



The Church Year

Advent Sunday	
St. Thomas (Apostle)	December 21
CHRISTMAS DAY - - The Feast of the Nativity of Our Lord	December 25
St. Stephen (Martyr)	December 26
St. John (Apostle, Evangelist)	December 27
The Holy Innocents	December 28
The Circumcision and the Name of Jesus (New Year's Day)	January 1
The Epiphany of Our Lord	January 6
The Transfiguration of Our Lord	
Septuagesima Sunday	
Sexagesima Sunday	
Quinquagesima Sunday	
The Conversion of St. Paul	January 25
The Presentation of Our Lord and The Purification of Mary	February 2
St. Matthias (Apostle)	February 24
Ash Wednesday — The First Day of Lent	
Invocavit — First Sunday in Lent	
Reminiscere — Second Sunday in Lent	
Oculi — Third Sunday in Lent	
Laetare — Fourth Sunday in Lent	
Judica — Passion Sunday — Fifth Sunday in Lent	
Palmarum — Sixth Sunday in Lent	
Monday of Holy Week	
Tuesday of Holy Week	
Wednesday of Holy Week	
Maundy Thursday	
Good Friday	
Holy Saturday — Easter Eve	
EASTER DAY - - The Feast of the Resurrection of Our Lord	
Easter Monday	
Easter Tuesday	
The Annunciation	
Quasimodogeniti — First Sunday after Easter	March 25
Misericordia Domini — Second Sunday after Easter	
Jubilate — Third Sunday after Easter	
Cantate — Fourth Sunday after Easter	
Rogate — Fifth Sunday after Easter	
The Ascension of Our Lord	
Exaudi — The Sunday after the Ascension	
St. Mark (Evangelist)	
St. Philip and St. James (Apostles)	
WHITSUNDAY - - The Feast of Pentecost	April 25
Monday of Whitsun Week	May 1
Tuesday of Whitsun Week	
THE FEAST OF THE HOLY TRINITY	
The Nativity of St. John the Baptist	
St. Peter and St. Paul (Apostles)	
The Visitation	
St. Mary Magdalene	June 24
St. James the Elder (Apostle)	June 29
St. Bartholomew (Apostle)	July 2
St. Matthew (Apostle, Evangelist)	July 22
St. Michael and All Angels	July 25
St. Luke (Evangelist)	August 24
St. Simon and St. Jude (Apostles)	September 21
The Festival of the Reformation	September 29
All Saints' Day	October 18
St. Andrew (Apostle)	October 28
	October 31
	November 1
	November 30

A Pastor's Prayer

O LORD JESUS CHRIST, Thou Chief Shepherd and Only Head of Thy Church, help me to minister unto this flock, to which Thou hast called me as pastor. And since I am a man of unclean lips and not worthy to proclaim Thy Word, I beseech Thee, send down Thy Holy Spirit to cleanse my lips, so that I may be bold to preach Thy Word in all its fullness, in season and out of season, ready to offer up the prayers and supplications of Thy people, and willing to serve as a faithful minister of the means of grace.

Help me, O Lord, to give myself wholly to my office by daily meditation and study of the Scriptures, that I may be able to make full proof of my ministry, to feed, to instruct, to build up, to warn, to watch over, and to guide the lambs and the sheep of this flock, which Thou hast purchased with Thy blood. Let Thy Holy Spirit direct me that I may always speak the things which become sound doctrine and in all things show myself a pattern of good works, an example to the believers in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, and in purity.

O Lord, make me daily more conscious of the great responsibilities of my high office as Thine ambassador and steward of Thy mysteries, to preach good tidings unto the meek, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and the opening of the prison to them that are bound, to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord and the day of vengeance of our God, to comfort all that mourn, to appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness, that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that He might be glorified. For Thy name and for Thy truth's sake hear me, O Lord Jesus. Amen.

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THE ORDER OF
MORNING SERVICE
WITHOUT COMMUNION

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¶ A Hymn of Invocation of the Holy Ghost or another Hymn shall be sung. # 238

¶ The Congregation shall rise, and the Minister, facing the altar, shall say:

IN THE NAME of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost.



¶ The Congregation shall say or chant:

Amen.

¶ Then shall be said

THE CONFESSION OF SINS

¶ The Minister, facing the people, shall say:

BELOVED IN THE LORD! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

kneel ¶ All may kneel. *bow*

¶ The Minister, facing the altar, shall say:

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

R: Who made heaven and earth.

V: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

R: And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.

☞ Then shall the Minister, facing the altar, say:

SLOW!

ALMIGHTY GOD, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto Thee that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against Thee by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Thine infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Thy grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

SLOW!

☞ The Congregation shall say with the Minister, facing the altar:

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SLOW!

O most merciful God, who hast given Thine only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Thy Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of Thee and of Thy will and true obedience to Thy Word, to the end that by Thy grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

☞ Then shall the Minister, facing the people, say:

ALMIGHTY GOD, our heavenly Father, hath had mercy upon us and hath given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgiveth us all our sins. To them that believe on His name He giveth power to become the sons of God and hath promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved.

☞ Then shall the Minister, facing the altar, say:

GRANT this, Lord, unto us all.

☞ Congregation:

Amen.

¶ Then all may stand to the close of the Collect. Then shall be said or chanted

THE INTROIT

¶ The Introit (page 48) may be chanted by the Choir. If the Antiphon and the Psalm are said by the Minister, facing the altar, the Gloria Patri shall be said or chanted by the Congregation.

GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

¶ Then shall be said or chanted by the Minister, facing the altar, and the Congregation

THE KYRIE

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

¶ Then may be said or chanted

THE GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

¶ If the Minister chants his part of the service, he, facing the altar, shall intone the opening sentence; if not, the people shall chant the entire Gloria in Excelsis.

℣: *Glory be to God on high.*

℟: *And on earth peace, good will toward men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory. O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord. Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

☩ Then shall be said or chanted

motion Scr Cong to ^{his} ~~E~~ THE SALUTATION

☩ The Minister, facing the people, shall say or chant:

V: The Lord be with you.

R: *And with thy spirit.*

V: Let us pray:

☩ Then shall the Minister, facing the altar, say or chant

THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY

R: *Amen.*

People S:t

☩ Then shall the Minister, facing the people, read

THE EPISTLE

THE EPISTLE for — is written in the — chapter
of — beginning at the — verse:

☩ The Epistle ended, the Minister shall say:

HERE endeth the Epistle.

THE GRADUAL

may be chanted by the Choir. If the Gradual be read by the Minister, facing the altar, the Hallelujah may be said or chanted by the Congregation; or the Sentence for the Season or a Sequence Hymn may be sung by the Choir. The Sequence Hymns and their music, as well as the music for the Graduals, will be found in the *Graduals for the Church Year.*

THE HALLELUJAH

R: *Hallelujah!*

☩ Or, on Feasts or Festivals:

THE TRIPLE HALLELUJAH

R: *Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!*

☩ After the Hallelujah or the Gradual a suitable Choir Selection also may be sung.

SENTENCES FOR THE SEASONS

The music for the Sentences for the Seasons will be found
in the *Music for the Liturgy*

FOR ADVENT

HALLELUJAH! Remember, O Lord, Thy tender mercies: for they have been ever of old. Hallelujah!

FOR CHRISTMAS

HALLELUJAH! Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad before the Lord: for He hath made known His salvation. Hallelujah!

FOR THE EPIPHANY SEASON

HALLELUJAH! Oh, praise the Lord, all ye nations, and laud Him, all ye people. For His merciful kindness is great toward us: and the truth of the Lord endureth forever. Hallelujah!

FOR THE PASSION SEASON

CHRIST hath humbled Himself and become obedient unto death: even the death of the cross.

FOR THE EASTER SEASON

HALLELUJAH! Christ, our Passover: is sacrificed for us. Hallelujah!

FOR WHITSUNTIDE

HALLELUJAH! Thou sendest forth Thy Spirit, they are created: and Thou renewest the face of the earth. Hallelujah!

FROM TRINITY TO ADVENT

HALLELUJAH! O Lord, deal with Thy servant according unto Thy mercy and teach me Thy statutes. I am Thy servant, give me understanding: that I may know Thy testimonies. Hallelujah!

☩ Or:

HALLELUJAH! Blessed be the Lord God of our fathers; praise Him and highly exalt Him forever. Hallelujah!

THE GOSPEL

☩ The Minister, facing the people, shall announce the Gospel for the Day:

THE HOLY GOSPEL is written in the _____ chapter of St. _____ beginning at the _____ verse:

☩ The Congregation shall rise, unless it has stood during the reading of the Epistle, and shall say or chant:

Glory be to Thee, O Lord!

☩ The Minister, facing the people, shall read the Gospel for the Day.

☩ The Gospel ended, the Minister shall say:

HERE endeth the Gospel.

☩ Congregation:

Praise be to Thee, O Christ!

☩ Then shall be said or chanted

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary; Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; The holy Christian Church, the communion of saints; The forgiveness of sins; The resurrection of the body; And the life everlasting. Amen.

¶ Then shall a Hymn be sung. Then shall follow

346 THE SERMON

¶ The Sermon ended, the Congregation shall rise, and the Minister shall say:

THE PEACE OF GOD, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

¶ The Offertory shall then be said or chanted, at the close of which the Congregation shall be seated.

THE OFFERTORY

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence; and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.

Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation; and uphold me with Thy free Spirit. Amen.

¶ Then shall the Offerings be gathered. They may be brought to the altar. Then shall follow

offerings

THE GENERAL PRAYER

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ALMIGHTY AND EVERLASTING GOD, who art worthy to be had in reverence by all the children of men, we give Thee most humble and hearty thanks for the innumerable blessings, both temporal and spiritual, which, without any merit or worthiness on our part, Thou hast bestowed upon us.

We praise Thee especially that Thou hast preserved unto us in their purity Thy saving Word and the sacred ordinances of Thy house. And we beseech Thee, O Lord, to preserve and extend Thy Kingdom of Grace and to grant unto Thy holy Church throughout the world purity of doctrine and faithful



pastors, who shall preach Thy Word with power; and help all who hear rightly to understand and truly to believe it. Send forth laborers into Thy harvest, and open the door of faith unto all the heathen and unto the people of Israel. In mercy remember the enemies of Thy Church, and grant unto them repentance unto life. Be Thou the Protector and Defender of Thy people in all time of tribulation and danger; and may we, in communion with Thy Church and in brotherly unity with all our fellow Christians, fight the good fight of faith and in the end receive the salvation of our souls.

Bestow Thy grace upon all the nations of the earth. Especially do we entreat Thee to bless our land and all its inhabitants and all who are in authority. Cause Thy glory to dwell among us, and let mercy and truth, righteousness and peace, everywhere prevail. To this end we commend to Thy care all our schools and pray Thee to make them nurseries of useful knowledge and Christian virtues, that they may bring forth the wholesome fruits of life.

