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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.

It is indeed right, it is our duty and our joy, at all times and in all places to give you thanks and praise, Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God.

Proper Preface, when appropriate

Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and saying,

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 to you, our heavenly Father: in your mercy you gave your only Son, Jesus Christ, to suffer death on the cross for our redemption.

He made there, by his offering of himself, a full, perfect and sufficient sacrifice, oblation and satisfaction for the sins of the whole world.

He instituted, and in his holy gospel commanded us to continue, this memorial of his death and sacrifice, until he comes again.

For on the night that he was betrayed, he took bread and gave you thanks; he broke the bread, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks; he gave it to them, saying:

Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Therefore, heavenly Father, according to his institution, we remember and bring before you, with these holy gifts, the passion and death, the resurrection and ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son; giving thanks for all that he has gained for us, and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

Hear us, merciful Father, send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of your creation, 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 renewed for the service of your kingdom.

We ask you, Father, to receive this, our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving.
[Grant that by his merits and death, and through faith in his blood, we and all your Church may receive forgiveness of our sins and all other benefits of his passion.]

As we offer and present to you ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a holy and living sacrifice,
[fill us who share in this holy communion with your grace and heavenly blessing, and make us one body with him, that he may dwell in us and we in him.

Although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer you any sacrifice, yet we pray that you will] accept this, the duty and service that we owe, not weighing our merits but pardoning our offences; 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.

Proper Prefaces

Advent

Because you sent your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, to redeem us from sin and death and to make us inheritors of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may with joy behold his appearing, and with confidence may stand before him.

Incarnation

Because, by the power of the Holy Spirit, your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, took our nature upon him and was born of the Virgin Mary his mother, that being himself without sin, he might make us clean from all sin.

Epiphany

Because, in the incarnation of the Word, a new light has dawned upon the world, that all the nations may be brought out of darkness to see the radiance of your glory.

Presentation

Because, by appearing in the temple, your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, comes near to us in judgement; the Word made flesh searches the hearts of all your people and brings to light the brightness of your splendour.

Annunciation

Because, by the power of the Holy Spirit, your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, took our nature upon him and was born of the Virgin Mary his mother, that being himself without sin, he might make us clean from all sin.

Lent

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

Passiontide

Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, for our salvation, was obedient even to death on the cross.

The tree of shame was made the tree of glory; and where life was lost, there life has been restored.

Maundy Thursday

Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, having loved his own who were in the world, loved them to the end; and on the night before he suffered, sitting at table with his disciples, he instituted these holy mysteries, that we, redeemed by his death and restored to life by his resurrection, might be partakers of his divine nature.

Easter

But chiefly are we bound to praise you because you raised your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, gloriously from the dead.

For he is the true paschal lamb who was offered for us, and has taken away the sin of the world.

By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has restored to us everlasting life.

Ascension

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

Pentecost

Because, after he had ascended far above all heavens, and was seated at the right hand of your majesty, your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, sent forth upon the universal Church your holy and life-giving Spirit;

Trinity Sunday

Because you have revealed the glory of your eternal fellowship of love with your Son and with the Holy Spirit, three persons equal in majesty, undivided in splendour, yet one God, ever to be worshipped and adored.

All Saints

For the glorious pledge of the hope of our calling which you have given us in your saints; that, following their example and strengthened by their fellowship, we may run with perseverance the race that is set before us, and with them receive the unfading crown of glory.

A Saint

Because your glory is revealed in [N and] all the saints. In their lives you have given us an example of faithfulness to Christ. In their holiness we find encouragement and hope. In our communion with them we share the unity of your kingdom.

Apostles, and Ordinations

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

Dedication of a Church

Through Jesus Christ our great High Priest;

in whom we are built up as living stones of a holy temple, that we might offer before you a sacrifice of praise and prayer which is holy and pleasing in your sight.

Baptism

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

Marriage

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

Commemoration of the Dead

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