "Glory!" The Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.
	Psalms 29		
	Romans 8.12-17		
	John 3.1-17		
C	Proverbs 8.1-4,22-31	<i>Refrain:</i>	<i>as Year A</i>
	Psalms 8		
	Romans 5.1-5		
	John 16.12-15		

Prayer after Communion

Almighty and eternal God, may we who have received this eucharist worship you in all we do, and proclaim the majesty of your glory. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

Blessing

God the Holy Trinity make you strong in faith and love, defend you on every side, and guide you in truth and peace; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

THANKSGIVING FOR HOLY COMMUNION

For use on the Thursday after Trinity Sunday [Corpus Christi], and at other appropriate times

Collect

O God, your Son Jesus Christ has left us this meal of bread and wine in which we share his body and his blood. May we who celebrate this sign of his great love show in our lives the fruits of his redemption; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Readings

Exodus 16.9-15

Psalm 116.10-17

1 Corinthians 10.16-17 *or* 11.23-26

John 6.(51-52)53-58

Refrain: I will lift up the cup of salvation.

Prayer after Communion

Holy God, source of all love, on the night of his betrayal Jesus gave his disciples a new commandment, to love one another as he loved them. Write this commandment in our hearts; give us the will to serve others as he was the servant of all; who gave his life and died for us, yet is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

or Scottish Liturgy 1982, section 24(c)

Blessing

God the Holy Trinity make you strong in faith and love, defend you on every side, and guide you in truth and peace; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

Collect

Almighty and everliving God, whose Son Jesus Christ healed the sick and restored them to wholeness of life: look with compassion on the anguish of the world, and by your power make whole all peoples and nations; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Readings

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| A | Deuteronomy 30.15-20
or Sirach 15.15-20
Psalm 119.1-8 | <i>Refrain:</i> | Happy are they who walk in the law of the Lord. |
| | 1 Corinthians 3.1-9
Matthew 5.21-37 | | |
| B | 2 Kings 5.1-14
Psalm 30 | <i>Refrain:</i> | O Lord my God, I cried out to you,
and you restored me to health. |
| | | <i>or</i> | You have made us, Lord,
as strong as the mountains. |
| | 1 Corinthians 9.24-27
Mark 1.40-45 | | |
| C | Jeremiah 17.5-10
Psalm 1
1 Corinthians 15.12-20
Luke 6.17-26 | <i>Refrain:</i> | Happy are they who walk in the law of the Lord. |

Prayer after Communion

God of tender care, in this eucharist we celebrate your love for us and for all people. May we show your love in our lives and know its fulfilment in your presence. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

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.

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Collect

Almighty God, your Son revealed in signs and miracles the wonder of your saving love. Renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your mighty power; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Readings

A	Leviticus 19.1-2,9-18 Psalm 119.33-40 1 Corinthians 3.10-11,16-23 Matthew 5.38-48	<i>Refrain:</i> Give me understanding and I shall keep your law.
B	Isaiah 43.18-25 Psalm 41 2 Corinthians 1.18-22 Mark 2.1-12	<i>Refrain:</i> [Lord, be merciful to me]; heal me, for I have sinned against you.
C	Genesis 45.3-11,15 Psalm 37.1-12,41-42 1 Corinthians 15.35-38,42-50 Luke 6.27-38	<i>Refrain:</i> Commit your way to the Lord and trust in him. <i>or</i> Dwell in the land and feed on its riches.

Prayer after Communion

Gracious God, in the eucharist we celebrate your love for us and for all people. Grant that, strengthened by these holy gifts, we may show your love in our lives and know its fulfilment in your presence. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

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.

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Collect

Almighty God, grant us the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we who can do nothing good without you may live according to your holy will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Readings

A	Isaiah 49.8-16a	<i>Refrain:</i>	I still my soul and make it quiet. The Lord has comforted his people.
	Psalm 131		
	1 Corinthians 4.1-5	<i>or</i>	
	Matthew 6.24-34		
B	Hosea 2.14-20	<i>Refrain:</i>	Bless the Lord, O my soul! The Lord is full of compassion and mercy.
	Psalm 103.1-13,22		
	2 Corinthians 3.1-6	<i>or</i>	
	Mark 2.13-22		
C	Sirach 27.4-7	<i>Refrain:</i>	It is a good thing to give thanks to the Lord.
	<i>or</i> Isaiah 55.10-13		
	Psalm 92.1-4,11-14		
	1 Corinthians 15.51-58		
	Luke 6.39-49		

Prayer after Communion

Faithful God, as we are nourished by heavenly food, may we live according to your will and show the fruits of your love. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

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.

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Collect

Lord God of the nations, you have revealed your will to all people and promised us your saving help. May we hear and do what you command, that the darkness may be overcome by the power of your light; through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

Readings*See note at the end of Proper 8*

A	I	Genesis 6.9-22; 7.24; 8.14-19 Psalm 46	Refrain:	<i>The Lord of hosts is with us; (after vv. 3,7,11) the God of Jacob is our stronghold.</i>
	II	Deuteronomy 11.8-21,26-28 Psalm 31.1-5,19-24 Romans 1.16-17; 3.22b-28(29-31) Matthew 7.21-29	Refrain:	<i>Be my strong rock, O Lord, a tower of strength.</i>
B	I	1 Samuel 3.1-10(11-20) Psalm 139.(1-5),12-17	Refrain:	<i>Where, Lord, can I flee from your presence ?</i>
	II	Deuteronomy 5.12-15 Psalm 81.1-10 2 Corinthians 4.5-12 Mark 2.23 – 3.6	Refrain:	<i>Sing with joy to God our strength.</i>
C	I	1 Kings 18.20-21(22-29)30-39 Psalm 96	Refrain:	<i>Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness [let the whole earth tremble before him].</i>
	II	1 Kings 8.22-23,41-43 Psalm 96.1-9 Galatians 1.1-12 Luke 7.1-10	Refrain:	<i>Ascribe to the Lord honour and power.</i>

Prayer after Communion

Eternal God, you have fed us at the table of your grace. Deliver us from all spiritual pride, and give us a quiet confidence in your mercy. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

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.

Collect

O God, you have assured the human family of eternal life through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Deliver us from the death of sin and raise us to new life in him, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Readings *See note at the end of Proper 8*

A	I	Genesis 12.1-9 Psalm 33.1-12	<i>Refrain:</i>	Let your loving-kindness, O Lord, be upon us [as we have put our trust in you].
			<i>or</i>	Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own!
	II	Hosea 5.15 - 6.6 Psalm 50.7-15 Romans 4.13-25 Matthew 9.9-13,18-26	<i>Refrain:</i>	The Lord will show his salvation to the upright.
B	I	1 Samuel 8.4-20; (11.14-15) Psalm 138	<i>Refrain:</i>	When I called, O Lord, you answered me.
	II	Genesis 3.8-15 Psalm 130 2 Corinthians 4.13 - 5.1 Mark 3.20-35	<i>Refrain:</i>	With the Lord there is mercy and plenteous redemption.
C	I	1 Kings 17.8-16(17-24) Psalm 146	<i>Refrain:</i>	The Lord gives food to those who hunger.
	II	1 Kings 17.17-24 Psalm 30 Galatians 1.11-24 Luke 7.11-17	<i>Refrain:</i> <i>or</i>	The Lord has changed my mourning into dancing. I will exalt you, O Lord, because you have restored my life.

Prayer after Communion

O God, we have shared in the mysteries of the body and blood of Christ. Nourish us by this feast, that we may live the risen life and serve you faithfully in the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

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.

Collect

Almighty God, 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 is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Readings *See note at the end of Proper 8*

A	I	Genesis 18.1-15;(21.1-7) Psalm 116.1,10-17	<i>Refrain:</i>	I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.
	II	Exodus 19.2-8a Psalm 100 Romans 5.1-8 Matthew 9.35 – 10.8(9-23)	<i>Refrain:</i>	We are the people and the sheep of his pasture.
B	I	1 Samuel 15.34 – 16.13 Psalm 20	<i>Refrain:</i>	We will call upon the name of the Lord our God.
	II	Ezekiel 17.22-24 Psalm 92.1-4,11-14 2 Corinthians 5.6-10(11-13)14-17 Mark 4.26-34	<i>Refrain:</i>	It is a good thing to give thanks to the Lord.
C	I	1 Kings 21.1-10(11-14)15-21a Psalm 5.1-8	<i>Refrain:</i>	You are not a God who takes pleasure in wickedness.
	II	2 Samuel 11.26 – 12.10,13-15 Psalm 32 Galatians 2.15-21 Luke 7.36 – 8.3	<i>Refrain:</i>	Forgive, O Lord, the guilt of my sin.

Prayer after Communion

Holy and blessed God, as you give us the body and blood of your Son, guide us with your Holy Spirit, that we may honour you not only with our lips but also in our lives. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

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.

Collect

O God our defender, storms rage about us and cause us to be afraid. Rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and daughters from fear, and preserve us all from unbelief; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Readings *See note at the end of Proper 8*

A	I	Genesis 21.8-21 Psalm 86.1-10,16-17	<i>Refrain:</i>	You, O Lord, are gracious and full of compassion.
	II	Jeremiah 20.7-13 Psalm 69.8-11(12-17)18-20 Romans 6.1b-11 Matthew 10.24-39	<i>Refrain:</i>	In your great mercy answer me, O God.
B	I	1 Samuel 17.57 – 18.5,10-16 Psalm 133	<i>Refrain:</i>	The Lord has ordained the blessing: life for evermore.
	II	Job 38.1-11 Psalm 107.1-3,23-32 2 Corinthians 6.1-13 Mark 4.35-41	<i>Refrain:</i>	Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, and his mercy endures for ever.
C	I	1 Kings 19.1-4(5-7)8-15a Psalm 42 <i>and/or</i> 43	<i>Refrain :</i>	I will yet give thanks to him who is the help of my countenance and my God. (<i>after vv. 42.3,6,10,14; 43.2,5</i>)
	II	Isaiah 65.1-9 Psalm 22.18-27 Galatians 3.23-29 Luke 8.26-39	<i>Refrain:</i>	All the ends of the earth shall bow before him.

Prayer after Communion

Almighty God, guide and protect your people who share in this sacred mystery, and keep us always in your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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.

Collect

Almighty God, you have taught us through you Son that love fulfils the law. May we love you with all our heart, all our soul, all our mind, and all our strength, and may we love our neighbour as ourselves; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Readings *See note at the end of Proper 8*

A	I	Genesis 22.1-14 Psalm 13	<i>Refrain:</i>	Look upon me and answer me, O Lord.
	II	Jeremiah 28.5-9 Psalm 89.1-4,15-18 Romans 6.12-23 Matthew 10.40-42	<i>Refrain:</i>	Your love, O Lord, for ever will I sing.
B	I	2 Samuel 1.1,17-27 Psalm 130	<i>Refrain:</i>	Out of the depths have I called you, O Lord.
			<i>or</i>	Daughters of Israel, weep over Saul.
	II	Wisdom 1.13-15; 2.23-24 Psalm 30	<i>Refrain:</i>	To you, O Lord, my heart shall sing without ceasing.
		<i>or</i> Lamentations 3.22-33 2 Corinthians 8.7-15 Mark 5.21-43	<i>Refrain:</i>	The Lord is good to those who wait for him.
C	I	2 Kings 2.1-2,6-14 Psalm 77.1-2,11-20	<i>Refrain:</i>	Your footsteps, O God, were not seen.
	II	1 Kings 19.15-16,19-21 Psalm 16 Galatians 5.1,13-25 Luke 9.51-62	<i>Refrain:</i>	O Lord, you are my portion and my cup.