Graciously defend us from all calamities by fire and water, from war and pestilence, from scarcity and famine. Protect and prosper everyone in his appropriate calling, and cause all useful arts to flourish among us. Be Thou the God and Father of the widow and the fatherless children, the Helper of the sick and the needy, and the Comforter of the forsaken and distressed.

Accept, we beseech Thee, our bodies and souls, our hearts and minds, our talents and powers, together with the offerings we bring before Thee, which is our reasonable service.

¶ Here special Supplications, Intercessions, and Prayers may be made.

AND as we are strangers and pilgrims on earth, help us by true faith and a godly life to prepare for the world to come; doing the work Thou hast given us to do while it is day; before the night cometh when no man can work. And when our last hour shall come, support us by Thy power and receive us into Thine everlasting kingdom; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost forever and ever.

☞ Then shall be said by all

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven. Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation. But deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

☞ Then may a Hymn be sung. *427*

☞ Then may the Minister, facing the altar, say or chant

THE COLLECT FOR THE WORD *use this*

BLESSED LORD, who hast caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that by patience and comfort of Thy holy Word we may embrace, and ever hold fast, the blessed hope of everlasting life, which Thou hast given us in our Savior Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

¶ Or:

¶ THE COLLECT FOR THE CHURCH

GRANT, we beseech Thee, Almighty God, unto Thy Church Thy Holy Spirit and the wisdom which cometh down from above that Thy Word, as becometh it, may not be bound, but have free course and be preached to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people, that in steadfast faith we may serve Thee and in the confession of Thy name abide unto the end; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

Ry: *Amen.*

¶ Then shall the Minister, facing the people, say or chant

THE BENEDICTION

THE LORD bless thee and keep thee.

The Lord make His face shine upon thee and be gracious unto thee.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon thee and give thee peace ✠.

Ry: *Amen, Amen, Amen.*

SILENT PRAYER

Here

THE ORDER OF
THE HOLY COMMUNION

☞ A Hymn of Invocation of the Holy Ghost or another Hymn shall be sung.

☞ The Congregation shall rise, and the Minister, facing the altar, shall say:

IN THE NAME of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost.

☞ The Congregation shall say or chant:

Amen.

☞ Then shall be said

THE CONFESSION OF SINS

☞ The Minister, facing the people, shall say:

BELOVED IN THE LORD! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

☞ All may kneel.

☞ The Minister, facing the altar, shall say:

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

R: Who made heaven and earth.

V: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

R: And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.

¶ Then the Minister, facing the altar, shall say with the Congregation:

O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto Thee all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended Thee and justly deserved Thy temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray Thee of Thy boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Thy beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor sinful being.

Rise ¶ Then the Minister, facing the people, shall pronounce the Absolution:

UPON THIS YOUR CONFESSION, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost.

R: *Amen.*

¶ Then all may stand to the close of the Collect. Then shall be said or chanted

THE INTROIT

¶ The Introit (page 48) may be chanted by the Choir. If the Antiphon and the Psalm are said by the Minister, facing the altar, the Gloria Patri shall be said or chanted by the Congregation.

GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

¶ Then the Minister, facing the altar, shall say or chant with the Congregation:

THE KYRIE

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

☩ Then shall be said or chanted

THE GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

☩ If the Minister chants his part of the service, he, facing the altar, shall intone the opening sentence; if not, the people shall chant the entire Gloria in Excelsis.

→ V: ^{do} **Glory be to God on high.**

R: *And on earth peace, good will toward men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory. O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord. Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

☩ Then shall be said or chanted

THE SALUTATION

☩ The Minister, facing the people, shall say or chant:

V: **The Lord be with you.**

R: *And with thy spirit.*

V: **Let us pray:**

☩ Then shall the Minister, facing the altar, say or chant

THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY

R: **Amen.**

¶ Then shall the Minister, facing the people, read

THE EPISTLE

THE EPISTLE for — is written in the — chapter
of — beginning at the — verse:

¶ The Epistle ended, the Minister shall say:

HERE endeth the Epistle.

THE GRADUAL

may be chanted by the Choir. If the Gradual be read by the Minister, facing the altar, the Hallelujah may be said or chanted by the Congregation; or the Sentence for the Season or a Sequence Hymn may be sung by the Choir. The Sequence Hymns and their music, as well as the music for the Graduals, will be found in the *Graduals for the Church Year*.

THE HALLELUJAH

R: *Hallelujah!*

¶ Or, on Feasts or Festivals:

THE TRIPLE HALLELUJAH

R: *Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!*

¶ After the Hallelujah or the Gradual a suitable Choir Selection also may be sung.

SENTENCES FOR THE SEASONS

The music for the Sentences for the Seasons will be found
in the *Music for the Liturgy*

FOR ADVENT

HALLELUJAH! Remember, O Lord, Thy tender mercies: for they have been ever of old. Hallelujah!

FOR CHRISTMAS

HALLELUJAH! Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad before the Lord: for He hath made known His salvation. Hallelujah!

FOR THE EPIPHANY SEASON

HALLELUJAH! Oh, praise the Lord, all ye nations, and laud Him, all ye people. For His merciful kindness is great toward us: and the truth of the Lord endureth forever. Hallelujah!

FOR THE PASSION SEASON

CHRIST hath humbled Himself and become obedient unto death: even the death of the cross.

