

Propers  
of the Church Year  
and Revised Common  
Lectionary

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# 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 for ever.

### Readings

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

### 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.



## **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,  
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.



## **Magnificat** (Luke 1.46b-55)

**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 ...



## 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<br>Psalm 96            | Refrain: | Great is the Lord and greatly be praised.<br><i>or</i><br>To you is born this day a saviour, who is Christ the Lord.<br><i>or</i><br>as Psalm 98 (see Set III) |
|     | Titus 2.11-14<br>Luke 2.1-14(15-20) |          |  |
| II  | Isaiah 62.6-12<br>Psalm 97          | Refrain: | Zion hears and is glad, and the cities of Judah rejoice.<br><i>or</i><br>as Psalm 98 (see Set III)   |
|     | Titus 3.4-7<br>Luke 2.(1-7)8-20     |          |  |
| III | Isaiah 52.7-10<br>Psalm 98          | Refrain: | All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.  |
|     | Hebrews 1.1-4(5-12)<br>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<br>Psalm 148<br><br>Hebrews 2.10-18<br>Matthew 2.13-23   | Refrain: | Praise, O praise the name of the Lord. |
| B | Isaiah 61.10-62.3<br>Psalm 148<br>Galatians 4.4-7<br>Luke 2.22-40      | Refrain: | as Year A                              |
| C | 1 Samuel 2.18-20,26<br>Psalm 148<br>Colossians 3.12-17<br>Luke 2.41-52 | Refrain: | as Year A                              |

### 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

Psalms 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.

## FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

## PROPER 1

### 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

Psalm 29

Refrain:

The voice of the Lord is upon the mighty waters.

or

The Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

Acts 10.34-43

Matthew 3.13-17

B Genesis 1.1-5

Psalm 29

Refrain:

as Year A

or

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters  
[the God of glory thunders].

Acts 19.1-7

Mark 1.4-11

C Isaiah 43.1-7

Psalm 29

Refrain:

see Years A and B

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.

## SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

## PROPER 2

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

### 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.



## FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

## PROPER 4

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

## FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

## PROPER 5

### 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)  
Psalm 112.1-9(10)

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

1 Corinthians 2.1-12(13-16)  
Matthew 5.13-20

B Isaiah 40.21-31  
Psalm 147.1-12

Refrain: Sing praises to our God who heals the brokenhearted.

1 Corinthians 9.16-23  
Mark 1.29-39

C Isaiah 6.1-8(9-13)  
Psalm 138

Refrain: Before the gods I will sing your praise.  
or Great is the glory of the Lord!

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.

## SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

## PROPER 6

### 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

A Deuteronomy 30.15-20

or Sirach 15.15-20

Psalm 119.1-8

Refrain: 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

Refrain: 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.

1 Corinthians 9.24-27

Mark 1.40-45

C Jeremiah 17.5-10

Psalm 1

Refrain: Happy are they who walk in the law of the Lord.

1 Corinthians 15.12-20

Luke 6.17-26

### 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.

## SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

## PROPER 7

### 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

Refrain: Give me understanding and I shall keep your law.

1 Corinthians 3.10-11,16-23

Matthew 5.38-48

B Isaiah 43.18-25

Psalm 41

Refrain: [Lord, be merciful to me];  
heal me, for I have sinned against you.

2 Corinthians 1.18-22

Mark 2.1-12

C Genesis 45.3-11,15

Psalm 37.1-12,41-42

Refrain: Commit your way to the Lord and trust in him.

or Dwell in the land and feed on its riches.

1 Corinthians 15.35-38,42-50

Luke 6.27-38

### 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.

## EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

## PROPER 8

### 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  
Psalm 131

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

1 Corinthians 4.1-5  
Matthew 6.24-34

B Hosea 2.14-20  
Psalm 103.1-13,22

Refrain: Bless the Lord, O my soul!  
or The Lord is full of compassion and mercy.

2 Corinthians 3.1-6  
Mark 2.13-22

C Sirach 27.4-7  
or Isaiah 55.10-13  
Psalm 92.1-4,11-14

Refrain: It is a good thing to give thanks to the Lord.