Prayer after Communion

God of power, we are nourished by the riches of your grace. Raise us to new life in your Son Jesus Christ and fit us for his eternal kingdom, that all the world may call him Lord. We ask this in his name.

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.

Collect

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ has taught us that what we do for the least of your children we do also for him. Give us the will to serve others as he was the servant of all, who gave up his life and died for us, but lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Readings*See note at the end of Proper 8*

A	I	Genesis 24.34-38,42-49,58-67		
		Psalms 45.11-18	<i>Refrain:</i>	Grace flows from your lips, because God has blessed you for ever.
		or Song of Songs 2.8-13	<i>Refrain:</i>	Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away.
	II	Zechariah 9.9-12		
		Psalms 145.8-15	<i>Refrain:</i>	I will exalt you, O God, my king [and bless your name for ever].
		Romans 7.15-25a		
		Matthew 11.16-19,25-30		
B	I	2 Samuel 5.1-5,9-10		
		Psalms 48	<i>Refrain:</i>	In the city of our God is his holy hill.
	II	Ezekiel 2.1-5		
		Psalms 123	<i>Refrain:</i>	Our eyes look to the Lord our God, until he shows us his mercy.
		2 Corinthians 12.2-10		
		Mark 6.1-13		
C	I	2 Kings 5.1-14		
		Psalms 30	<i>Refrain:</i>	I will exalt you, O Lord, because you have restored my life.
	II	Isaiah 66.10-14		
		Psalms 66.1-8	<i>Refrain:</i> or	Be joyful in God, all you lands. Bless our God, you peoples, make the voice of his praise to be heard.
		Galatians 6.(1-6)7-16		
		Luke 10.1-11,16-20		

Prayer after Communion

O God, may we who have shared in holy things never fail to serve you in your world, and so come to the fullness of joy, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

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.

Collect

Almighty God, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they find their rest in you. May we find peace in your service, and in the world to come, see you face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Readings *See note at the end of Proper 8*

A	I	Genesis 25.19-34 Psalm 119.105-112	<i>Refrain:</i> <i>or</i>	Your decrees are my inheritance for ever. O Lord, how I love your law.
	II	Isaiah 55.10-13 Psalm 65.(1-8)9-14 Romans 8.1-11 Matthew 13.1-9,18-23	<i>Refrain:</i>	To you, O Lord, shall all flesh come [and you will blot out their sins].
B	I	2 Samuel 6.1-5,12b-19 Psalm 24	<i>Refrain:</i>	The King of glory shall come in.
	II	Amos 7.7-15 Psalm 85.8-13 Ephesians 1.3-14 Mark 6.14-29	<i>Refrain:</i>	Show us your mercy, O Lord, and grant us your salvation.
C	I	Amos 7.7-17 Psalm 82	<i>Refrain:</i>	Arise, O God, and rule the earth.
	II	Deuteronomy 30.9-14 Psalm 25.1-9 Colossians 1.1-14 Luke 10.25-37	<i>Refrain:</i>	Show me your ways, O Lord, and teach me your paths.

Prayer after Communion

Living God, in this sacrament we have shared in your eternal kingdom. May we who taste this mystery forever serve you in faith, hope and love. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

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.

Collect

Almighty God, your Son has opened for us a new and living way into your presence. Give us pure hearts and constant wills to worship you in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Readings *See note at the end of Proper 8*

A	I	Genesis 28.10-19a Psalm 139.1-11,22-23	<i>Refrain:</i> <i>or</i>	You are acquainted, Lord, with all my ways. You, O Lord, created my inmost parts; [you knit me together in my mother's womb].
	II	Isaiah 44.6-8 <i>or</i> Wisdom 12.13,16-19 Psalm 86.11-17 Romans 8.12-25 Matthew 13.24-30,36-43	<i>Refrain:</i>	You, Lord, are gracious and full of compassion.
B	I	2 Samuel 7.1-14a Psalm 89.20-37	<i>Refrain:</i>	I will make David my firstborn [and higher than the kings of the earth].
	II	Jeremiah 23.1-6 Psalm 23 Ephesians 2.11-22 Mark 6.30-34,53-56	<i>Refrain:</i>	The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not be in want.
C	I	Amos 8.1-12 Psalm 52	<i>Refrain:</i>	You tyrant, why do you boast of wickedness?
	II	Genesis 18.1-10a Psalm 15 Colossians 1.15-28 Luke 10.38-42	<i>Refrain:</i>	Those who do what is right will dwell in the presence of the Lord.

Prayer after Communion

O God, as we are strengthened in these holy mysteries, may our lives be a continual offering, holy and acceptable in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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.

Collect

O God, the protector of all 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; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Readings *See note at the end of Proper 8*

A	I	Genesis 29.15-28 Psalm 105.1-11,(45b)	<i>Refrain:</i> <i>or</i>	Sing to the Lord, sing praises to him. The Lord has always been mindful of his covenant.
		<i>or</i> Psalm 128	<i>Refrain:</i>	Whoever fears the Lord shall indeed be blessed.
	II	1 Kings 3.5-12 Psalm 119.129-136 Romans 8.26-39 Matthew 13.31-33,44-52	<i>Refrain:</i>	Lord, how I love your law.
B	I	2 Samuel 11.1-15 Psalm 14	<i>Refrain:</i>	Have they no knowledge, all those evildoers [who eat up my people like bread]?
	II	2 Kings 4.42-44 Psalm 145.10-19 Ephesians 3.14-21 John 6.1-21	<i>Refrain:</i>	You open wide your hand, O Lord, and satisfy our needs.
C	I	Hosea 1.2-10 Psalm 85	<i>Refrain:</i>	Show us your mercy, O Lord [and grant us your salvation].
	II	Genesis 18.20-32 Psalm 138 Colossians 2.6-15(16-19) Luke 11.1-13	<i>Refrain:</i>	When I called, you answered me, O Lord.

Prayer after Communion

God of grace, we have received the memorial of the death and resurrection of your Son. May your love, poured into us, bring us to your promises. We ask this in the name of our Redeemer, Jesus Christ.

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.

Collect

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry with the bread of his life and the word of his kingdom. Renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your true and living bread, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Readings *See note at the end of Proper 8*

A	I	Genesis 32.22-31 Psalm 17.1-7,16	<i>Refrain:</i> <i>or</i>	Show me, O Lord, your loving-kindness. When I awake, O Lord, I shall see your face.
	II	Isaiah 55.1-5 Psalm 145.8-9,15-22 Romans 9.1-5 Matthew 14.13-21	<i>Refrain:</i>	You open wide your hand, O Lord [and satisfy the needs of every creature].
B	I	2 Samuel 11.26 – 12.13a Psalm 51.1-13	<i>Refrain:</i>	I know my transgressions, O God [and my sin is ever before me].
	II	Exodus 16.2-4,9-15 Psalm 78.23-29 Ephesians 4.1-16 John 6.24-35	<i>Refrain:</i> <i>or</i>	The Lord gave them grain from heaven. Mortals ate the bread of angels.
C	I	Hosea 11.1-11 Psalm 107.1-9,43	<i>Refrain:</i>	Give thanks to the Lord for his mercy [and the wonders he does for his children].
	II	Ecclesiastes 1.2,12-14; 2.18-23 Psalm 49.1-11 Colossians 3.1-11 Luke 12.13-21	<i>Refrain:</i>	My mouth, O Lord, shall speak of wisdom.

Prayer after Communion

God of grace, we have shared in the mystery of the body and blood of Christ. May we who have tasted the bread of life live with you for ever. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

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.

Collect

Almighty God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love, joy, and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Readings *See note at the end of Proper 8*

A	I	Genesis 37.1-4,12-28 Psalm 105.1-6,16-22,(45b)	<i>Refrain:</i>	Sing to the Lord, sing praises to him.
	II	1 Kings 19.9-18 Psalm 85.8-13 Romans 10.5-15 Matthew 14.22-33	<i>Refrain:</i>	Show us your mercy, O Lord, and grant us your salvation.
B	I	2 Samuel 18.5-9,15,31-33 Psalm 130	<i>Refrain:</i>	Out of the depths have I called you, O Lord [Lord, hear my voice].
	II	1 Kings 19.4-8 Psalm 34.1-8 Ephesians 4.25 – 5.2 John 6.35,41-51	<i>Refrain:</i>	Taste and see that the Lord is good.
C	I	Isaiah 1.1,10-20 Psalm 50.1-8,23-24	<i>Refrain:</i> <i>or</i>	Our God will come and will not keep silence. The heavens declare the rightness of God's cause.
	II	Genesis 15.1-6 Psalm 33.12-22 Hebrews 11.1-3,8-16 Luke 12.32-40	<i>Refrain:</i>	Happy are the people the Lord has chosen as his own.

Prayer after Communion

Eternal God, grant to your Church the unity and peace that we have tasted in this eucharist, the fruit of your life-giving Spirit. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

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.

Collect

Almighty God, you have broken the tyranny of sin and sent into our hearts the Spirit of your Son. Give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service, that all people may know the glorious liberty of the children of God; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Readings *See note at the end of Proper 8*

A	I	Genesis 45.1-15 Psalm 133	<i>Refrain:</i>	How good and pleasant it is to live together in unity.
	II	Isaiah 56.1,6-8 Psalm 67 Romans 11.1-2a,29-32 Matthew 15.(10-20)21-28	<i>Refrain:</i>	Let the peoples praise you, O God, (after vv. 2,4,7) let all the peoples praise you.
B	I	1 Kings 2.10-12; 3.3-14 Psalm 111	<i>Refrain:</i>	The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.
	II	Proverbs 9.1-6 Psalm 34.9-14 Ephesians 5.15-20 John 6.51-58	<i>Refrain:</i>	Turn from evil and do good.
C	I	Isaiah 5.1-7 Psalm 80.1-2,8-18	<i>Refrain:</i>	O God of hosts, look down from heaven; behold and tend this vine.
			<i>or</i>	Show the light of your countenance and we shall be saved.
	II	Jeremiah 23.23-29 Psalm 82 Hebrews 11.29 – 12.2 Luke 12.49-56	<i>Refrain:</i>	Arise, O God, and rule the earth.

Prayer after Communion

Eternal God, we have received a token of your promise. May we who have been nourished by holy things live as faithful heirs of your promised kingdom, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

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.

Collect

Almighty God, we are taught by your word that all our doings without love are worth nothing. Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, the true bond of peace and of all virtue; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Readings

See note at the end of Proper 8

A	I	Exodus 1.8 – 2.10 Psalm 124	<i>Refrain:</i>	Our help is in the name of the Lord [the maker of heaven and earth].
	II	Isaiah 51.1-6 Psalm 138 Romans 12.1-8 Matthew 16.13-20	<i>Refrain:</i>	O Lord, your love endures for ever; [do not abandon the work of your hands].
B	I	1 Kings 8.(1,6,10,11),22-30,41-43 Psalm 84	<i>Refrain:</i> <i>or</i>	Happy are they who dwell in your house! Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer, [hearken, O God of Jacob].
	II	Joshua 24.1-2a,14-18 Psalm 34.15-22 Ephesians 6.10-20 John 6.56-69	<i>Refrain:</i> <i>or</i>	The Lord is near to the broken hearted. The Lord ransoms the life of his servants.
C	I	Jeremiah 1.4-10 Psalm 71.1-6	<i>Refrain:</i>	You are my hope, O Lord God, [my confidence since I was young].
	II	Isaiah 58.9b-14 Psalm 103.1-8 Hebrews 12.18-29 Luke 13.10-17	<i>Refrain:</i>	Bless the Lord, O my soul!