FOR THE EASTER SEASON

HALLELUJAH! Christ, our Passover: is sacrificed for us. Hallelujah!

FOR WHITSUNTIDE

HALLELUJAH! Thou sendest forth Thy Spirit, they are created: and Thou renewest the face of the earth. Hallelujah!

FROM TRINITY TO ADVENT

HALLELUJAH! O Lord, deal with Thy servant according unto Thy mercy and teach me Thy statutes. I am Thy servant, give me understanding: that I may know Thy testimonies. Hallelujah!

Or:

HALLELUJAH! Blessed be the Lord God of our fathers: praise Him and highly exalt Him forever. Hallelujah!

 THE GOSPEL

The Minister, facing the people, shall announce the Gospel for the Day:

THE HOLY GOSPEL is written in the ——— chapter of St. ——— beginning at the ——— verse:

¶ The Congregation shall rise, unless it has stood during the reading of the Epistle, and shall say or chant:

Glory be to Thee, O Lord!

¶ The Minister, facing the people, shall read the Gospel for the Day.

¶ The Gospel ended, the Minister shall say:

HERE endeth the Gospel.

¶ Congregation:

Praise be to Thee, O Christ!

¶ Then shall be said or chanted

THE NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, Begotten, not made, Being of one substance with the Father, By whom all things were made; Who for us men, and for our salvation, came down from heaven, And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, And was made man; And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried; And the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures; And ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of the Father; And He shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord and Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spake by the Prophets. And I believe one holy Christian and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, And I look for the resurrection of the dead; And the life of the world to come. Amen.

☩ Then shall a Hymn be sung. Then shall follow

THE SERMON

☩ The Sermon ended, the Congregation shall rise, and the Minister shall say:

THE PEACE OF GOD, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

☩ The Offertory shall then be said or chanted, at the close of which the Congregation shall be seated.

THE OFFERTORY

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence; and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.

Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation; and uphold me with Thy free Spirit. Amen.

☩ Then shall the Offerings be gathered. They may be brought to the altar. Then shall follow

THE GENERAL PRAYER

ALMIGHTY AND MOST MERCIFUL GOD, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we give Thee thanks for all Thy goodness and tender mercies, especially for the gift of Thy dear Son and for the revelation of Thy will and grace; and we beseech Thee so to implant Thy Word in us that in good and honest hearts we may keep it and bring forth fruit by patient continuance in well-doing.

Most heartily we beseech Thee so to rule and govern Thy Church Universal, with all its pastors and ministers, that we may be preserved in the pure doctrine of Thy saving Word, whereby faith toward Thee may be strengthened, charity in-

creased in us toward all mankind, and Thy kingdom extended. Send forth laborers into Thy harvest, and sustain those whom Thou hast sent, that the Word of Reconciliation may be proclaimed to all people and the Gospel preached in all the world.

Grant also health and prosperity to all that are in authority, especially to * the President and Congress of the United States, the Governor and Legislature of this Commonwealth, and to all our Judges and Magistrates,

* For Use
in the
British Empire

Her Majesty the Queen of the British Commonwealth of Nations, the Governor-General and the Prime Minister of our Dominion, as well as the Premier of our Province, and all Governments and Parliaments, and all Judges and Magistrates,

and endue them with grace to rule after Thy good pleasure, to the maintenance of righteousness, and to the hindrance and punishment of wickedness, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty.

May it please Thee also to turn the hearts of our enemies and adversaries, that they may cease their enmity and be inclined to walk with us in meekness and in peace.

All who are in trouble, want, sickness, anguish of labor, peril of death, or any other adversity, especially those who are in suffering for Thy name's and for Thy truth's sake, comfort, O God, with Thy Holy Spirit, that they may receive and acknowledge their afflictions as the manifestation of Thy fatherly will.

And although we have deserved Thy righteous wrath and manifold punishments, yet, we entreat Thee, O most merciful Father, remember not the sins of our youth nor our many transgressions, but out of Thine unspeakable goodness, grace,

and mercy defend us from all harm and danger of body and soul. Preserve us from false and pernicious doctrine, from war and bloodshed, from plague and pestilence, from all calamity by fire and water, from hail and tempest, from failure of harvest and from famine, from anguish of heart and despair of Thy mercy, and from an evil death. And in every time of trouble show Thyself a very present Help, the Savior of all men, and especially of them that believe.

Cause all needful fruits of the earth to prosper, that we may enjoy them in due season. Give success to the Christian training of the young, to all lawful occupations on land and sea, and to all pure arts and useful knowledge; and crown them with Thy blessing.

Receive, O God, our bodies and souls and all our talents, together with the offerings we bring before Thee, for Thou hast purchased us to be Thine own, that we may live unto Thee.

☩ Here special Supplications, Intercessions, and Prayers may be made.

THese and whatsoever other things Thou wouldst have us ask of Thee, O God, grant unto us for the sake of the bitter sufferings and death of Jesus Christ, Thine only Son, our Lord and Savior, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

☩ Then may a Hymn be sung.

☩ During the singing of the Hymn the Minister shall go to the altar and, after Silent Prayer, reverently prepare for the Administration of the Holy Sacrament.

☩ The Hymn ended, the Congregation shall rise and stand to the end of the Agnus Dei.

THE PREFACE

☩ The Minister, facing the people, shall say or chant:

V: The Lord be with you.

R: *And with thy spirit.*

V: Lift up your hearts.

