

Seasonal material for use with Scottish Liturgy 1982

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Confession and absolution

Traditionally, the Ten Commandments and the Gospel Summary of the Law have preceded the call to confession. The latter is provided in Scottish Liturgy 1982, through all its iterations, and the Decalogue is now also made available, and may be particularly suitable during the penitential seasons. The Comfortable Words, which traditionally followed the Absolution, are also provided. These may be used at Section 4 (page 1) or before Section 16 (page 6).

Sentences, directly quoted from Scripture or paraphrased, appropriate to each season, are provided as invitations to confess. These may replace the paragraph beginning “God is love” at Sections 5 (page 2) and 16 (page 6).

Ten Commandments

As we hear these commandments, let us examine our hearts:

I am the Lord your God: you shall have no other gods but me. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.

Amen. Lord, have mercy.

You shall not make for yourself any idol. [God is Spirit, and you must worship in spirit and in truth.]

Amen. Lord, have mercy.

You shall not dishonour the name of the Lord your God. [You shall worship God with awe and reverence.]

Amen. Lord, have mercy.

Remember the Sabbath and keep it holy. [Christ is risen from the dead: set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on the earth.]

Amen. Lord, have mercy.

Honour your father and mother. [Live as God's family, and work for the good of all.]

Amen. Lord, have mercy.

You shall not commit murder. [Live peaceably with all, and overcome evil with good.]

Amen. Lord, have mercy.

You shall not commit adultery. [Know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit.]

Amen. Lord, have mercy.

You shall not steal. [Be honest in all that you do, and care for those in need.]

Amen. Lord, have mercy.

You shall not be a false witness. [Speak the truth with courage and charity.]

Amen. Lord, have mercy.

You shall not covet anything which belongs to your neighbour. [Remember the words of the Lord Jesus: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.' Love your neighbour as yourself, for love is the fulfilling of the law.]

Amen. Lord, have mercy.

Beatitudes

Matthew 5.3-12

Let us hear our Lord's blessing on those who turn and follow him.

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. **Amen.**

Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. **Amen.**

Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. **Amen.**

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. **Amen.**

Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. **Amen.**

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. **Amen.**

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. **Amen.**

Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. **Amen.**

Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you. **Amen.**

Luke 6.20-26

Let us hear our Lord's blessing on those who turn and follow him.

Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. **Lord, have mercy.**

Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. **Lord, have mercy.**

Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. **Lord, have mercy.**

Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets. **Lord, have mercy.**

But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. **Lord, have mercy.**

Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. **Lord, have mercy.**

Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. **Lord, have mercy.**

Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets. **Lord, have mercy.**

Summary of the Law

Our Lord Jesus Christ said, "The first commandment is this: 'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is the only Lord. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.' The second is this: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

Amen. Lord, have mercy.

Comfortable words

Hear the words of comfort our Saviour Christ says to all who truly turn to God:

Come to me, all who labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. (Matthew 11.28)

God so loved the world that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whoever believes should not perish but have eternal life. (John 3.16)

Hear also what Saint Paul says:

This saying is true, and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. (1 Timothy 1.15)

Hear also what Saint John says:

If anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the sacrifice for our sins. (1 John 2.1,2)

Seasonal sentences

Advent

When Christ comes, he will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness, and will disclose the purposes of the heart. Therefore in the light of Christ let us confess our sins in penitence and faith. (1 Corinthians 4.5)

A voice cries out in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord.' So let us turn to God in penitence and faith, and confess our sins in penitence and faith. (John 1.23)

Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand. Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith. (Matthew 3.2)

Christmas

Christ the light of the world has come to dispel the darkness of our hearts. Let us turn to the light and confess our sins in penitence and faith.

God so loved the world that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whoever believes should not perish but have eternal life. Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith. (John 3.16)

Epiphany

The grace of God has dawned upon the world through our Saviour Jesus Christ, who sacrificed himself to purify us as God's people. Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith. (Titus 2.11-14)

The dawn of Christ's light has revealed God's grace. Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith.

Lent

The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart God will not despise. Let us come before the one who is full of compassion, and confess our sins in penitence and faith.

God's love is shown in that, while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Let us then show our love for God by confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

Easter

Christ our passover has been sacrificed for us. Therefore let us keep the feast, putting away all malice and evil, and confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

Ascension, Transfiguration, Christ the King

When Christ appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. As God is pure, all who have grasped this hope make themselves pure. So let us confess our sins in penitence and faith.