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.



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

### **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

Psalm 32

Refrain: I will confess my transgressions to the Lord.

Romans 5.12-19

Matthew 4.1-11

B Genesis 9.8-17

Psalm 25.1-9

Refrain: Your paths, O Lord, are love and faithfulness  
[to those who keep your covenant].

1 Peter 3.18-22

Mark 1.9-15

C Deuteronomy 26.1-11

Psalm 91.1-2,9-16

Refrain: Be with me, O Lord, in trouble.  
or You, O Lord, are my refuge  
[my God in whom I put my trust].

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

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

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

1 Corinthians 10.1-13

Luke 13.1-9

### 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

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

Ephesians 5.8-14

John 9.(1-12)13-41

### **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

Psalm 107.1-3,17-22

Refrain: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;  
and his mercy endures for ever.

or Give thanks to the Lord for his mercy.

Ephesians 2.1-10

John 3.14-21

C Joshua 5.9-12

Psalm 32

Refrain: You, O Lord, are my hiding-place  
[you preserve me from trouble].

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

Psalms 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	Refrain:	A clean heart create in me, O God.
	or Psalm 119.9-16	Refrain:	O Lord, how I love your law.
	Hebrews 5.5-10		
	John 12.20-33		
C	Isaiah 43.16-21		
	Psalm 126	Refrain:	The Lord has done great things for us [and we are glad indeed].
	Philippians 3.4b-14		
	John 12.1-8		

### **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	Refrain:	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.



## 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

Psalms 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

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

Hebrews 12.1-3

John 13.21-32

### **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

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

Hebrews 10.16-25

or Hebrews 4.14-16;5.7-9

John 18.1-19.42

### 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.



4 Exodus 14.10-31; 15.20-21  
Canticle: Exodus 15.1b-13,17-18 (The Song of Moses)

Refrain: Sing to the Lord,  
for he has triumphed gloriously.

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) Romans 6.3-11  
Gradual Psalm 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.



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

Refrain: Gracious is the Lord and righteous  
[our God is full of compassion].

or 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

Refrain: 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

Refrain: I will exalt you, O Lord, because you  
have lifted me up.

or 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

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

### 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

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

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

### 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

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

### 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

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| A | Acts 2.1-21 or Numbers 11.24-30<br>Psalm 104.25-35,37   | Refrain: | Send forth your Spirit, O Lord,<br>and renew the face of the earth. |
|   | 1 Corinthians 12.3b-13 or Acts 2.1-21<br>John 20.19-23 or John 7.37-39  |          |   |
| B | Acts 2.1-21 or Ezekiel 37.1-14<br>Psalm as Year A<br>Romans 8.22-27 or Acts 2.1-21<br>John 15.26-27; 16.4b-15 |          |   |
| C | Acts 2.1-21 or Genesis 11.1-9<br>Psalm as Year A<br>Romans 8.14-17 or Acts 2.1-21<br>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  
Psalm 8

Refrain: [O Lord our governor,  
How excellent is your name in all  
the world.

2 Corinthians 13.11-13  
Matthew 28.16-20

B Isaiah 6.1-8  
Psalm 29

Refrain: In God's temple all cry "Glory!"  
or The Lord shall give his people  
the blessing of peace.

Romans 8.12-17  
John 3.1-17

C Proverbs 8.1-4,22-31  
Psalm 8  
Romans 5.1-5  
John 16.12-15

Refrain: as Year A

### 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

Refrain: I will lift up the cup of salvation.

1 Corinthians 10.16-17 or 11.23-26

John 6.(51-52)53-58

### 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.

## SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

## PROPER 6

between 8 and 14 May

### 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

A Deuteronomy 30.15-20  
or Sirach 15.15-20  
Psalm 119.1-8

Refrain: 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

Refrain: 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.

1 Corinthians 9.24-27  
Mark 1.40-45

C Jeremiah 17.5-10  
Psalm 1

Refrain: Happy are they who walk in the law of the Lord.