R: *We lift them up unto the Lord.*

V: Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

R: *It is meet and right so to do.*

☩ Then shall the Minister, facing the altar, say or chant:

IT IS TRULY MEET, right, and salutary that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto Thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God:

☩ Here shall follow the Proper Preface for the Day or Season.

☩ If there be none especially appointed, then shall follow immediately:

☩ **THEREFORE** with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Thy glorious name, evermore praising Thee and saying:

 PROPER PREFACES

ADVENT

THROUGH Jesus Christ, our Lord, whose way John the Baptist prepared, proclaiming Him the Messiah, the very Lamb of God, and calling sinners to repentance, that they might escape from the wrath to be revealed when He cometh again in glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Thy glorious name, evermore praising Thee and saying:

CHRISTMAS

FOR in the mystery of the Word made flesh Thou hast given us a new revelation of Thy glory that, seeing Thee in the person of Thy Son, we may be drawn to the love of those things which are not seen. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Thy glorious name, evermore praising Thee and saying:

EPIPHANY

AND now do we praise Thee that Thou didst send unto us Thine only-begotten Son and that in Him, being found in fashion as a man, Thou didst manifest the fullness of Thy glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Thy glorious name, evermore praising Thee and saying:

LENT

✠ **W**HO on the tree of the cross didst give salvation unto mankind that, whence death arose, thence Life also might rise again; and that he who by a tree once overcame might likewise by a tree be overcome, through Christ, our Lord; through whom with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Thy glorious name, evermore praising Thee and saying:

EASTER

BUT chiefly are we bound to praise Thee for the glorious resurrection of Thy Son Jesus Christ, our Lord; for He is the very Paschal Lamb which was offered for us and hath taken away the sins of the world; who by His death hath destroyed death and by His rising to life again hath restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Thy glorious name, evermore praising Thee and saying:

ASCENSION DAY

THROUGH Jesus Christ, our Lord, who after His resurrection appeared openly to all His disciples and in their sight was taken up into heaven that He might make us partakers of His divine nature. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Thy glorious name, evermore praising Thee and saying:

WHITSUNDAY

THROUGH Jesus Christ, our Lord, who ascended above the heavens and, sitting on Thy right hand, poured out on this day the Holy Spirit, as He had promised, upon the chosen disciples; whereat the whole earth rejoices with exceeding joy. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Thy glorious name, evermore praising Thee and saying:

TRINITY

WHO with Thine only-begotten Son and the Holy Ghost art one God, one Lord. And in the confession of the only true God we worship the Trinity in Person and the Unity in Substance, of Majesty coequal. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Thy glorious name, evermore praising Thee and saying:

DAYS OF THE APOSTLES AND EVANGELISTS

BECAUSE Thou didst mightily govern and protect Thy holy Church, which the blessed Apostles and Evangelists instructed in Thy divine and saving truth, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Thy glorious name, evermore praising Thee and saying:

☩ Then shall be said or chanted

THE SANCTUS

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth; Heaven and earth are full of Thy glory; Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

☩ Then shall the Minister, facing the altar, say or chant

THE LORD'S PRAYER

V: Our Father who art in heaven. Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation. But deliver us from evil.

R: *For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.*

☩ Then shall the Minister, facing the altar, say or chant

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread; and when He had given thanks, He brake it and gave it to His disciples, saying, Take, eat; this is My body ✠, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.

After the same manner also He took the cup when He had supped, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of it; this cup is the new testament in My blood ✠, which is shed for you for the remission of sins. This do, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of Me.

☩ Then shall the Minister, facing the people, say or chant

THE PAX DOMINI

V: The Peace of the Lord be with you alway!

R: *Amen.*

*A Light to lighten the Gentiles and the Glory of Thy people Israel.
 Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
 As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without
 end. Amen.*

Then shall be said or chanted

THE THANKSGIVING

Then shall the Minister, facing the altar, say or chant:

V: Oh, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.

R: And His mercy endureth forever.

Or:

As often as ye eat this bread and drink this cup:

Ye do show the Lord's death till He come.

WE GIVE THANKS to Thee, Almighty God, that Thou hast refreshed us through this salutary gift; and we beseech Thee that of Thy mercy Thou wouldst strengthen us through the same in faith towards Thee and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

Or:

O GOD THE FATHER, Fount and Source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness didst send Thine only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank Thee that for His sake Thou hast given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament; and we beseech Thee not to forsake Thy children, but evermore to rule our hearts and minds by Thy Holy Spirit, that we may be enabled constantly to serve Thee; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

R: Amen.

☩ Then may a post-Communion Hymn be sung.

☩ Then may be said or chanted

THE SALUTATION

☩ The Minister, facing the people, may say or chant:

Y: **The Lord be with you.**

R: *And with thy spirit.*

☩ Then may be said or chanted

THE BENEDICAMUS

☩ The Minister may say or chant:

Y: **Bless we the Lord.**

R: *Thanks be to God.*

☩ Then shall the Minister, facing the people, say or chant

THE BENEDICTION

THE LORD bless thee and keep thee.

The Lord make His face shine upon thee and be gracious unto thee.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon thee and give thee peace ✠.

R: *Amen, Amen, Amen.*

SILENT PRAYER

THE ORDER OF MATINS

☩ A Hymn of Invocation of the Holy Ghost or another Hymn may be sung.

☩ The Congregation shall rise.

☩ Then shall be said or chanted the Versicles here following. During the Penitential Seasons the Hallelujah shall be omitted. All shall stand to the end of the Venite.