Prayer after Communion

Living God, increase in us the healing power of your love. Guide and direct us that we may please you in all things, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

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.

Collect

Author and Giver of all good things, graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us in all goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Readings

See note at the end of Proper 8

A	I	Exodus 3.1-15 Psalm 105.1-6,23-26,(45b)	<i>Refrain:</i>	Sing to the Lord, sing praises to him.
	II	Jeremiah 15.15-21 Psalm 26.1-8 Romans 12.9-21 Matthew 16.21-28	<i>Refrain:</i>	Your love is before my eyes; [I have walked faithfully with you].
B	I	Song of Songs 2.8-13 Psalm 45.1-2,7-10	<i>Refrain:</i>	Grace flows from your lips, because God has blessed you for ever.
	II	Deuteronomy 4.1-2,6-9 Psalm 15 James 1.17-27 Mark 7.1-8,14-15,21-23	<i>Refrain:</i>	Those who do what is right will dwell in the presence of the Lord.
C	I	Jeremiah 2.4-13 Psalm 81.1,10-16	<i>Refrain:</i>	Oh, that my people would listen [that Israel would walk in my ways]!
	II	Sirach 10.12-18 or Proverbs 25.6-7 Psalm 112 Hebrews 13.1-8,15-16 Luke 14.1,7-14	<i>Refrain:</i>	Light shines in the darkness for the upright.

Prayer after Communion

Almighty God, you renew us at your table with the bread of life. May your holy food strengthen us in love and help us to serve you in each other. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

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.

Collect

Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people, that richly bearing the fruit of good works, we may by you be richly rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Readings *See note at the end of Proper 8*

A	I	Exodus 12.1-14 Psalm 149	<i>Refrain:</i>	Sing to the Lord in the congregation of the faithful.
	II	Ezekiel 33.7-11 Psalm 119.33-40 Romans 13.8-14 Matthew 18.15-20	<i>Refrain:</i>	Give me understanding and I shall keep your law.
B	I	Proverbs 22.1-2,8-9,22-23 Psalm 125	<i>Refrain:</i>	Show your goodness, O Lord, to those who are good.
	II	Isaiah 35.4-7a Psalm 146 James 2.1-10(11-13)14-17 Mark 7.24-37	<i>Refrain:</i>	I will praise the Lord as long as I live.
C	I	Jeremiah 18.1-11 Psalm 139.1-5,12-17	<i>Refrain:</i>	You, O Lord, created my inward parts [you knit me together in my mother's womb].
	II	Deuteronomy 30.15-20 Psalm 1 Philemon 1-21 Luke 14.25-33	<i>Refrain:</i>	Lord, my delight is in your law.

Prayer after Communion

Father, your word and sacrament give us food and life. May we who have shared in holy things bear fruit to your honour and glory, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

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.

Collect

Almighty God, you call your Church to witness that in Christ we are reconciled to you. Help us so to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may turn to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

Readings

See note at the end of Proper 8

A	I	Exodus 14.19-31	<i>Refrain:</i>	Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord.
		Psalms 114		
	II	<i>or</i> Exodus 15.1b-11,20-21	<i>Refrain:</i>	The Lord is my strength and my might.
		Genesis 50.15-21		
B	I	Psalms 103.(1-7)8-13	<i>Refrain:</i>	The Lord is full of compassion and mercy.
		Romans 14.1-12		
		Matthew 18.21-35		
	II	Proverbs 1.20-33	<i>Refrain:</i>	The commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to the eyes.
		Psalms 19		
		<i>or</i> Wisdom 7.26 – 8.1		
C	I	Isaiah 50.4-9a	<i>Refrain:</i>	I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.
		Psalms 116.1-8		
		James 3.1-12		
		Mark 8.27-38		
	II	Jeremiah 4.11-12,22-28	<i>Refrain:</i>	Is there any who is wise and who seeks after God ?
		Psalms 14		
		Exodus 32.7-14		
		Psalms 51.1-11		
		1 Timothy 1.12-17	<i>or</i>	Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. Hide your face from my sins, O God.
		Luke 15.1-10		

Prayer after Communion

God of peace, in this eucharist we have been reconciled to you and to our neighbours. May we who have been nourished by holy things always have the courage to forgive. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

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.

Collect

Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth, and ourselves in your image. Teach us to discern your hand in all your works and to serve you with reverence and thanksgiving; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Readings

See note at the end of Proper 8

A	I	Exodus 16.2-15 Psalm 105.1-6,37-45	<i>Refrain:</i> <i>or</i>	Sing to the Lord, sing praises to him. The Lord satisfied his people with bread from heaven.
	II	Jonah 3.10 – 4.11 Psalm 145.1-8 Philippians 1.21-30 Matthew 20.1-16	<i>Refrain:</i>	The Lord is near to those who call upon him.
B	I	Proverbs 31.10-31 Psalm 1	<i>Refrain:</i>	Happy are they who delight in the law of the Lord.
	II	Wisdom 1.16 - 2.1,12-22 <i>or</i> Jeremiah 11.18-20 Psalm 54 James 3.13 – 4.3,7-8a Mark 9.30-37	<i>Refrain:</i>	The Lord sustains my life.
C	I	Jeremiah 8.18 – 9.1 Psalm 79.1-9	<i>Refrain:</i>	Help us, O God our Saviour, for the glory of your name.
	II	Amos 8.4-7 Psalm 113 1 Timothy 2.1-7 Luke 16.1-13	<i>Refrain:</i>	Give praise to the Lord who lifts up the poor.

Prayer after Communion

Ruler of the universe, all creation yearns for its fulfilment in your Son. May we who have shared in holy things grow into maturity in him. This we ask in the name of the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

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.

Collect

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered by your Holy Spirit into one, may show forth your power among all peoples, 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.

Readings

See note at the end of Proper 8

A	I	Exodus 17.1-7 Psalm 78.1-4,12-16	<i>Refrain:</i>	We will recount the wonderful works of the Lord.
	II	Ezekiel 18.1-4,25-32 Psalm 25.1-8 Philippians 2.1-13 Matthew 21.23-32	<i>Refrain:</i>	Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love.
B	I	Esther 7.1-6,9-10; 9.20-22 Psalm 124	<i>Refrain:</i>	Our help is in the name of the Lord [the maker of heaven and earth].
	II	Numbers 11.4-6,10-16,24-29 Psalm 19.7-14 James 5.13-20 Mark 9.38-50	<i>Refrain:</i> <i>or</i>	The law of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul. The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart.
C	I	Jeremiah 32.1-3a,6-15 Psalm 91.1-6,14-16	<i>Refrain:</i>	You are my refuge [and my stronghold], O Lord.
	II	Amos 6.1a,4-7 Psalm 146 1 Timothy 6.6-19 Luke 16.19-31	<i>Refrain:</i>	Praise the Lord, O my soul!

Prayer after Communion

Father in heaven, strengthen the unity of your Church, so that we who have been fed with holy things may fulfil your will in the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

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.

Collect

Almighty God, you have built your Church on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone. Join us together in unity of spirit by their teaching, that we may become a holy temple, acceptable to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Readings

See note at the end of Proper 8

A	I	Exodus 20.1-4,7-9,12-20 Psalm 19	<i>Refrain:</i>	The commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to the eyes.
	II	Isaiah 5.1-7 Psalm 80.7-14 Philippians 3.4b-14 Matthew 21.33-46	<i>Refrain:</i>	For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel.
B	I	Job 1,1; 2.1-10 Psalm 26	<i>Refrain:</i>	I will live with integrity, O Lord; [redeem me and have pity on me].
	II	Genesis 2.18-24 Psalm 8 Hebrews 1.1-4; 2.5-12 Mark 10.2-16	<i>Refrain:</i>	How exalted is your name in all the world!
C	I	Lamentations 1.1-6 Psalm 137.1-9	<i>Refrain:</i>	By the waters of Babylon we sat down and wept.
		or Lamentations 3.19-26	<i>Refrain:</i>	The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases.
			or	The Lord is good to those who wait for him.
	II	Habakkuk 1.1-4; 2.1-4 Psalm 37.1-10 2 Timothy 1.1-14 Luke 17.5-10	<i>Refrain:</i>	Put your trust in the Lord, take your delight in him. or Wait patiently for the Lord.

Prayer after Communion

Almighty God, may we who have been strengthened by this eucharist remain in your steadfast love, and show in our lives the saving mystery that we celebrate. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

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.

Collect

Almighty God, in our baptism you adopted us for your own. Quicken, we pray, your Spirit within us, 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 and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Readings *See note at the end of Proper 8*

A	I	Exodus 32.1-14 Psalm 106.1-6,19-23	<i>Refrain:</i>	Who can declare the mighty acts of the Lord?
	II	Isaiah 25.1-9 Psalm 23 Philippians 4.1-9 Matthew 22.1-14	<i>Refrain:</i>	I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.
B	I	Job 23.1-9,16-17 Psalm 22.1-15	<i>Refrain:</i>	Why are you so far from the words of my distress ?
	II	Amos 5.6-7,10-15 Psalm 90.12-17 Hebrews 4.12-16 Mark 10.17-31	<i>Refrain:</i> <i>or</i>	We shall rejoice and be glad all the days of our life. O Lord, be gracious to your servants.
C	I	Jeremiah 29.1,4-7 Psalm 66.1-11(12-13)	<i>Refrain:</i>	Come now and see the works of God [who holds our souls in life].
	II	2 Kings 5.1-3,7-15c Psalm 111 2 Timothy 2.8-15 Luke 17.11-19	<i>Refrain:</i> <i>or</i>	The works of the Lord stand fast for ever. Great are the deeds of the Lord [full of majesty and splendour].

Prayer after Communion

Faithful God, in baptism and eucharist we are made one with you. May we who have shared in holy things always bear witness to your covenant, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

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.

Collect

Almighty and everliving God, increase in us your gift of faith, that forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to what is before, we may run the way of your commandments and win the crown of everlasting joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Readings

See note at the end of Proper 8

A	I	Exodus 33.12-23 Psalm 99	<i>Refrain:</i>	He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud.
	II	Isaiah 45.1-7 Psalm 96.1-9(10-13) 1 Thessalonians 1.1-10 Matthew 22.15-22	<i>Refrain:</i>	Ascribe to the Lord honour and power.
B	I	Job 38.1-7,(34-41) Psalm 104,1-9,25,37b	<i>Refrain:</i>	At your rebuke, O Lord, the waters fled. [They shall not again cover the earth.]
	II	Isaiah 53.4-12 Psalm 91.9-16 Hebrews 5.1-10 Mark 10.35-45	<i>Refrain:</i>	The Lord shall give his angels charge over you [to keep you in all your ways].
C	I	Jeremiah 31.27-34 Psalm 119.97-104	<i>Refrain:</i>	You yourself have taught me, O Lord.
	II	Genesis 32.22-31 Psalm 121 2 Timothy 3.14 – 4.5 Luke 18.1-8	<i>Refrain:</i>	My help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth.

Prayer after Communion

God of peace, you have nourished us in this sacrament with the body and blood of Christ. May we who have taken holy things keep faith in our hearts and lives, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

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.