1 Corinthians 15.12-20  
Luke 6.17-26

### 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.

*In each year from the Second Sunday after Pentecost to the Sunday next before Advent, two Old Testament readings are provided, each with its accompanying psalm. The first (I) allows semi-continuous reading of Old Testament passages; the second (II) is a reading chosen to relate to the gospel of the day. Whichever is selected, whether I or II, should be followed consistently throughout.*



## SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

## PROPER 8

between 22 and 28 May

### 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

Psalm 131

Refrain: I still my soul and make it quiet.

or The Lord has comforted his people.

1 Corinthians 4.1-5

Matthew 6.24-34

B Hosea 2.14-20

Psalm 103.1-13,22

Refrain: Bless the Lord, O my soul!

or The Lord is full of compassion  
and mercy.

2 Corinthians 3.1-6

Mark 2.13-22

C Sirach 27.4-7

or Isaiah 55.10-13

Psalm 92.1-4,11-14

Refrain: It is a good thing to give thanks  
to the Lord.

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.

*In each year from the Second Sunday after Pentecost to the Sunday next before Advent, two Old Testament readings are provided, each with its accompanying psalm. The first (I) allows semi-continuous reading of Old Testament passages; the second (II) is a reading chosen to relate to the gospel of the day. Whichever is selected, whether I or II, should be followed consistently throughout.*

## SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

## PROPER 9

between 29 May and 4 June

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

## PROPER 10

between 5 and 11 June

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

**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.

## SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

## PROPER 11

between 12 and 18 June

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

### 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.

## SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

## PROPER 12

between 19 and 25 June

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

### 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.

## SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

## PROPER 13

**between 26 June and 2 July**

### 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.

<b>Readings</b>		<i>See note at the end of Proper 8</i>	
A	I	Genesis 22.1-14 Psalm 13	Refrain: Look upon me and answer me, O Lord.
	II	Jeremiah 28.5-9 Psalm 89.1-4,15-18	Refrain: Your love, O Lord, for ever will I sing.
		Romans 6.12-23 Matthew 10.40-42	
B	I	2 Samuel 1.1,17-27 Psalm 130	Refrain: Out of the depths have I called you, O Lord. or Daughters of Israel, weep over Saul.
	II	Wisdom 1.13-15; 2.23-24 Psalm 30	Refrain: To you, O Lord, my heart shall sing without ceasing.
		or Lamentations 3.22-33	Refrain: The Lord is good to those who wait for him.
		2 Corinthians 8.7-15 Mark 5.21-43	
C	I	2 Kings 2.1-2,6-14 Psalm 77.1-2,11-20	Refrain: Your footsteps, O God, were not seen.
	II	1 Kings 19.15-16,19-21 Psalm 16	Refrain: O Lord, you are my portion and my cup.
		Galatians 5.1,13-25 Luke 9.51-62	

**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.

## SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

## PROPER 14

between 3 and 9 July

### 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 Psalm 45.11-18	Refrain:	Grace flows from your lips, because God has blessed you for ever.
		or Song of Songs 2.8-13	Refrain:	Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away.
	II	Zechariah 9.9-12 Psalm 145.8-15	Refrain:	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 Psalm 48	Refrain:	In the city of our God is his holy# hill.
	II	Ezekiel 2.1-5 Psalm 123	Refrain:	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 Psalm 30	Refrain:	I will exalt you, O Lord, because you have restored my life.
	II	Isaiah 66.10-14 Psalm 66.1-8	Refrain: 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.

## SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

## PROPER 15

between 10 and 16 July

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

### 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.

## SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

## PROPER 16

between 17 and 23 July

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

**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.

## SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

## PROPER 17

between 24 and 30 July

### 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)	Refrain:	Sing to the Lord, sing praises to him.
		or Psalm 128	or	The Lord has always been mindful of his covenant.
			Refrain:	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	Refrain:	Lord, how I love your law.
B	I	2 Samuel 11.1-15 Psalm 14	Refrain:	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	Refrain:	You open wide your hand, O Lord, and satisfy our needs.
C	I	Hosea 1.2-10 Psalm 85	Refrain:	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	Refrain:	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.

**SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST****PROPER 18****between 31 July and 6 August****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	Refrain:	Show me, O Lord, your loving-kindness.
		Psalm 17.1-7,16		
	II	Isaiah 55.1-5	Refrain:	You open wide your hand, O Lord [and satisfy the needs of every creature].
		Psalm 145.8-9,15-22		
		Romans 9.1-5 Matthew 14.13-21		
B	I	2 Samuel 11.26 – 12.13a	Refrain:	I know my transgressions, O God [and my sin is ever before me].
		Psalm 51.1-13		
	II	Exodus 16.2-4,9-15	Refrain:	The Lord gave them grain from heaven.
		Psalm 78.23-29		
		Ephesians 4.1-16 John 6.24-35		
C	I	Hosea 11.1-11	Refrain:	Give thanks to the Lord for his mercy [and the wonders he does for his children].
		Psalm 107.1-9,43		
	II	Ecclesiastes 1.2,12-14; 2.18-23	Refrain:	My mouth, O Lord, shall speak of wisdom.
		Psalm 49.1-11		
		Colossians 3.1-11 Luke 12.13-21		

**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.

**SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST****PROPER 19****between 7 and 13 August****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)	Refrain:	Sing to the Lord, sing praises to him.
	II	1 Kings 19.9-18 Psalm 85.8-13	Refrain:	Show us your mercy, O Lord, and grant us your salvation.
		Romans 10.5-15 Matthew 14.22-33		
B	I	2 Samuel 18.5-9,15,31-33 Psalm 130	Refrain:	Out of the depths have I called you, O Lord [Lord, hear my voice].
	II	1 Kings 19.4-8 Psalm 34.1-8	Refrain:	Taste and see that the Lord is good.
		Ephesians 4.25 – 5.2 John 6.35,41-51		
C	I	Isaiah 1.1,10-20 Psalm 50.1-8,23-24	Refrain:	Our God will come and will not keep silence. or The heavens declare the rightness of God's cause.
	II	Genesis 15.1-6 Psalm 33.12-22	Refrain:	Happy are the people the Lord has chosen as his own.
		Hebrews 11.1-3,8-16 Luke 12.32-40		

**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.

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

**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.

## SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

## PROPER 21

between 21 and 27 August

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

**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.

**SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST****PROPER 22****between 28 August and 3 September****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)	Refrain:	Sing to the Lord, sing praises to him.
	II	Jeremiah 15.15-21 Psalm 26.1-8	Refrain:	Your love is before my eyes; [I have walked faithfully with you].
		Romans 12.9-21 Matthew 16.21-28		
B	I	Song of Songs 2.8-13 Psalm 45.1-2,7-10	Refrain:	Grace flows from your lips, because God has blessed you for ever.
	II	Deuteronomy 4.1-2,6-9 Psalm 15	Refrain:	Those who do what is right will dwell in the presence of the Lord.
		James 1.17-27 Mark 7.1-8,14-15,21-23		
C	I	Jeremiah 2.4-13 Psalm 81.1,10-16	Refrain:	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	Refrain:	Light shines in the darkness for the upright.
		Hebrews 13.1-8,15-16 Luke 14.1,7-14		

**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.

**SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST****PROPER 23****between 4 and 10 September****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	Refrain:	Sing to the Lord in the congregation of the faithful.
	II	Ezekiel 33.7-11 Psalm 119.33-40	Refrain:	Give me understanding and I shall keep your law.
		Romans 13.8-14 Matthew 18.15-20		
B	I	Proverbs 22.1-2,8-9,22-23 Psalm 125	Refrain:	Show your goodness, O Lord, to those who are good.
	II	Isaiah 35.4-7a Psalm 146	Refrain:	I will praise the Lord as long as I live.
		James 2.1-10(11-13)14-17 Mark 7.24-37		
C	I	Jeremiah 18.1-11 Psalm 139.1-5,12-17	Refrain:	You, O Lord, created my inward parts [you knit me together in my mother's womb].
	II	Deuteronomy 30.15-20 Psalm 1	Refrain:	Lord, my delight is in your law.
		Philemon 1-21 Luke 14.25-33		