V: O Lord, open Thou my lips.

R: *And my mouth shall show forth Thy praise.*

V: Make haste, O God, to deliver me.

R: *Make haste to help me, O Lord.*

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Hallelujah!

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☩ Then shall follow the Invitatory with the Venite or on Feast Days the special Invitatory.

THE INVITATORY

V: Oh, come, let us worship the Lord:

R: *For He is our Maker.*

THE VENITE

Oh, come, let us sing unto the Lord: let us make a joyful noise to the Rock of our Salvation.

Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving: and make a joyful noise unto Him with psalms.

*For the Lord is a great God: and a great King above all gods.
In His hand are the deep places of the earth: the strength of the hills
is His also.*

*The sea is His, and He made it: and His hands formed the dry land.
Oh, come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the Lord,
our Maker.*

*For He is our God: and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep
of His hand.*

*Glory be to the Father and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without
end. Amen.*

☞ Then shall be sung

THE HYMN

☞ Then shall follow

THE PSALMODY

☞ One or more Psalms shall be said or chanted. At the end of each Psalm or at the end of the Psalmody the Gloria Patri shall be said or chanted. The Congregation may be seated during the Psalmody and rise at the last Gloria Patri. Instead of one of the Psalms, the Athanasian Creed (page 45) may be used on Trinity Sunday. An Antiphon may be used with each Psalm.

THE LECTION

☞ The Lesson or Lessons shall then be read, and after each Lesson may be said or chanted:

After Psalm V: **But Thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.**
R: **Thanks be to Thee, O Lord!**

☞ After the Lesson or Lessons a Responsory may be said or chanted.

☞ Then may follow a brief Exhortation or

THE SERMON

☞ The Offerings may then be gathered.

☩ The Congregation shall rise and say or chant

THE CANTICLE

☩ An Antiphon may be said or chanted with the Canticle.

☩ The Te Deum Laudamus or the Benedictus may be used on Sundays.
Other Canticles may be used on other days. See General Rubrics.

THE TE DEUM LAUDAMUS

*We praise Thee, O God; we acknowledge Thee to be the Lord.
All the earth doth worship Thee, the Father everlasting.
To Thee all angels cry aloud, the heavens, and all the powers therein.
To Thee cherubim and seraphim continually do cry:
Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth;
Heaven and earth are full of the majesty of Thy glory.
The glorious company of the Apostles praise Thee.
The goodly fellowship of the Prophets praise Thee.
The noble army of martyrs praise Thee.
The holy Church throughout all the world doth acknowledge Thee:
The Father of an infinite majesty;
Thine adorable, true, and only Son;
Also the Holy Ghost, the Comforter.
Thou art the King of Glory, O Christ.
Thou art the everlasting Son of the Father.
When Thou tookest upon Thee to deliver man, Thou didst humble
Thyself to be born of a virgin.
When Thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death, Thou didst open
the kingdom of heaven to all believers.
Thou sittest at the right hand of God in the glory of the Father.
We believe that Thou shalt come to be our Judge.
We therefore pray Thee, help Thy servants, whom Thou hast redeemed
with Thy precious blood.
Make them to be numbered with Thy saints in glory everlasting.
O Lord, save Thy people, and bless Thine heritage.*

Govern them, and lift them up forever.

Day by day we magnify Thee;

And we worship Thy name ever, world without end.

Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin.

O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us.

O Lord, let Thy mercy be upon us, as our trust is in Thee.

O Lord, in Thee have I trusted; let me never be confounded.

☪ Or:

THE BENEDICTUS

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for He hath visited and redeemed His people

And hath raised up a mighty salvation for us in the house of His servant David;

As He spake by the mouth of His holy Prophets, which have been since the world began;

That we should be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all that hate us;

To perform the mercy promised to our forefathers and to remember His holy covenant

To perform the oath which He sware to our father Abraham that He would grant unto us;

That we, being delivered out of the hand of our enemies, might serve Him without fear,

In holiness and righteousness before Him all the days of our life.

And thou, child, shalt be called the prophet of the Highest, for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare His ways;

To give knowledge of salvation unto His people by the remission of their sins,

Through the tender mercy of our God, whereby the Dayspring from on High hath visited us;

To give light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

THE PRAYERS.

C Then shall be said or chanted the Prayers here following or the Suffrages (page 262), the Litany (page 255), or other Prayers. All shall say or chant

THE KYRIE

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

C Then all shall say or chant

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven. Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation. But deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

C Then shall be said or chanted the Salutation, the Collect for the Day or other Collects, and the Collect for Grace. Each Collect may be preceded by a Versicle.

C After each Collect the Congregation shall say or chant: Amen.

THE SALUTATION

V: *The Lord be with you.*

R: *And with thy spirit.*

THE COLLECT FOR GRACE

O LORD, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day, defend us in the same with Thy mighty power, and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings, being ordered by Thy governance, may be righteous in Thy sight; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

R: *Amen.*

THE BENEDICAMUS

V: Bless we the Lord.

R: *Thanks be to God.*

THE BENEDICTION

V: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ ✠ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Ghost be with you all.

R: *Amen.*

SILENT PRAYER

THE ORDER OF VESPERS

¶ A Hymn of Invocation of the Holy Ghost or another Hymn may be sung.

¶ The Congregation shall rise.

¶ Then shall be said or chanted the Versicles here following. During the Penitential Seasons the Hallelujah shall be omitted.

V: O Lord, open Thou my lips.