Collect

Lord God our redeemer, who heard the cry of your people and sent your servant Moses to lead them out of slavery, free us from the tyranny of sin and death, and by the leading of your Spirit bring us to our promised land; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Readings *See note at the end of Proper 8*

A	I	Deuteronomy 34.1-12 Psalm 90.1-6,13-17	<i>Refrain:</i>	Satisfy us by your loving-kindness [so shall we rejoice and be glad].
	II	Leviticus 19.1-2,15-18 Psalm 1 1 Thessalonians 2.1-8 Matthew 22.34-46	<i>Refrain:</i>	Happy are they who trust in the Lord!
B	I	Job 42.1-6,10-17 Psalm 34.1-8,(19-22)	<i>Refrain:</i>	I sought the Lord, and he answered me [and delivered me out of all my terror].
	II	Jeremiah 31.7-9 Psalm 126 Hebrews 7.23-28 Mark 10.46-52	<i>Refrain:</i>	The Lord has done great things for us [and we are glad].
C	I	Joel 2.23-32 Psalm 65	<i>Refrain:</i> <i>or</i>	To you, O Lord, shall all flesh come [and you will blot out their sins]. You crown the year with your goodness, O Lord.
	II	Sirach 35.12-17 <i>or</i> Jeremiah 14.7-10,19-22 Psalm 84.1-6 2 Timothy 4.6-8,16-18 Luke 18.9-14	<i>Refrain:</i>	Happy are they who dwell in your house!

Prayer after Communion

God our guide, you have fed us with bread from heaven as you fed the people of Israel. May we who have been inwardly nourished be ready to follow you all our days. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

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.

Collect

Almighty God, whose chosen servant Abraham obeyed your call, rejoicing in your promise that in him the family of the earth is blessed, give us faith like his, that in us your promises may be fulfilled; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Readings *See note at the end of Proper 8*

A	I	Joshua 3.7-17 Psalm 107.1-7,33-37	<i>Refrain:</i>	Give thanks to the Lord for his mercy [and the wonders he does for his children].
	II	Micah 3.5-12 Psalm 43 1 Thessalonians 2.9-13 Matthew 23.1-12	<i>Refrain:</i>	Give judgement for me, O God, and defend my cause.
B	I	Ruth 1.1-18 Psalm 146	<i>Refrain:</i>	The Lord cares for the stranger; [he sustains the orphan and widow].
	II	Deuteronomy 6.1-9 Psalm 119.1-8 Hebrews 9.11-14 Mark 12.28-34	<i>Refrain:</i> <i>or</i>	Lord, may I keep your statutes. Happy are they who walk in the law of the Lord!
C	I	Habakkuk 1.1-4; 2.1-4 Psalm 119.137-144	<i>Refrain:</i>	Your justice is an everlasting justice.
	II	Isaiah 1.10-18 Psalm 32.1-8 2 Thessalonians 1.1-4,11-12 Luke 19.1-10	<i>Refrain:</i>	Happy are they whose sins are forgiven.

Prayer after Communion

Heavenly Father, bring to perfection within us the communion we share in this sacrament. May the unity we know this day live in our community and family. This we pray in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

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.

Collect

Eternal God, 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 we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Readings *See note at the end of Proper 8*

A	I	Joshua 24.1-3a,14-25 Psalm 78.1-7	<i>Refrain:</i>	We will recount the wonderful works of the Lord.
	II	Wisdom 6.12-16 or Amos 5.18-24 Psalm 70	<i>Refrain:</i>	You are my helper and deliverer [O Lord, make haste to help me].
		or Wisdom 6.17-20 1 Thessalonians 4.13-18 Matthew 25.1-13	<i>Refrain:</i>	Glory to the One who gives me wisdom!
B	I	Ruth 3.1-5; 4.13-17 Psalm 127	<i>Refrain:</i>	The fruit of the womb is a gift.
	II	1 Kings 17.8-16 Psalm 146	<i>Refrain:</i> or	I will praise the Lord as long as I live. The Lord keeps his promise for ever.
		Hebrews 9.24-28 Mark 12.38-44		
C	I	Haggai 1.15b-2.9 Psalm 145.1-5,18-22	<i>Refrain:</i>	You open wide your hand, O Lord, and satisfy our needs.
		or Psalm 98	<i>Refrain:</i>	The Lord comes to judge the earth [and the peoples with equity].
	II	Job 19.23-27a Psalm 17.1-9 2 Thessalonians 2.1-5,13-17 Luke 20.27-38	<i>Refrain:</i>	Show me, O Lord, your loving kindness.

Prayer after Communion

Living God, in the eucharist you fill us with new hope. May the power of your love, which we have known in word and sacrament, continue your saving work among us, and bring us to the joy you promise. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

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.

Collect

Almighty God, you sent your Son Jesus Christ to be the light of the world. Free us from all that darkens and ensnares us, and bring us to eternal light and joy; through the power of him who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Readings

See note at the end of Proper 8

A	I	Judges 4.1-7 Psalm 123	<i>Refrain:</i>	Our eyes look to the Lord our God until he show us his mercy.
	II	Zephaniah 1.7,12-18 Psalm 90.1-8(9-11)12 1 Thessalonians 5.1-11 Matthew 25.14-30	<i>Refrain:</i>	Satisfy us by your loving-kindness; so shall we rejoice and be glad.
B	I	1 Samuel 1.4-20 Psalm 16 or 1 Samuel 2.1-10	<i>Refrain:</i> <i>Refrain:</i>	You, Lord, are my portion and my cup. My heart exults in the Lord; [my strength is exalted in the Lord].
	II	Daniel 12.1-3 Psalm 16 Hebrews 10.11-14(15-18)19-25 Mark 13.1-8	<i>Refrain:</i>	My body shall rest in hope.
C	I	Isaiah 65.17-25 Psalm 98	<i>Refrain:</i>	The Lord comes to judge the earth [and the peoples with equity].
		or Isaiah 12	<i>Refrain:</i>	With joy you shall draw water from the wells of salvation.
	II	Malachi 4.1-2a Psalm 98 2 Thessalonians 3.6-13 Luke 21.5-19	<i>Refrain:</i>	The Lord comes to judge the earth [and the peoples with equity].

Prayer after Communion

Gracious God, in this sacrament we have shared the body and blood of Christ. May we who have been nourished by holy things bear witness to his light, and share in his eternal priesthood; for he is Lord for ever and ever.

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.

Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, our Lord and King: grant that the peoples of the earth, now divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his gentle and loving rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Readings*See note at the end of Proper 8*

A	I	Ezekiel 34.11-16,20-24 Psalm 100	<i>Refrain:</i>	We are his people and the sheep of his pasture.
	II	Ezekiel 34.11-16, 20-24 Psalm 95.1-7a	<i>Refrain:</i>	The Lord is a great God, and a great king above all gods.
		Ephesians 1.15-23 Matthew 25.31-46		
B	I	2 Samuel 23.1-7 Psalm 132.1-13(14-19)	<i>Refrain:</i>	The Lord will set his son upon his throne.
	II	Daniel 7.9-10,13-14 Psalm 93	<i>Refrain:</i> <i>or</i>	The Lord has girded himself with strength. You, Lord, are from everlasting.
		Revelation 1.4b-8 John 18.33-37		
C	I	Jeremiah 23.1-6 <i>Canticle</i> Luke 1.68-79	<i>Refrain:</i>	Blessed be the Lord who sets his people free.
	II	Jeremiah 23.1-6 Psalm 46	<i>Refrain:</i>	The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold. (said after verses 3,7,11)
		Colossians 1.11-20 Luke 23.33-43		

Prayer after Communion

Almighty God, you have made us a royal priesthood in the kingdom of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. Make known his victory through us, we pray, that all the world may see his light. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

Blessing

The God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ Jesus, establish, strengthen and settle you in the faith; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

SAINTS' DAYS AND OTHER HOLY DAYS

THE NAMING OF JESUS

1 January

Collect

Eternal Father, we give thanks for your incarnate Son, whose name is our salvation. Plant in every heart, we pray, the love of him who is the Saviour of the world, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting.

Readings

Numbers 6.22-27

Psalm 67

or Psalm 8

Galatians 4.4-7

or Philippians 2.5-11

Luke 2.15-21

Refrain: May God give us his blessing (or v.1)

Refrain: How exalted is your name in all the world!

Prayer after Communion

Father, you have fed us heavenly food in the sacrament of the body and blood of Christ. Grant that we, sharing in this mystery, may turn always to that name which is above all other, Jesus Christ our Lord.

or

Eternal God, whose incarnate Son was given the Name of Saviour: grant that we who have shared in this sacrament of our salvation may live out our years in the power of the Name above all other names, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Blessing

Christ, who by his incarnation gathered into one all things earthly and heavenly, fill you with his joy and peace; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

Collect

God of love, shepherd of your people, we thank you for your servant Kentigern, who was faithful in the care and nurture of your flock. Taught by the example of his holy life, may we by grace grow into the full stature of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

or

Almighty God, through the preaching of your servant Kentigern you made the light of the gospel to shine in our land: may we prove to you our thankfulness for his life and labours by following the example of his zeal and patience; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Readings

Isaiah 52.7-10

Psalm 16.5-11

Refrain: My heart is glad and my spirit rejoices.

1 Thessalonians 2.2-12

or 1 Corinthians 9.16-19,22-23

Matthew 28.16-20

Prayer after Communion

Holy Father, who gathered us here around the table of your Son to share this meal with the whole household of God: in that new world where you reveal the fullness of your peace, gather people of every race and language to share with Kentigern and all your saints in the eternal banquet of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Blessing

Christ the Good Shepherd, who laid down his life for the sheep, draw you and all who hear his voice to be one within one fold; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

or

God the Holy Trinity make you strong in faith and love, defend you on every side, and guide you in truth and peace; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

Collect

Almighty God, by the preaching of your servant Paul you caused the light of the gospel to shine throughout the world. May we who celebrate his wonderful conversion follow him in bearing witness to your truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Readings

Acts 26.9-23

Psalm 67

Refrain: Let the peoples praise you, O God,
let all the peoples praise you.
(said after vv. 2,4,7)

Galatians 1.11-24

Matthew 10.16-22 or 19.27-30

Prayer after Communion

Gracious God, you filled your apostle Paul with love for all the churches. May the sacrament we have received foster love and unity among your people. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

Blessing

God give you grace to follow his saints in faith and hope and love; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

Collect

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, for you have sent us your salvation. Inspire us by your Holy Spirit to recognize him who is the glory of Israel and the light for all nations, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Readings

Malachi 3.1-4

Psalm 84

Refrain: Happy are they who dwell in your house!
or Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer
[hearken, O God of Jacob].

or Psalm 24.7-10

Refrain: The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.
or The Lord whom you seek will suddenly come.

Hebrews 2.14-18

Luke 2.22-40

Prayer after Communion

God for whom we wait, you fulfilled the hope of Simeon, who did not die till he had welcomed the Messiah. Complete in us your perfect will, that we in Christ may share in your eternal kingdom; for he is Lord for ever and ever.

Blessing

Christ the Son of God, born of Mary, fill you with his grace to trust his promises and obey his will; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

Collect

Almighty God, in your providence you chose your servant Patrick to be the apostle of the Irish people, to bring those who were wandering in darkness and error to the true light and knowledge of your Word: grant that walking in that light we may come at last to the light of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

or

Almighty and everlasting God, we thank you for your servant Patrick, whom you called to preach the gospel to the people of Ireland. Raise up in this and every land heralds and evangelists of your kingdom, that your Church may make known the immeasurable riches of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Readings

Ezekiel 34.11-16

Psalms 96

Refrain:

Sing to the Lord and bless his name.

or

Proclaim the good news of salvation from day to day.