**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.

## SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

## PROPER 24

between 11 and 17 September

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

## SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

## PROPER 25

between 18 and 24 September

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

### 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.

## SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

## PROPER 26 between 25 September and 1 October

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

### 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.

**SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST****PROPER 27****between 2 and 8 October****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	Refrain:	The commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to the eyes.
		Psalm 19		
	II	Isaiah 5.1-7	Refrain:	For the vineyard of the Lord of Hosts is the house of Israel.
		Psalm 80.7-14		
		Philippians 3.4b-14 Matthew 21.33-46		
B	I	Job 1,1; 2.1-10	Refrain:	I will live with integrity, O Lord; [redeem me and have pity on me].
		Psalm 26		
		Genesis 2.18-24 Psalm 8		
Hebrews 1.1-4; 2.5-12 Mark 10.2-16				
C	I	Lamentations 1.1-6	Refrain:	By the waters of Babylon we sat down and wept.
		Psalm 137.1-9		
	II	or Lamentations 3.19-26	Refrain:	The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases.
			or	The Lord is good to those who wait for him.
		Habakkuk 1.1-4; 2.1-4 Psalm 37.1-10	Refrain:	Put your trust in the Lord, take your delight in him.
		or	Wait patiently for the Lord.	
		2 Timothy 1.1-14 Luke 17.5-10		

**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.

**SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST****PROPER 28****between 9 and 15 October****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	Refrain:	Who can declare the mighty acts of the Lord?
	II	Isaiah 25.1-9 Psalm 23	Refrain:	I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.
		Philippians 4.1-9 Matthew 22.1-14		
B	I	Job 23.1-9,16-17 Psalm 22.1-15	Refrain:	Why are you so far from the words of my distress ?
	II	Amos 5.6-7,10-15 Psalm 90.12-17	Refrain:	We shall rejoice and be glad all the days of our life. or O Lord, be gracious to your servants.
		Hebrews 4.12-16 Mark 10.17-31		
C	I	Jeremiah 29.1,4-7 Psalm 66.1-11(12-13)	Refrain:	Come now and see the works of God [who holds our souls in life].
	II	2 Kings 5.1-3,7-15c Psalm 111	Refrain:	The works of the Lord stand fast for ever. or Great are the deeds of the Lord [full of majesty and splendour].
		2 Timothy 2.8-15 Luke 17.11-19		

**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.

**SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST****PROPER 29****between 16 and 22 October****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	Refrain:	He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud.
	II	Isaiah 45.1-7 Psalm 96.1-9(10-13)	Refrain:	Ascribe to the Lord honour and power.
		1 Thessalonians 1.1-10 Matthew 22.15-22		
B	I	Job 38.1-7,(34-41) Psalm 104,1-9,25,37b	Refrain:	At your rebuke, O Lord, the waters fled. [They shall not again cover the earth.]
	II	Isaiah 53.4-12 Psalm 91.9-16	Refrain:	The Lord shall give his angels charge over you [to keep you in all your ways].
		Hebrews 5.1-10 Mark 10.35-45		
C	I	Jeremiah 31.27-34 Psalm 119.97-104	Refrain:	You yourself have taught me, O Lord.
	II	Genesis 32.22-31 Psalm 121	Refrain:	My help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth.
		2 Timothy 3.14 – 4.5 Luke 18.1-8		

**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.

## SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

## PROPER 30

between 23 and 29 October

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

**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.

**SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST****PROPER 31****between 30 October and 5 November****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	Refrain:	Give thanks to the Lord for his mercy [and the wonders he does for his children].
	II	Micah 3.5-12 Psalm 43	Refrain:	Give judgement for me, O God, and defend my cause.
		1 Thessalonians 2.9-13 Matthew 23.1-12		
B	I	Ruth 1.1-18 Psalm 146	Refrain:	The Lord cares for the stranger; [he sustains the orphan and widow].
	II	Deuteronomy 6.1-9 Psalm 119.1-8	Refrain: or	Lord, may I keep your statutes. Happy are they who walk in the law of the Lord!
		Hebrews 9.11-14 Mark 12.28-34		
C	I	Habakkuk 1.1-4; 2.1-4 Psalm 119.137-144	Refrain:	Your justice is an everlasting justice.
	II	Isaiah 1.10-18 Psalm 32.1-8	Refrain:	Happy are they whose sins are forgiven.
		2 Thessalonians 1.1-4,11-12 Luke 19.1-10		