R: *And my mouth shall show forth Thy praise.*

V: Make haste, O God, to deliver me.

R: *Make haste to help me, O Lord.*

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Hallelujah!

THE PSALMODY

¶ One or more Psalms may be said or chanted. At the end of each Psalm or at the end of the Psalmody the Gloria Patri shall be said or chanted. The Congregation may be seated during the Psalmody and rise at the last Gloria Patri. An Antiphon may be used with each Psalm.

THE LECTION

¶ The Lesson or Lessons shall then be read, and after each Lesson may be said or chanted:

V: **But Thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.**

R: *Thanks be to Thee, O Lord!*

¶ After the Lesson or Lessons a Responsory may be said or chanted.

¶ Then a Hymn may be sung.

¶ Then may follow

THE SERMON

¶ The Offerings may then be gathered.

¶ Then shall be sung

THE HYMN

¶ Then, all standing, may be said or chanted this Versicle. On Feast Days a special Versicle may be used.

V: Let my prayers be set forth before Thee as incense.

R: And the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

¶ Then shall be said or chanted

THE CANTICLE

¶ An Antiphon may be said or chanted with the Canticle.

¶ The Magnificat or the Nunc Dimittis may be used on Sundays. Other Canticles may be used on other days. See General Rubrics.

THE MAGNIFICAT

My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God, my Savior.

For He hath regarded the low estate of His handmaiden.

For, behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.

For He that is mighty hath done to me great things, and holy is His name.

And His mercy is on them that fear Him from generation to generation.

He hath showed strength with His arm; He hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

He hath put down the mighty from their seats and exalted them of low degree.

He hath filled the hungry with good things, and the rich He hath sent empty away.

He hath holpen His servant Israel in remembrance of His mercy, as He spake to our fathers, to Abraham, and to his seed forever.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

☩ Or: THE NUNC DIMITTIS

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace, according to Thy word;

For mine eyes have seen Thy Salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people;

A Light to lighten the Gentiles and the Glory of Thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

THE PRAYERS

☩ Then shall be said or chanted the Prayers here following or the Suffrages (page 262), the Litany (page 255), or other Prayers. All shall say or chant

THE KYRIE

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

☩ Then all shall say or chant

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven. Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation. But deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

¶ Then shall be said or chanted the Salutation, the Collect for the Day or other Collects, and the Collect for Peace. Each Collect may be preceded by a Versicle.

¶ After each Collect the Congregation shall say or chant: Amen.

THE SALUTATION

V: The Lord be with you.

R: *And with thy spirit.*

Collect of the Day
THE COLLECT FOR PEACE

O GOD, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed, give unto Thy servants that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Thy Commandments, and also that we, being defended by Thee from the fear of our enemies, may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ, our Savior, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

R: *Amen.*

THE BENEDICAMUS

V: Bless we the Lord.

R: *Thanks be to God.*

THE BENEDICTION

V: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ ✠ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Ghost be with you all.

R: *Amen.*

SILENT PRAYER

THE ORDER OF
THE CONFSSIONAL
SERVICE

¶ A Hymn of Repentance or another Hymn may be sung.

IN THE NAME of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost.

¶ The Congregation shall say or chant:

Amen.

V: *Make haste, O God, to deliver me.*

R: *Make haste to help me, O Lord.*

V: *The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit.*

R: *A broken and a contrite heart, O God, Thou wilt not despise.*

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

Amen.

¶ Then shall the Minister read Psalm 51 or another Psalm.

¶ Then may be read

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON

¶ Then may follow

THE CONFSSIONAL ADDRESS

¶ Or, if time does not permit, the Minister may read

THE EXHORTATION

DEARLY BELOVED: Forasmuch as we purpose to come to the Holy Supper of our Lord Jesus Christ, it becometh us diligently to examine ourselves, as St. Paul exhorteth us. For this holy Sacrament hath been instituted for the special comfort and strengthening of those who humbly confess their sins and hunger and thirst after righteousness.

But if we thus examine ourselves, we shall find nothing in us but sin and death, from which we can in no wise set ourselves free. Therefore our Lord Jesus Christ hath had mercy upon us and hath taken upon Himself our nature that so He might fulfill for us the whole will and Law of God and for us and for our deliverance suffer death and all that we by our sins have deserved. And to the end that we should the more confidently believe this and be strengthened by our faith in a cheerful obedience to His holy will, He hath instituted the holy Sacrament of His Supper, in which He feedeth us with His body and giveth us to drink of His blood.

Therefore, whoso eateth of this bread and drinketh of this cup, firmly believing the words of Christ, dwelleth in Christ, and Christ in him, and hath eternal life.

We should do this also in remembrance of Him, showing His death, that He was delivered for our offenses and raised again for our justification, and rendering unto Him most hearty thanks for the same, take up our cross and follow Him, and, according to His commandment, love one another even as He hath loved us. For we are all one bread and one body, even as we are all partakers of this one bread and drink of this one cup.

☩ Then the Minister shall say:

HAVING HEARD the Word of God, let us kneel and make confession of our sins:

O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto Thee all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended Thee and justly deserved Thy temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray Thee of Thy boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Thy beloved Son Jesus Christ to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor sinful being.

☩ Then the Minister shall rise and say:

I NOW ASK YOU before God, Is this your sincere confession, that you heartily repent of your sins, believe on Jesus Christ, and sincerely and earnestly purpose, by the assistance of God the Holy Ghost, henceforth to amend your sinful life? Then declare so by saying: Yes.