1 Thessalonians 2.2-12

or 1 Corinthians 1.18-25

Matthew 28.16-20

or Luke 22.24-30

Prayer after Communion

Father, may we who share in these holy mysteries receive health of body and mind, and a continual will to witness to your gospel. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

or

Holy Father, who gathered us here around the table of your Son: in that new world where you reveal the fullness of your peace, gather people of every race and language to share with Patrick and all your saints in the eternal banquet of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Blessing

God the Holy Trinity make you strong in faith and love, defend you on every side, and guide you in truth and peace; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

Collect

God, from the family of your servant David you raised up Joseph to be the guardian of your incarnate Son. Give us grace to follow him in faithful obedience to your commands; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Readings

2 Samuel 7.4, 8-16

Psalm 89.1-4, 26-29(30-36)

Refrain: I will be a father to him,
and he shall be a son to me.

Romans 4.13-18

Luke 2.41-52

or Matthew 1.28-25

Prayer after Communion

Heavenly Father, your Son Jesus Christ grew in wisdom and stature in his home at Nazareth. May we, nourished by this sacrament, grow into the fullness of his new humanity, who is Lord, now and for ever.

Blessing

God give you grace to follow his saints in faith and hope and love; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

Collect

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 and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Readings

Isaiah 7.10-14

Psalm 40.5-10

or Psalm 45

Refrain:

I love to do your will, O my God.

Refrain:

Grace flows from your lips
because God has blessed you for ever.

Hebrews 10.4-10

Luke 1.26-38

Prayer after Communion

Almighty God, your word proclaims our salvation; your table gives us life. Grant us the humble obedience we see in Mary, that we too may respond as willing servants. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

Blessing

Christ the Son of God, born of Mary, fill you with his grace to trust his promises and obey his will; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

Collect

Almighty God, by the hand of Mark the evangelist you gave to your Church the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. We thank you for his witness, and pray that we may be grounded firmly in its truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Readings

Isaiah 52.7-10

Psalm 2.7-13

or Psalm 119.9-16

Refrain:

You are my Son; this day have I begotten you.

Refrain:

My delight is in your statutes;

I will not forget your word.

Ephesians 4.7-16

Mark 1.1-15 or 13.5-13

Prayer after Communion

Gracious God, may the gifts we have received at your table strengthen us in the faith of the gospel preached by Mark. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Blessing

God give you grace to follow his saints in faith and hope and love; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

Collect

Almighty God, you gave to your apostles Philip and James grace and strength to bear witness to the truth. Grant that we, being mindful of their victory of faith, may glorify in life and death the name of Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Readings

Isaiah 30.18-21

Psalm 119.1-8

Refrain:

My delight is in your statutes;

I will not forget your word.

or

Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes.

2 Corinthians 4.1-6

or Ephesians 1.3-10

John 14.(1-5)6-14

Prayer after Communion

Holy God, in Jesus Christ we find the way to you. May we who have met him in this banquet be kept in your unending love, and see you working through your Son, for he is Lord for ever and ever.

or

Lord God, the source of truth and love, keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, united in prayer and the breaking of bread, and one in joy and simplicity of heart, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Blessing

God give you grace to follow his saints in faith and hope and love; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

Collect

Almighty God, who in the place of Judas chose Matthias to be numbered in the twelve, preserve your Church from false apostles, and 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 and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

Readings

Isaiah 22.15-25

Psalm 15

Refrain: Those who do what is right
will dwell in the presence of the Lord.
or Behold whoever does these things
shall never be overthrown.

Acts 1.15-26

or Philippians 3.13b-22

John 15.(6-8)9-17

Prayer after Communion

Gracious God, you constantly give life to your people. May we who receive these holy things remain faithful to your call. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

or

Almighty God, who on the day of Pentecost sent your Holy Spirit to the apostles with the wind from heaven and in tongues of flame, filling them with joy and boldness to preach the gospel: by the power of the same Spirit strengthen us to witness to your truth and to draw everyone to the fire of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Blessing

God give you grace to follow his saints in faith and hope and love; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

Collect

Almighty God, who looked with favour on your servant Mary, and called her to be the mother of your Son: nurture in us the humility and gentleness that found favour in your sight, that with her we may proclaim the greatness of your name and find the mercy you show to those who fear you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Readings

1 Samuel 2.1-10
or Zephaniah 3.14-18

Psalm 113

Refrain: He makes the woman of a childless house
to be a joyful mother of children.

Romans 12.9-16b
Luke 1.39-57

Prayer after Communion

God of steadfast love, may we who have been nourished by your gifts in this sacrament, always give you praise for the great things you have done for us. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

Blessing

Christ the Son of God, born of Mary, fill you with his grace to trust his promises and obey his will; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

Collect

O God, you 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 and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

or

Almighty God, by the preaching of your servant Columba you made the light of the gospel to shine in our land. May we prove to you our thankfulness for his life and labours by following the example of his zeal and patience; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Readings

Isaiah 61.1-3

Psalm 34.1-8

or Psalm 34.9-22

Refrain:

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

Refrain:

[Come, children, listen to me]

I will teach you the fear of the Lord.

1 Thess. 2.2-12 *or* Eph. 4.14-19

Matthew 5.13-16 *or* 28.16-20

or Luke 12.32-37

Prayer after Communion

God of glory, we give thanks for your likeness in your servant Columba. May we who share at this table be transformed by your love and display the joy of your kingdom, where Jesus is Lord, now and for ever.

or

Holy Father, who gathered us here around the table of your Son: in that new world where you reveal the fullness of your peace, gather people of every race and language to share with Columba and all your saints in the eternal banquet of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Blessing

God the Holy Trinity make you strong in faith and love, defend you on every side, and guide you in truth and peace; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

Collect

Merciful God, help us to 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 the spread of the gospel; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Readings

Isaiah 45.5-12
or Job 29.11-16
Psalm 112

Refrain: Happy are they who have given to the poor.
or They have given freely to the poor,
and their righteousness stands fast for ever.

Acts 11.19-30;(13.1-3)
Matthew 10.7-16
or John 15.12-17

Prayer after Communion

God of justice, may we who have heard your word and received new life at your table bear witness to your truth in the world, so that all may come to share in your kingdom. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

or

Almighty God, who on the day of Pentecost sent your Holy Spirit to the apostles with the wind from heaven and in tongues of flame, filling them with joy and boldness to preach the gospel: by the power of the same Spirit strengthen us to witness to your truth and to draw everyone to the fire of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Blessing

God give you grace to follow his saints in faith and hope and love; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

Collect

Almighty God, you called John the Baptist to give witness to the coming of your Son and to prepare his way. Give your people the wisdom to see your purpose, and the openness to hear your will, that we too may witness to Christ's coming and so prepare his way; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Readings

Isaiah 40.1-11

Psalm 85.7-13

Refrain:

Show us your mercy, O Lord

[and grant us your salvation].

or

The Lord will indeed grant prosperity,
and our land will yield its increase.

Acts 13.14b-26

or Galatians 3.23-29

Luke 1.57-66(67-79)80

Prayer after Communion

We thank you, Lord, for your word and your table which give us the knowledge of salvation. Your compassion has broken on us like the dawn; guide now our feet into the way of peace. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

Blessing

God give you grace to follow his saints in faith and hope and love; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

Collect

Almighty God, who inspired your apostle 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 Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Readings

Ezekiel 3.4-11 or 3.22-27

Psalm 125

Refrain: Show your goodness, O Lord, to those
who are good
[and to those who are true of heart].

1 Peter 2.19-25

Matthew 16.13-19

Prayer after Communion

Almighty God, who on the day of Pentecost sent your Holy Spirit to the apostles with the wind from heaven and in tongues of flame, filling them with joy and boldness to preach the gospel: by the power of the same Spirit strengthen us to witness to your truth and to draw everyone to the fire of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Blessing

God give you grace to follow his saints in faith and hope and love; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

Collect

Almighty God, your blessed apostles Peter and Paul glorified you in their death as in their life. Grant that your Church, inspired by their teaching and example, and made one by your Spirit, may ever stand firm upon the one foundation, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Readings

Ezekiel 34.11-16

or Zechariah 4.1-6a,10-14

Psalm 125

Refrain: Show your goodness, O Lord,
to those who are good
[and to those who are true of heart].

2 Timothy 4.(1-5)6-8,17-18

John 21.15-19

or Matthew 16.13-19

Prayer after Communion

Heavenly Father, renew the life of your Church by the power of this sacrament. May the breaking of bread and the teaching of the apostles keep us united in your love; in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

or

Almighty God, who on the day of Pentecost sent your Holy Spirit to the apostles with the wind from heaven and in tongues of flame, filling them with joy and boldness to preach the gospel: by the power of the same Spirit strengthen us to witness to your truth and to draw everyone to the fire of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Blessing

God give you grace to follow his saints in faith and hope and love; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

Collect

Almighty and everliving God, who strengthened your apostle Thomas with faith in the resurrection of your Son: strengthen us when we doubt, and make us faithful disciples of Jesus Christ our risen Lord; who with you, O Father, and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns eternally, one God, now and for ever.

Readings

Habakkuk 2.1-4

Psalm 31.1-6

Refrain: You have redeemed me,
 O Lord, God of truth.

Hebrews 10.35-11.1

or Ephesians 2.19-22

John 20.24-29

Prayer after Communion

God of truth, we have seen with our eyes and touched with our hands the bread of life. Strengthen our faith, that we may grow in love for you and for each other; through Jesus Christ the risen Lord.

or

Lord God, the source of truth and love, keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, united in prayer and the breaking of bread, and one in joy and simplicity of heart, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Blessing

God give you grace to follow his saints in faith and hope and love; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

Collect

Almighty God, whose Son restored Mary Magdalene to health of mind and body, and called her to be a witness of his resurrection: forgive us and heal us by your grace, that we may serve you in the power of his risen life; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Readings

Judith 9.1,11-14

or Song of Songs 3.1-4

Psalm 42.1-7

Refrain: My soul thirsts for you, O God, my God.

2 Corinthians 5.14-17

John 20.1-3, 11-18

Prayer after Communion

Compassionate God, in this eucharist you have set aside our sins and given us your healing. Grant that all who have shared in holy things may bring your healing to this broken world, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Blessing

God give you grace to follow his saints in faith and hope and love; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

Collect

Almighty God, we remember today your servant James, the first apostle to give his life for faith in Jesus Christ. Pour out on all your people that spirit of self-denying service which is the mark of true leadership. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Readings

Jeremiah 45.1-5

Psalm 7.1-10

or Psalm 126

Refrain:

God is the saviour of the true in heart.

Refrain:

Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed,
will come again with joy,
shouldering their sheaves.

Acts 11.27-12.2(3)

Matthew 20.20-28

Prayer after Communion

Father, we have eaten the bread of your table and drunk from the cup of your kingdom. Teach us, we pray, the way of service, that in compassion and humility we may reflect the glory of Jesus Christ, the Son of man and Son of God, our Lord.

or

Lord God, the source of truth and love, keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, united in prayer and the breaking of bread, and one in joy and simplicity of heart, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Blessing

God give you grace to follow his saints in faith and hope and love; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

Collect

Almighty God, on the holy mount you revealed to chosen witnesses your well-beloved Son, wonderfully transfigured. Mercifully deliver us from the darkness of this world, and change us into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Readings

Daniel 7.9-10,13-14

Psalm 97

Refrain: Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous,
and give thanks to his holy name.

or Psalm 99

Refrain: The Lord our God is the Holy One.