**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.

**SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST****PROPER 32****between 6 and 12 November****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	Refrain:	We will recount the wonderful works of the Lord.
		Psalm 78.1-7		
	II	Wisdom 6.12-16 or Amos 5.18-24 Psalm 70	Refrain:	You are my helper and deliverer [O Lord, make haste to help me].
		or Wisdom 6.17-20	Refrain:	Glory to the One who gives me wisdom!
		1 Thessalonians 4.13-18 Matthew 25.1-13		
B	I	Ruth 3.1-5; 4.13-17	Refrain:	The fruit of the womb is a gift.
		Psalm 127		
	II	1 Kings 17.8-16 Psalm 146	Refrain:	I will praise the Lord as long as I live.
			or	The Lord keeps his promise for ever.
		Hebrews 9.24-28 Mark 12.38-44		
C	I	Haggai 1.15b-2.9	Refrain:	You open wide your hand, O Lord, and satisfy our needs.
		Psalm 145.1-5,18-22		
		or Psalm 98	Refrain:	The Lord comes to judge the earth [and the peoples with equity].
	II	Job 19.23-27a Psalm 17.1-9	Refrain:	Show me, O Lord, your loving kindness.
		2 Thessalonians 2.1-5,13-17 Luke 20.27-38		

**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.

**SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST****PROPER 33****between 13 and 19 November****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	Refrain:	Our eyes look to the Lord our God until he show us his mercy.
		Psalm 123		
	II	Zephaniah 1.7,12-18	Refrain:	Satisfy us by your loving-kindness; so shall we rejoice and be glad.
		Psalm 90.1-8(9-11)12		
		1 Thessalonians 5.1-11 Matthew 25.14-30		
B	I	1 Samuel 1.4-20	Refrain:	You, Lord, are my portion and my cup.
		Psalm 16		
		or 1 Samuel 2.1-10		
	II	Daniel 12.1-3	Refrain:	My body shall rest in hope.
		Psalm 16		
		Hebrews 10.11-14(15-18)19-25 Mark 13.1-8		
C	I	Isaiah 65.17-25	Refrain:	The Lord comes to judge the earth [and the peoples with equity].
		Psalm 98		
		or Isaiah 12		
	II	Malachi 4.1-2a	Refrain:	The Lord comes to judge the earth [and the peoples with equity].
		Psalm 98		
		2 Thessalonians 3.6-13 Luke 21.5-19		

**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.

**LAST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (Christ the King)****PROPER 34****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	Refrain:	We are his people and the sheep of his pasture.
	II	Ezekiel 34.11-16,20-24 Psalm 95.1-7a	Refrain:	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)	Refrain:	The Lord will set his son upon his throne.
	II	Daniel 7.9-10,13-14 Psalm 93	Refrain:	The Lord has girded himself with strength.
		Revelation 1.4b-8 John 18.33-37	or	You, Lord, are from everlasting.
C	I	Jeremiah 23.1-6 Canticle Luke 1.68-79	Refrain:	Blessed be the Lord who sets his people free.
	II	Jeremiah 23.1-6 Psalm 46	Refrain:	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

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

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

Galatians 4.4-7

or Philippians 2.5-11

Luke 2.15-21

### 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.

## **KENTIGERN (or Mungo), Bishop**

**13 January**

### **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.

## THE CONVERSION OF SAINT PAUL, Apostle

25 January

### 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.

## THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

2 February

### 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

Psalm 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.

## JOSEPH OF NAZARETH

19 March

### 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

Psalms 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.

## THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

25 March

### 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.

## PHILIP AND JAMES, Apostles

1 May

### 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

Psalms 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

Psalms 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.