Seeing we have a great high priest who has passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us come boldly to the throne of grace, confessing our sins in penitence and faith [, that we may obtain mercy and find grace]. (Hebrews 4.14-16)

Pentecost

What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor human heart imagined, has prepared for those who love God. This has been revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything. Therefore, let us open our hearts to God, and confess our sins in penitence and faith.

Creation

Let us recognise our disregard of the needs of others, and repent of the ways in which we waste the resources of the world, confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

God's whole Creation groans, as the land longs to be set free. Our sin affects all around us, and so we confess our sins in penitence and faith.

Human sin disfigures the whole Creation, which groans with eager longing for God's work of redemption. Let us confess our sin in penitence and faith.

Festivals

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just, and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith. (1 John 1.8-9)

Seeing we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight and the sin which overwhelms us, and run with perseverance the race set before us, confessing our sins in penitence and faith. (Hebrews 12.1-2)

Peace

The Peace has been placed in alternative positions, as part of the opening rite, and before the Offertory. In either case, the centrality of the Peace of the risen Christ, as opposed to exchange of pleasantries and gossip in the congregation, is to be emphasised. Worshippers are encouraged to recognise the entire congregation as included in any exchange of Peace, not only selected friends.

The sentences appropriate to the seasons and to particular occasions may be inserted before the Greeting of Peace at Section 2 (page 1) or Section 17 (page 6).

Advent

In the tender mercy of our God, the dayspring from on high shall break upon us, to give light to those in darkness, and to guide our feet into the way of peace. (Luke 1. 78-79)

Christ comes to give light to those in darkness, and guide our feet into the way of peace.

Christmas

Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given, and his name shall be called the Prince of Peace. (Isaiah 9.6)

Epiphany

Our Saviour Christ, the Prince of Peace, is revealed to the world.

Lent

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Christ is our peace. He has reconciled us to God in one body by the cross.

Easter

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia.

Ascension, Transfiguration

Christ has taken our humanity to the heart of God, and forms us into his body here on earth.

Pentecost

The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace. If we live in the Spirit, let us walk in the Spirit.

We are the body of Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised into one body. Let us then pursue all that makes for peace and builds up our common life.

Creation

God has called us to live in peace with all Creation. We meet in Christ's name. Let us share his peace.

Those who sow in peace will reap a harvest of righteousness. We meet in Christ's name. Let us share his peace.

Festivals

We are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses, with whom we meet in Christ's name and share his peace.

Baptism, Ordination

We are the Body of Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised into the one body.

Eucharistic Prayer for the Season of Creation

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Worship and praise belong to you, O God,
Creator of all things visible and invisible,
Source of life and immortality,
Whom the heavens praise, the sun and moon and all the stars,
the earth, the sea and all that is in them,
in every place and at all times.

By your holy Word you brought order out of chaos.
you divided light from darkness,
created the heavens and established the earth;
you divided the sea from the dry land,
and caused all life to come into being.
When you had made the plants and the animals,
you formed humanity in your own image,
and entrusted us with the priesthood of your Creation.

In Christ your holy Word became flesh,
took our human form, lived among us,
and, through dying on the cross,
overcame sin and death,
that your Creation might be restored in him.

Through your Holy Spirit
Who first moved over the waters,
you renew the world, and call us to new birth,
in a Creation restored by love.

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

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord,
God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Glory and thanksgiving be to you,
God our creator,
for the gift of your Son born in human flesh.
Christ is your holy Wisdom, existing beyond time,
both source and final purpose, bringing to wholeness all that is made.
Through Christ you revealed yourself in the world,
and bring your saving work to its completion.
Obedient to your will he died upon the Cross.
By your power you raised him from the dead.
He broke the bonds of evil
and set your people free
to be his Body in the world.

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

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

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

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

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

Amen.

Fraction, Distribution, and Post-Communion

Words of invitation to Communion are provided, which may be inserted at Section 22 (page 29).

Post-Communion sentences appropriate to the seasons and other occasions. These may be used at Section 24 (page 30), as indicated in the rubric.

Invitation to Communion

Draw near in faith. Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave you, and his blood which he shed for you. [Eat and drink in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.]

or

Holy things for holy people.

Jesus Christ is holy. Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

or

God's holy gifts for God's holy people.

Jesus Christ is holy. Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

or

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.

Blessed are we who are called to his supper.

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
But only say the word, and I will be healed.**

Post-Communion Sentences

Advent

God, for whom we wait, we thank you for feeding us with the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ who, at his first advent, came to seek and save that which was lost: grant that, on the last day, he may be found in us, and we in him; through the same, Christ our Lord.