2 Peter 1.16-19

Luke 9.28-36

Prayer after Communion

Holy God, we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. May we who are partakers of his table reflect his life in word and deed, that all the world may know his power to change and save. We ask this in his name.

Blessing

Christ our king make you faithful and strong to do his will, that you may reign with him in glory; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

Collect

O God, you have taken to yourself the blessed Virgin Mary, mother of your incarnate Son. May we who have been redeemed by his blood share with her the glory of your eternal kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

Readings

Isaiah 7.10-15

or Revelation 11.19-12.6,10

Psalm 132.6-10,14-15

Refrain:

Arise, O Lord, into your resting place.

or

This shall be my resting-place for ever.

or Psalm 45.11-18

Refrain:

Sing praises to God, sing praises.

or

Nations will praise you for ever and ever.

Galatians 4.4-7

Luke 1.46-55 or 2.1-7

Prayer after Communion

God of grace, today we raise our voices to magnify your holy name, and in our own generation to call her blessed who became the mother of our Saviour Jesus Christ. May we who have shared this holy food continue with her in your glorious kingdom, founded and established in Jesus Christ our Lord. We ask this in his name.

Blessing

Christ the Son of God, born of Mary, fill you with his grace to trust his promises and obey his will; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, who gave to your apostle Bartholomew grace to believe and preach your word: may your Church truly love what he believed and faithfully preach what he taught; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Readings

Deuteronomy 18.15-18

or Isaiah 43.8-13

Psalms 91

Refrain: He shall give his angels charge over you
[to keep you in all your ways].

or Psalm 145.1-7

Refrain: The Lord is loving to everyone
[and his compassion is over all his works].

1 Corinthians 4.9-15

Luke 22.24-30

Prayer after Communion

God of our salvation, you have fed us at the table of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Lead us in his way of service, that your kingdom may be known on earth. We ask this in his name.

or

Almighty God, who on the day of Pentecost sent your Holy Spirit to the apostles with the wind from heaven and in tongues of flame, filling them with joy and boldness to preach the gospel: by the power of the same Spirit strengthen us to witness to your truth and to draw everyone to the fire of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Blessing

God give you grace to follow his saints in faith and hope and love; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

Collect

Almighty God, who called John the Baptist to give witness to the coming of your Son and to prepare his way: strengthen us by your grace, that as he suffered for the truth, so we may boldly resist corruption and sin, and receive with him the unfading crown of glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Readings

2 Chronicles 24.17-21

Psalm 71.1-6,15-17

Refrain: You are my hope, O Lord God;
my praise shall be always of you.

Hebrews 11.32-40

Mark 6.17-29

Prayer after Communion

God of righteousness, may we who honour John the Baptist, the greatest of the prophets, always turn to him who takes away the sin of the world, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Blessing

God give you grace to follow his saints in faith and hope and love; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

Collect

Almighty God, whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ was lifted high upon the cross that he might draw the whole world to himself: may we who rejoice in the mystery of our redemption have grace to take up our cross and follow him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Readings

Numbers 21.4b-9

Psalm 98.1-6(7-10)

Refrain: The Lord has made known his victory
[in the sight of the nations].

or Psalm 22.22-27

Refrain: You are the Holy One, O God,
[enthroned upon the praises of Israel].

1 Corinthians 1.18-24

or Philippians 2.6-11

John 3.13-17

Prayer after Communion

Almighty God, we give thanks that you have made us partakers of the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who took our nature upon him and suffered death upon the cross for our redemption; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Blessing

Christ crucified draw you to himself, to find in him a sure ground for faith, a firm support for hope, and the assurance of sins forgiven; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, we thank you for your servant Ninian, whom you called to preach the gospel to the people of northern Britain. Raise up in this and every land heralds and evangelists of your kingdom, that your Church may make known the immeasurable riches of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

or

Almighty God, through the preaching of your servant Ninian you made the light of the gospel to shine in our land. May we prove to you our thankfulness for his life and labours by following the example of his zeal and patience; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Readings

Jeremiah 1.4-9

Psalm 67

Refrain: Let the peoples praise you O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
(said after verses 2,4,7)

1 Thessalonians. 2.2-12

or 2 Corinthians 5.17-6.2

Matthew 9.35-38 *or* 28.16-20

Prayer after Communion

God of glory, this table is a foretaste of the kingdom of your Son. May we be faithful to him in this life and rejoice with your servant Ninian for ever; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

or

Holy Father, who gathered us here around the table of your Son: in that new world where you reveal the fullness of your peace, gather people of every race and language to share with Ninian and all your saints in the eternal banquet of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Blessing

God the Holy Trinity make you strong in faith and love, defend you on every side, and guide you in truth and peace; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

Collect

Almighty God, who through your Son called Matthew to be your apostle and evangelist: free us from all greed and selfish love, that we may follow in the steps of Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Readings

Proverbs 6.1-6(13-18)

Psalm 119.33-40

Refrain: Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes
[and I shall keep it to the end].

2 Timothy 3.14-17

or 2 Corinthians 4.1-6

Matthew 9.9-13

Prayer after Communion

God of mercy and compassion, we have shared the joy of salvation that Matthew knew when Jesus called him. May this food renew our life in him who came not to call the righteous but sinners to salvation in his kingdom, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

or

Lord God, the source of truth and love, keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, united in prayer and the breaking of bread, and one in joy and simplicity of heart, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Blessing

God give you grace to follow his saints in faith and hope and love; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

Collect

Eternal God, you have ordained and constituted in a wonderful order the ministries of angels and mortals. Grant that as your holy angels stand before you in heaven, so at your command 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, now and for ever.

Readings

Genesis 28.10-17

Psalm 103.19-22

Refrain: Bless the Lord, you angels of his.
[Bless the Lord, O my soul.]

Revelation 12.7-12

John 1.47-51

Prayer after Communion

Eternal God, you have fed us with the bread of angels. May we, who come under their protection, like them give you continual service and praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Blessing

God the Holy Trinity make you strong in faith and love, defend you on every side, and guide you in truth and peace; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

Collect

Almighty God, who inspired Luke the physician to proclaim the love and healing power of your Son: give your Church, by the grace of the Spirit and the medicine of the gospel, the same love and power to heal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Readings

Sirach 38.1-4,6-10,12-14

Psalm 147.1-7

Refrain: The Lord heals the brokenhearted
[and binds up their wounds].

2 Timothy 4.5-13(14-17)

Luke 4.14-21 *or* 10.1-9

Prayer after Communion

Living God, may we who have shared in these holy mysteries enjoy health of body and mind, and witness faithfully to your gospel, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Blessing

God give you grace to follow his saints in faith and hope and love; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

Collect

Almighty God,
whose servant 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 and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Readings

Acts 15.12-22a

Psalm 1 *Refrain:* Their delight is in the law of the Lord.

James 1.26-27 *or* 1 Corinthians 15.1-11

Mark 3.28-35 *or* Matthew 13.54-58

Prayer after Communion

Father, as we are nourished by the bread of life,
inspire us with the memory of your servant James,
and give us courage to witness with our lives to the resurrection
of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

or

Lord God, the source of truth and love,
keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship,
united in prayer and the breaking of bread,
and one in joy and simplicity of heart,
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Blessing

God give you grace to follow his saints in faith and hope and love;
and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

Daily Prayer readings

Isaiah 65.17-25

Acts 15.12-22a *or* 1 Corinthians 15.1-11

Matthew 10.16-22

Collect

Almighty God, we thank you for the glorious company of the apostles, and especially on this day for Simon and Jude. As they were faithful and zealous in their mission, so may we with ardent devotion make known the love and mercy of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Readings

Deuteronomy 32.1-4

or Isaiah 28.14-16

Psalms 119.89-96

Refrain: O Lord, your word is everlasting
[it stands firm in the heavens].
or Bless the Lord, you servants of the Lord
[you that stand in the house of the Lord].

Ephesians 2.13-22

John 15.17-27

Prayer after Communion

Eternal God, we are nourished by the bread of life. Strengthen us to witness to the gospel, and bring us to reign with Jesus Christ your Son, for he is Lord, now and for ever.

or

Almighty God, who on the day of Pentecost sent your Holy Spirit to the apostles with the wind from heaven and in tongues of flame, filling them with joy and boldness to preach the gospel: by the power of the same Spirit strengthen us to witness to your truth and to draw everyone to the fire of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Blessing

God give you grace to follow his saints in faith and hope and love; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

Collect

Almighty God, whose people are knit together in one holy Church, the mystical Body of your Son: grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Readings

A	Revelation 7.9-17 Psalm 34.1-10	<i>Refrain:</i>	Taste and see that the Lord is good. [Happy are they who trust in him].
		<i>or</i>	Fear the Lord, you that are his saints [for those who fear him lack nothing].
	1 John 3.1-3 Matthew 5.1-12		
B	Wisdom 3.1-9 <i>or</i> Isaiah 25.6-9 Psalm 24.1-6	<i>Refrain:</i>	The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.
		<i>or</i>	The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it.
	Revelation 21.1-6a John 11.32-44		
C	Daniel 7.1-3,15-18 Psalm 149	<i>Refrain:</i>	Sing to the Lord a new song.
		<i>or</i>	The Lord adorns the poor with victory.
	Ephesians 1.11-23 Luke 6.20-36		

Prayer after Communion

Lord of hosts, we praise your glory reflected in your saints. May we who share at this table be filled with the joy of your eternal kingdom, where Jesus is Lord, now and for ever.

Blessing

God give you grace to follow his saints in faith and hope and love; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

Collect

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 and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Readings

Wisdom 3.1-9

or Lamentations 3.17-26,31-33

Psalms 116.1-8

Refrain: Precious in the sight of the Lord
is the death of his servants.

or Psalm 23

Refrain: The Lord is my shepherd;
I shall not be in want.

1 Peter 1.3-9

or Romans 5.5-11

John 6.37-40 or 11.21-27

Prayer after Communion

God of love, may the death and resurrection of Christ, which we celebrate in this eucharist, bring us with the faithful departed into the peace of your eternal home. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our hope and our salvation.

Blessing

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the eternal 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.

Collect

Almighty God, you 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 and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Readings

Proverbs 31.10-13(14-24)25-31

Psalm 112

Refrain:

The righteous are merciful and
full of compassion.

or

Happy are they who fear the Lord.

2 Timothy 1.1-7

Matthew 13.44-46

or Luke 11.33-36

Prayer after Communion

Father, we thank you for your servant Margaret, in whom we see the loving service of Christ. May we who receive these holy mysteries be faithful in the ministry to which you call us; through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Blessing

Christ our king make you faithful and strong to do his will, that you may reign with him in glory; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

Collect

Almighty God, who gave your apostle Andrew grace to believe in his heart and to confess with his lips that Jesus is Lord: touch our lips and our hearts, that faith may burn within us and we may share in the witness of your Church to the whole human family; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Readings

Deuteronomy 30.11-14

or Isaiah 52.7-10

Psalm 19.1-6

Refrain:

Their message has gone out to the
ends of the world.

or

The heavens declare the glory of God
[and the firmament shows his handiwork].