## THE VISIT OF MARY TO ELIZABETH

31 May

### 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.

## **BARNABAS, Apostle**

**11 June**

### **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.

## THE BIRTH OF JOHN THE BAPTIST

24 June

### 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.

## THOMAS, Apostle

3 July (or 21 December)

### 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.

## THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

6 August

### 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.

## MARY THE VIRGIN

15 August

### 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.

## **BARTHOLOMEW, Apostle**

**24 August**

### **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

Psalm 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.

## THE BEHEADING OF JOHN THE BAPTIST

29 August

### 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

Psalms 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)

Psalms 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.

## MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS

29 September

### 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.

## LUKE, Evangelist

18 October

### 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.

## SIMON AND JUDE, Apostles

28 October

### 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

Psalm 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.

## ALL SAINTS

1 November

### 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

Refrain: Taste and see that the Lord is good.  
[Happy are they who trust in him].  
or 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  
or Isaiah 25.6-9  
Psalm 24.1-6

Refrain: The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.  
or 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

Refrain: Sing to the Lord a new song.  
or 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

Psalm 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.

## MARGARET OF SCOTLAND

16 November

### 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.

## **ANDREW, Apostle, Patron of Scotland**

**30 November**

### **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.

## **THOMAS, Apostle**

**21 December  
(if not kept on 3 July)**

### **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.

## STEPHEN, Deacon and Martyr

26 December

### 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: The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree.  
or 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

Psalm 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  
1 Peter 2.1-10  
John 10.22-29

as Year A

C 1 Chronicles 29.6-19  
Psalm  
Ephesians 2.19-22  
John 2.13-22

as Year A

#### 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

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

Psalms 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	Refrain:	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	Refrain:	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	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.']

### 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

Romans 8.22-27

John 14.23-26

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

or

Wisdom 9.13-17

Psalm 143.8-10(11)

1 Corinthians 12.4-13

John 16.13-15

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

### 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

Ephesians 4.1-6

Matthew 18.19-22

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

or

Ezekiel 36.23-28

Psalm 122

Colossians 3.9-17

John 11.45-52

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

or

Zephaniah 3.16-20

Psalm 133

1 John 4.9-15

John 17.11b-23

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

### 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

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.

### 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

Acts 17.12-34

Matthew 5.13-16

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

or

Isaiah 52.7-10

Psalm 46

2 Corinthians 5.14 - 6.2

Matthew 28.16-20

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

or

Micah 4.1-5

Psalm 67

Ephesians 2.13-22

John 17.20-26

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

### 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

Psalms 31.1-5

Romans 8.35-39

Matthew 10.16-22

Refrain: Let your face shine on your servants.

or

Isaiah 43.1-7

Psalms 34.1-8

2 Corinthians 4.7-15

Matthew 10.28-39

Refrain: I sought the Lord, and he answered me.  
or Taste and see that the Lord is good.

or

Jeremiah 11.18-20

Psalms 124

2 Timothy 2.3-7(8-13)

John 12.24-26

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

or

Wisdom 4.10-15

Psalms 126

1 Peter 4.12-19

John 15.18-21

Refrain: The Lord has done great things for us.

**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

Refrain:

O Lord, your word is everlasting.

2 Timothy 4.1-8

John 16.12-15

### 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

Psalms 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

Psalms 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

Psalms 96

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

2 Corinthians 5.14-20

John 15.9-17

or

Ezekiel 3.16-21

Psalms 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

Psalms 112

Refrain: Light shines in the darkness for the upright.  
or 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

Psalms 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

Psalms 123

Revelation 19.1, 5-9

Luke 12.32-37

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

### 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

Psalms 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

Psalms 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

Psalms 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

Ephesians 3.14-19

Matthew 25.1-13

Refrain: Happy are they whose sins are forgiven.

*or*

Proverbs 8.1-11

Psalm 33.1-5

James 2.14-17

Matthew 25.14-30

Refrain: Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous.

*or*

Micah 6.6-8

Psalm 139.1-5(6-12)

Ephesians 6.11-18

John 15.1-8

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

*or*

Sirach 2.7-13(14-18)

Psalm 145.8-13

Revelation 21.(1-4)5-7

John 17.20-26

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

**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.