Christmas

Eternal God, we thank you for feeding us in these holy mysteries; as we celebrate this night/day/at this time the gift of your Son Jesus Christ, may we always give ourselves in joyful service to others; through the same, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Creator of all, this night you have brought together 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 share your gifts with others. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Source of all life, and 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 our Lord.

Epiphany (until Presentation of Christ)

God of all the nations of the earth, we thank you for feeding us in these holy mysteries; guide us with your light, and help us to recognise Christ as he come to us in this eucharist and in our neighbours; that we may welcome him with love, who is Lord now and for ever.

Baptism of the Lord

God of all grace, we give you thanks that 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.

Lent: Ash Wednesday to the Saturday of Lent V

God of all faithfulness, we give you thanks that, in this communion, you strengthen our faith, sustain our hope, and deepen our love; help us to live by your words and to seek Christ, the Bread of Life, who is Lord for ever and ever.

Lent: Sunday to Wednesday of Holy Week

God, we give you thanks that you have satisfied our hunger in these holy mysteries; as the death of your Son gives us hope and strengthens our faith, so may his resurrection give us perseverance and lead us to salvation; through the same, Christ our Lord.

Maundy Thursday

Source of all love, whose only-begotten son, on the night of his betrayal, gave his disciples a new commandment, to love one another as he loved them: write this commandment in our hearts; and 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 in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.

Good Friday

Almighty and eternal God, you have restored us to life by the triumphant death and resurrection of your Christ: continue this healing work within us, that by partaking of this mystery we may live ever dedicated to your service; 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, world without end.

Holy Saturday

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.

Easter

Lord, you have nourished us with the Easter sacrament: fill us with the spirit of your love, and unite us in faith; that we may be witnesses to the resurrection and show your glory to all the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Ascension Day until the eve of Pentecost

Almighty and eternal God, you have entrusted to us here on earth the mysteries that foreshadow heaven: clothe us with the power promised from on high, and send us forth to the ends of the earth as heralds of repentance and witnesses of Jesus Christ, the firstborn from the dead, who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Pentecost

Holy God, increase within us the gifts we have received, that we may burn with the fire of that Spirit whom you poured forth on the apostles at Pentecost; we ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Trinity Sunday

God our Father, in this sacrament you have given us a share in the life that is yours with your Son and the Holy Spirit: strengthen that life within your Church, that we may know your presence, observe your commands, and proclaim the gospel to every nation; we ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Corpus Christi

Holy God, source of all love, on the night that he was handed over, 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.

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Creation

God, the source of all that is, with joy we have offered thanksgiving for your love in Creation and have shared in the bread and the wine of your kingdom: by your grace, plant within us a reverence for all that you give us, and make us generous and wise stewards of all your gifts. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Christ the King

God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, you have made us a royal priesthood in the kingdom of your Son: make known his victory through us, we pray, that all the world may see his light; for he lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Festivals - Apostles

Life-giving God, on the day of Pentecost you sent down your Holy Spirit upon the apostles, empowering them to proclaim your Gospel: strengthen us by the same Spirit to bear witness to you in the world, and to draw others into your fellowship. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Festivals - Blessed Virgin Mary

Holy God, you chose the blessed virgin Mary to be the mother of your Son: may we, whom you have fed with this holy sacrament, too be vessels of your grace as we live as his body in the world. We ask this through the same, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Festivals - Patronal/Dedication

Loving God, you have formed us in your image, fed us with the body and blood of your Son, and filled us with your Spirit: may we be Christ's body in this place, faithfully drawing others into the communion of [N. and all] your saints, that your saving work may be brought to its completion in Christ our Saviour. We ask this through the same, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Baptism, confirmation, or affirmation of baptism

Holy God, you have breathed your Spirit upon your gift of life-sustaining water, in which we have been born anew, died with Christ, and received the assurance of our salvation in him: may we, who have been fed by your Son's body and drunk of his blood, be renewed in your Spirit and glorify you in our lives. We ask this through the same, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Ordination

Loving God, you have called us to your service, and granted us the gifts of your Spirit: may we, together with N., now ordained as deacon/presbyter/bishop, glorify you and bear faithful witness to the gospel, that all people may be drawn to you, and your saving work brought to its fulfilment in Christ. We ask this through the same, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Blessing

Creation

God give you grace to be faithful stewards of Creation,
rejoicing that you are made in God's image,
and seeking justice for those who do not share in the earth's bounty,
and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit
be upon you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Other forms of blessing appropriate to the seasons and to particular occasions are provided in Appendix 3 (pages 38-39). These may be used at Section 26 (page 31).