Romans 10.(8b-11)12-18

Matthew 4.18-22

Prayer after Communion

Father, may the gifts we have received at your table give us courage to follow the example of Andrew the apostle and share in the ministry of your Son Jesus Christ.

or

Almighty God, who on the day of Pentecost sent your Holy Spirit to the apostles with the wind from heaven and in tongues of flame, filling them with joy and boldness to preach the gospel: by the power of the same Spirit strengthen us to witness to your truth and to draw everyone to the fire of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Blessing

God give you grace to follow his saints in faith and hope and love; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

Collect

Almighty and everliving God, who strengthened your apostle Thomas with faith in the resurrection of your Son: strengthen us when we doubt, and make us faithful disciples of Jesus Christ our risen Lord; who with you, O Father, and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns eternally, one God, now and for ever.

Readings

Habakkuk 2.1-4

Psalm 31.1-6

Refrain: You have redeemed me,
 O Lord, God of truth.

Hebrews 10.35-11.1

or Ephesians 2.19-22

John 20.24-29

Prayer after Communion

God of truth, we have seen with our eyes and touched with our hands the bread of life. Strengthen our faith, that we may grow in love for you and for each other; through Jesus Christ the risen Lord.

or

Lord God, the source of truth and love, keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, united in prayer and the breaking of bread, and one in joy and simplicity of heart, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Blessing

God give you grace to follow his saints in faith and hope and love; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

Collect

Grant us grace, O Lord, that like Stephen we may learn to love even our enemies and seek forgiveness for those who desire our hurt; through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Readings

Jeremiah 26.1-9, 12-15
 or 2 Chronicles 24.20-22

Psalm 31.1-7,16

Refrain: Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit
 [for you have redeemed me, O Lord,
 O God of truth].

or Psalm 119.161-168

Refrain: Our help is in the name of the Lord
 [the maker of heaven and earth].

or Let my cry come before you, O Lord.

Acts 6.8 - 7.2a,51c-60

or Acts 7.1-2a, 51-60

Matthew 10.16-22

or Matthew 23.34-39

Prayer after Communion

Merciful God, we have been gathered at the table of your Son. Hear our prayer for all our sisters and brothers in faith who suffer for truth, justice and freedom. Strengthen their witness and keep them, with us, under the protection of your wings. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

Blessing

God give you grace to follow his saints in faith and hope and love; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

or

Christ crucified draw you to himself, to find in him a sure ground for faith, a firm support for hope, and the assurance of sins forgiven; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

Collect

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 walk in the light of your truth and come at last to the fullness of eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Readings

Genesis 1 *or* 1.1-5, 12-19

Psalm 92.1-2, 11-14

Refrain:

or

The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree.

It is a good thing to give thanks to the Lord

[and to sing praises to your name,

O Most High].

1 John 1.1-9

John 20.1-8

Prayer after Communion

Eternal God, your apostle and evangelist John proclaimed the Christ, your Word made flesh among us. May we who have shared the bread of life remain for ever your children, born according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Blessing

God give you grace to follow his saints in faith and hope and love; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

or

Christ our king make you faithful and strong to do his will, that you may reign with him in glory; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

Collect

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, whose children suffered at the hands of Herod: receive, we pray, all innocent victims into the arms of your mercy. By your great might frustrate all evil designs and establish your reign of justice, love and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Readings

Jeremiah 31.15-17

Psalms 124

Refrain: We have escaped like a bird from the snare
of the fowler.

or Our help is in the name of the Lord
[the maker of heaven and earth].

Revelation 21.1-7

Matthew 2.13-18

Prayer after Communion

Eternal God, comfort of the afflicted and healer of the broken, you have fed us this day at the table of life and hope. Teach us the ways of gentleness and peace, that all the world may acknowledge the kingdom of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Blessing

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the eternal 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.

READINGS FOR SPECIAL OCCASIONS

DEDICATION FESTIVAL

Collect

O God, from living and chosen stones you prepare an everlasting dwelling place for your majesty. Grant that in the power of the Holy Spirit those who serve you here may always be kept within your presence; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Readings

A 1 Kings 8.22-30
 or Revelation 8.3-4
 Psalm 122

Refrain: I was glad when they said to me,
 ‘Let us go to the house of the Lord’.
 [or ‘Let us go to God’s house.’]

Hebrews 12.18-24
Matthew 21.12-16

B Genesis 28.11-18
 or Revelation 21.9-14
 Psalm *as Year A*
 1 Peter 2.1-10
 John 10.22-29

C 1 Chronicles 29.6-19
 Psalm *as Year A*
 Ephesians 2.19-22
 John 2.13-22

Prayer after Communion

Father, you have given us this time of joy and have nourished us in heavenly things. Grant that we may show in our lives the love of Christ who is our God and Saviour.

Blessing

God the Holy Trinity make you strong in faith and love, defend you on every side, and guide you in truth and peace; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

ROGATION DAYS AND THANKSGIVING FOR HARVEST

Collect

Creator of the fruitful earth, you made us stewards of all things. Give us grateful hearts for all your goodness, and steadfast wills to use your bounty well, that the whole human family, today and in generations to come, may with us give thanks for the riches of your creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Readings

I	Deuteronomy 26.1-11 Psalm 65 2 Corinthians 9.6-15 Luke 17.11-19	<i>Refrain:</i>	You crown the year with goodness.
II	Joel 2.21-27 Psalm 100 Philippians 4.4-9 John 6.25-35	<i>Refrain:</i>	Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name.
III	Deuteronomy 8.7-18 Psalm 126 1 Timothy 2.1-7 Matthew 6.25-33	<i>Refrain:</i>	Those who sowed with tears will reap with songs of joy.

Prayer after Communion

God of our hope, in this eucharist we find the source of all your blessings. Nourished in these holy mysteries, may we with our lives give you continual thanks and praise. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Blessing

The God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ Jesus, establish, strengthen and settle you in the faith; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Collect

O God, it is your will 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 your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Readings

Job 19.21-27

Psalm 90

Refrain:

Satisfy us by your loving-kindness;
so shall we rejoice and be glad.

or

O Lord, be gracious to your servants.

1 Corinthians 15.51-57

John 6.37-40

Prayer after Communion

Eternal God, comfort of the afflicted and healer of the broken, you have fed us at the table of life and hope. Teach us the ways of gentleness and peace, that all the world may acknowledge the kingdom of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Blessing

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the eternal 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.

EMBER DAYS

The Wednesday, Friday and Saturday after 13 December, 1 Lent, Pentecost and

14 September

Collect

Almighty God, by your grace alone we are accepted and called to your service. Strengthen us by your Holy Spirit and make us worthy of our calling; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Readings

I	Isaiah 44.1-8 Psalm 87 1 Peter 2.4-10 John 17.6-19	<i>Refrain:</i>	The Lord loves the gates of Zion.
II	Numbers 27.15-23 Psalm 40.9-14 1 Corinthians 3.3-11 Luke 4.16-21	<i>Refrain:</i>	I love to do your will, O my God [your law is in my heart].
III	1 Samuel 16.1-13a Psalm 122 Ephesians 4.4-16 Luke 22.24-27	<i>Refrain:</i>	I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord.' [or 'Let us go to God's house.']

Prayer after Communion

God of our salvation, your Spirit has given us new life, and you have nourished us with holy things. May we be living members of your Son Jesus Christ, and exercise the ministry to which we are called. This we pray in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

Blessing

The God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ Jesus, establish, strengthen and settle you in the faith; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

THE GUIDANCE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Collect

Almighty God, 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.

Readings

Proverbs 24.3-7

Psalm 25.1-8

Acts 15.23-29

Luke 14.27-33

Refrain: To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

or

Isaiah 30.15-22

Psalm 104.25-34

Refrain: Send forth your Spirit, O Lord,
and renew the face of the earth.

Romans 8.22-27

John 14.23-26

or

Wisdom 9.13-17

Psalm 143.8-10(11)

Refrain: Let me hear of your loving-kindness
in the morning.

1 Corinthians 12.4-13

John 16.13-15

Prayer after Communion

Holy and blessed God, as you give us the body and blood of your Son, guide us with your Holy Spirit, that we may honour you not only with our lips but also in our hearts. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Blessing

The Spirit of truth lead you into all truth, give you grace to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, and to proclaim the word and works of God; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

THE UNITY OF THE CHURCH

Collect

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.

Readings

Jeremiah 33.6-9a

Psalm 100

Refrain: Give thanks to the Lord
and call upon his name.

Ephesians 4.1-6

Matthew 18.19-22

or

Ezekiel 36.23-28

Psalm 122

Refrain: I was glad when they said to me,
'Let us go to God's house.'

Colossians 3.9-17

John 11.45-52

or

Zephaniah 3.16-20

Psalm 133

Refrain: How good and pleasant it is
to live together in unity.

1 John 4.9-15

John 17.11b-23

Prayer after Communion

Father in heaven, strengthen the unity of your Church, so that we who have been fed with holy things may fulfil your will in the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Blessing

Christ the Good Shepherd, who laid down his life for the sheep, draw you and all who hear his voice to be one within one fold; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

THE PEACE OF THE WORLD

Collect

Almighty God, kindle, we pray, in every heart the true love of peace, and guide with your wisdom those who take counsel for the nations of the earth, that justice and peace may increase, until the earth is filled with the knowledge of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Readings

Isaiah 9.1-6

Psalm 40.14-17

Refrain:

Be pleased, O Lord, to deliver me
[O Lord, make haste to help me].

Philippians 4.6-9

Matthew 5.43-48

or

Isaiah 57.15-19

Psalm 72.1-7

Refrain:

There shall be abundance of peace
[till the moon shall be no more].

1 Timothy 2.1-6

John 14.23-29

or

Micah 4.1-5

Psalm 85.8-13

Refrain:

Mercy and truth have met together;
[righteousness and peace have
kissed each other].

James 3.13-18

John 15.9-17

Prayer after Communion

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Blessing

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the eternal 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.

SOCIAL JUSTICE AND RESPONSIBILITY

Collect

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ has taught us that what we do for the least of your children we do also for him. Give us the will to serve others as he was the servant of all, who gave up his life and died for us, but lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Readings

Isaiah 32.15-20

Psalm 31.21-24

Refrain: Be strong and let your heart take courage
[all you who wait for the Lord].

Colossians 3.12-15

Matthew 5.1-12

or

Amos 5.21-24

Psalm 85.1-7

Refrain: Restore us, then, O God our Saviour.

Acts 5.1-11

Matthew 25.31-46

or

Amos 8.4-7

Psalm 146.4-9

Refrain: The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down.

James 2.1-4

Luke 16.19-31

Prayer after Communion

O God, may we who have shared in holy things never fail to serve you in your world, and so come to the fullness of joy, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Blessing

God the Holy Trinity make you strong in faith and love, defend you on every side, and guide you in truth and peace; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

MISSION AND EVANGELISM

Collect

Draw your Church together, O Lord, into one great company of disciples, together following our Lord Jesus Christ into every walk of life, together serving him in his mission to the world, and together witnessing to his love on every continent and island; through him, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Readings

Isaiah 49.1-6

Psalm 2

Refrain: Happy are they all who take
refuge in the Lord.

Acts 17.12-34

Matthew 5.13-16

or

Isaiah 52.7-10

Psalm 46

Refrain: The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

2 Corinthians 5.14 - 6.2

Matthew 28.16-20

or

Micah 4.1-5

Psalm 67

Refrain: Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
(said after verses 2,4,7)

Ephesians 2.13-22

John 17.20-26

Prayer after Communion

Eternal Giver of love and power, your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world to preach the gospel of his kingdom. Confirm us in this mission, and help us to live the good news we proclaim; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Blessing

Christ the Good Shepherd, who laid down his life for the sheep, draw you and all who hear his voice to be one within one fold; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

or

God the Holy Trinity make you strong in faith and love, defend you on every side, and guide you in truth and peace; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

COMMON READINGS FOR SAINTS DAYS

MARY, MOTHER OF THE LORD

Collect

Almighty God, who looked with favour on your servant Mary and called her to be the mother of your Son; nurture in us the humility and gentleness that found favour in your sight, that with her we may proclaim the greatness of your name and find the mercy you show to those who fear you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Readings

Genesis 3.9-15,20

Psalm 45.11-18

Refrain: Grace flows from your lips,
because God has blessed you for ever.

Acts 1.12-14

Luke 1.26-38

or

Isaiah 7.10-14

Psalm 113

Refrain: God makes the woman of a childless house
to be a joyful mother of children.
or Give praise to the Lord who lifts up the poor.

Romans 8.18-30

Luke 1.39-47

or

Micah 5.1-4

Psalm 131

Refrain: I still my soul and make it quiet.
or The Lord has comforted his people.

Galatians 4.4-7

John 19.25-27

Prayer after Communion

God of steadfast love, may we who have been nourished by your gifts in this sacrament always give you praise for the great things you have done for us. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

Blessing

Christ the Son of God, born of Mary, fill you with his grace to trust his promises and obey his will; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

MARTYRS

Collect

Almighty God, who gave your servant *N* courage to confess Jesus Christ and to die for this faith: may we always be ready to give a reason for the hope that is in us, and to suffer gladly for his sake; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

or

Almighty and everlasting God, who kindled the flame of your love in the heart of your holy martyr *N*: give us, your servants, the same faith and power of love, that we who rejoice in *his/her* triumph may profit by *his/her* example; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Readings

2 Chronicles 24.17-21

Psalm 31.1-5

Refrain: Let your face shine on your servants.

Romans 8.35-39

Matthew 10.16-22

or

Isaiah 43.1-7

Psalm 34.1-8

Refrain: I sought the Lord, and he answered me.

or Taste and see that the Lord is good.

2 Corinthians 4.7-15

Matthew 10.28-39

or

Jeremiah 11.18-20

Psalm 124

Refrain: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

2 Timothy 2.3-7(8-13)

John 12.24-26

or

Wisdom 4.10-15

Psalm 126

Refrain: The Lord has done great things for us.

1 Peter 4.12-19

John 15.18-21

Prayer after Communion

God of courage, we give thanks for this holy food, and we praise you for your martyr *N*, who ran with perseverance the race that was set before *him/her*, and won the victor's wreath that does not fade; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

or

Father, as we are nourished by the bread of life, inspire us with the memory of your servant *N*, and give us courage to witness with our lives to your Son's victory; through the King of martyrs, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Blessing

God give you grace to follow his saints in faith and hope and love; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

TEACHERS OF THE FAITH AND SPIRITUAL WRITERS

Collect

Almighty God, who through the teaching of your servant *N* enlightened and enabled all your Church to understand the truth in Jesus Christ, raise up among us teachers of your word, that we, set free by truth from unbelief, may come to know your great salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Readings

1 Kings 3.(6-10)11-14
Psalm 19.7-10

Refrain: The law of the Lord is perfect and
revives the soul.

1 Corinthians 1.18-25
Matthew 5.13-19

or

Proverbs 4.1-9
Psalm 34.11-17(18)

Refrain: [Come, children, listen to me;]
I will teach you the fear of the Lord.

1 Corinthians 2.9-16
Matthew 23.8-12

or

Wisdom 7.7-10,15-16
Psalm 37.32-36

Refrain: Put your trust in the Lord;
take your delight in him.

Ephesians 3.8-12
Mark 4.1-9

or

Sirach 39.1-10
Psalm 119.89-96
2 Timothy 4.1-8
John 16.12-15

Refrain: O Lord, your word is everlasting.

Prayer after Communion

O God, your Word is the light of our pilgrimage, the end and fulfilment of our knowledge. May we who have known him in the breaking of bread await in love the dawning of his radiance, the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

Blessing

The Spirit of truth lead you into all truth, give you grace to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, and to proclaim the word and works of God; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

BISHOPS AND OTHER PASTORS

Collect

God of love, shepherd of your people, we thank you for your servant *N*, who was faithful in the care and nurture of your flock. Taught by the example of *his/her* holy life, may we by grace grow into the full stature of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Readings

1 Samuel 16.1,6-13

Psalm 16.5-11

Acts 20.28-35

Matthew 23.8-12

Refrain: My heart is glad and my spirit rejoices.

or

Isaiah 6.1-8

Psalm 23

Refrain: The Lord is my shepherd;
I shall not be in want.

1 Corinthians 4.1-5

John 10.11-16

or

Jeremiah 1.4-10

Psalm 96

2 Corinthians 5.14-20

John 15.9-17

Refrain: Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised.

or

Ezekiel 3.16-21

Psalm 117

1 Peter 5.1-4

John 21.15-17

Refrain: Praise the Lord, all you nations.

Prayer after Communion

Father, we thank you for your servant *N*, in whom we see the loving service of Christ. May we who receive these holy mysteries be faithful in the ministry to which you call us, through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Blessing

Christ the Good Shepherd, who laid down his life for the sheep, draw you and all who hear his voice to be one within one fold; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

RELIGIOUS

Collect

Almighty God, by whose grace *N*, kindled by the fire of your love, became a burning and a shining light in your Church: inflame us with the same spirit of discipline and love, that we may ever walk before you as children of light; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Readings

Proverbs 10.27-32

Psalm 112

Refrain:
or

Light shines in the darkness for the upright.
The righteous are merciful and
full of compassion.

2 Corinthians 10.17 - 11.2

Matthew 19.3-12

or

Song of Songs 8.6-7

Psalm 119.57-64

Philippians 3.7-14

Luke 9.57-62

Refrain:

The earth, O Lord, is full of your love.

or

Hosea 2.16-17,21-22

Psalm 123

Refrain:

Our eyes look to the Lord our God
until he show us his mercy.

Revelation 19.1,5-9

Luke 12.32-37

Prayer after Communion

O God, your Word is the light of our pilgrimage, the end and fulfilment of our knowledge. May we who have known him in the breaking of the bread await in love the dawning of his radiance, the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

Blessing

The God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ Jesus, establish, strengthen and settle you in the faith; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

MISSIONARIES

Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, we thank you for your servant *N*, whom you called to preach the gospel to the people of (or to the people). Raise up in this and every land heralds and evangelists of your kingdom, that your Church may make known the immeasurable riches of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Readings

Isaiah 52.7-10

Psalm 67

Refrain: Let the peoples praise you, O God,
let all the peoples praise you.
(said after verses 2,4,7)

Acts 2.14,22-36

Matthew 9.35-38

or

Ezekiel 34.11-16

Psalm 97

Refrain: The Lord is king,
most high over all the earth.

Romans 15.17-21

Luke 5.1-11

or

Jonah 3.1-5

Psalm 100

Refrain: Give thanks to the Lord and
call upon his name.

2 Corinthians 5.11-6.2

Luke 10.1-9

Prayer after Communion

Father, may we who share in these holy mysteries receive health of body and mind, and a continual will to witness to your gospel. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Blessing

God give you grace to follow his saints in faith and hope and love; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

or

Christ crucified draw you to himself, to find in him a sure ground for faith, a firm support for hope, and the assurance of sins forgiven; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

ANY SAINT

Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the heart of your servant *N* kindled the flame of your love: give us, your humble servants, such faith and power of love, that as we rejoice in *his/her* triumph we may profit by *his/her* example; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

or

Almighty God, may we, by your grace surrounded with so great a cloud of witnesses and encouraged by the example of your servant *N*, run with perseverance the race you set before us, until at last, through your mercy, we attain with *him/her* to your eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the author and perfecter of our faith, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Readings

Genesis 12.1-4

Psalm 32

Refrain: Happy are they whose sins are forgiven.

Ephesians 3.14-19

Matthew 25.1-13

or

Proverbs 8.1-11

Psalm 33.1-5

Refrain: Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous.

James 2.14-17

Matthew 25.14-30

or

Micah 6.6-8

Psalm 139.1-5(6-12)

Refrain: Lord, you have searched me out and known me
[you discern my thoughts from afar].

Ephesians 6.11-18

John 15.1-8

or

Sirach 2.7-13(14-18)

Psalm 145.8-13

Refrain: I will exalt you, O God my king
[and bless your name for ever].

Revelation 21.(1-4)5-7

John 17.20-26

Prayer after Communion

God of glory, this table is a foretaste of the kingdom of your Son. May we be faithful to him in this life and rejoice with your servant *N* for ever; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

or

God of glory, we give thanks for your likeness in your servant *N*. May we who share at this table be transformed by your love and display the joy of your kingdom, where Jesus is Lord, now and for ever.

Blessing

The God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ Jesus, establish, strengthen and settle you in the faith; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

COMMUNION OF THE SICK

Distribution of Communion
to those not present at a Celebration

We meet in Christ's name.
Let us share his peace.

**Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
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.**

Confession and Absolution.

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith.

Silence

**God our Father, we confess to you
and to our fellow members in the Body of Christ
that we have sinned in thought, word and deed,
and in what we have failed to do.
We are truly sorry.
Forgive us our sins,
and deliver us from the power of evil.
For the sake of your Son who died for us,
Jesus Christ, our Lord.**

God, who is both power and love,
Forgive *us* and free *us* from *our* sins,
Heal and strengthen *us* by his Spirit
And raise *us* to new life in Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Collect of the Day.

Short Readings,
including one from a Gospel, may be used.

Intercession may be made.
*(The Confession and Absolution may follow here,
if not already used.)*

The Lord's Prayer.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
grant us peace.

The Communion.

The Thanksgiving.

Father, your steadfast purpose is the completion of all things in your Son. May we who have received the pledges of the kingdom, live by faith, walk in hope and be renewed in love, until the world reflects your glory and you are all in all; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

(or another appropriate prayer may be said)

The Blessing.

Eucharistic Prayer
at a Celebration in the presence of the Sick

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Worship and praise belong to you, Father,
in every place and at all times.

You created the heavens and established the earth;
you sustain in being all that is.

In Christ your Son our life and yours
are brought together in a wonderful exchange.

Through your Holy Spirit you call us to new birth
in a creation restored by love.

As children of your redeeming purpose
we offer you our praise,
with angels and archangels
and the whole company of heaven,
singing the hymn of your unending glory:

**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.

Glory and thanksgiving be to you,
most loving Father,
for the gift of your Son,
who, on the night when he was given up to death,
at supper with his disciples
took bread and offered you thanks.
He broke the bread,
and gave it to them, saying:
'Take, eat.
This is my Body: it is broken for you.'

After supper, he took the cup,
he offered you thanks,
and gave it to them saying:
'Drink this, all of you.
This is my Blood of the new covenant;
it is poured out for you, and for all,
that sins may be forgiven.
Do this in remembrance of me.'

We now obey your Son's command.
We recall his blessed passion and death,
his glorious resurrection and ascension;
and we look for the coming of his Kingdom.

Made one with him, we offer you these gifts
and with them ourselves,
a single, holy, living sacrifice.

Send your Holy Spirit upon us
and upon this bread and this wine,
that, overshadowed by his life-giving power,
they may be the Body and Blood of your Son,
and we may be kindled with the fire of your love
and renewed for the service of your Kingdom.

May we grow together in unity and love
until at last, in your new creation,
we enter into our heritage.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord,
with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be to you,
Lord of all ages,
world without end.

Amen.