R: Yes.

☩ Then shall the Minister pronounce

THE ABSOLUTION

UPON THIS YOUR CONFESSION, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost.

R: Amen.

¶ Or the following form may be used:

AND NOW I ASK YOU before God, who searcheth the heart:

1. Do you sincerely confess that you have sinned against God and deserved His wrath and punishment? — Then declare so by saying: I do confess.

Verily, you should confess; for Holy Scripture declares: If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

2. Do you heartily repent of all your sins committed in thought, word, and deed? Then declare so by saying: I do repent.

Verily, you should repent, as did the penitent sinners: King David, who prayed for a contrite heart; Peter, who wept bitterly; the sinful woman; the prodigal son; and others.

3. Do you sincerely believe that God, by grace, for Jesus' sake, will forgive you all your sins? Then declare so by saying: I do believe.

Verily, you should so believe, for Holy Scripture declares: God so loved the world that He gave His only-begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

4. Do you promise that with the aid of the Holy Ghost you will henceforth amend your sinful life? Then declare so by saying: I do promise.

Verily, you should so promise, for Christ, the Lord, says: Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

5. Finally, do you believe that through me, a called servant of God, you will receive the forgiveness of all your sins? Then declare so by saying: I do believe.

As you believe, even so may it be unto you.

Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

THE COLLECT

¶ Then shall be said or chanted the Collect for the Day or other Collects and the Collect for Peace.

V: The Lord will give strength unto His people.

R: *The Lord will bless His people with peace.*

THE COLLECT FOR PEACE

O GOD, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed, give unto Thy servants that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Thy Commandments, and also that we, being defended by Thee from the fear of our enemies, may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ, our Savior, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

R: *Amen.*

THE BENEDICTION

V: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ ✠ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Ghost be with you all.

R: *Amen.*

SILENT PRAYER

A FORM FOR
OPENING AND CLOSING
CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS

☩ A Hymn of Invocation of the Holy Ghost or another Hymn may be sung.

☩ Then shall be said or chanted:

☩: O Lord, open Thou my lips.

☩: *And my mouth shall show forth Thy praise.*

☩: Make haste, O God, to deliver me.

☩: *Make haste to help me, O Lord.*

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Hallelujah!

☩ Then shall be said

THE PSALM

☩ At the end of the Psalm the Gloria Patri shall be said or chanted. Then shall follow

THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY

☩ Then shall be said one of the Principal Parts of

THE CATECHISM

☩ Then may be sung

A HYMN

¶ If this Form is used for Sessions of the Sunday School, there shall follow, after the Hymn,

THE INSTRUCTION FOR THE DAY

¶ The Instruction ended, Announcements and Reports may be made. Then may be sung

A HYMN

¶ Then may be said

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary; Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; The holy Christian Church, the communion of saints; The forgiveness of sins; The resurrection of the body; And the life everlasting. Amen.

¶ Then may be said

A CLOSING PRAYER

¶ And all shall say

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven. Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation. But deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

¶ Then may be said

THE BENEDICAMUS

V: Bless we the Lord.

R: Thanks be to God.

☞ Or, if the Minister be in charge.

THE BENEDICTION

Y: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ ✠ and the love of
God and the communion of the Holy Ghost be with you all.

R: *Amen.*

SILENT PRAYER

THE ATHANASIAN CREED



WHOSOEVER will be saved, before all things it is necessary that he hold the catholic * faith.

Which faith except everyone do keep whole and undefiled, without doubt he shall perish everlastingly.

And the catholic faith is this, that we worship one God in Trinity and Trinity in Unity,

Neither confounding the Persons nor dividing the Substance.

For there is one Person of the Father, another of the Son, and another of the Holy Ghost.

But the Godhead of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost is all one: the glory equal, the majesty coeternal.

Such as the Father is, such is the Son, and such is the Holy Ghost.

The Father uncreate, the Son uncreate, and the Holy Ghost uncreate.

The Father incomprehensible, the Son incomprehensible, and the Holy Ghost incomprehensible.

The Father eternal, the Son eternal, and the Holy Ghost eternal.

And yet they are not three Eternals, but one Eternal.

As there are not three Uncreated nor three Incomprehensibles, but one Uncreated and one Incomprehensible.

So likewise the Father is almighty, the Son almighty, and the Holy Ghost almighty.

And yet they are not three Almighty, but one Almighty.

* universal, Christian.

So the Father is God, the Son is God, and the Holy Ghost is God.

And yet they are not three Gods, but one God.

So likewise the Father is Lord, the Son Lord, and the Holy Ghost Lord.

And yet not three Lords, but one Lord.

For like as we are compelled by the Christian verity to acknowledge every Person by Himself to be God and Lord,

So are we forbidden by the catholic religion to say, There be three Gods or three Lords.

The Father is made of none, neither created nor begotten.

The Son is of the Father alone, not made nor created, but begotten.

The Holy Ghost is of the Father and of the Son, neither made nor created nor begotten, but proceeding.

So there is one Father, not three Fathers; one Son, not three Sons; one Holy Ghost, not three Holy Ghosts.

And in this Trinity none is before or after other; none is greater or less than another;

But the whole three Persons are coeternal together and coequal, so that in all things, as is aforesaid, the Unity in Trinity and the Trinity in Unity is to be worshiped.

He, therefore, that will be saved must thus think of the Trinity.

Furthermore, it is necessary to everlasting salvation that he also believe faithfully the incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ.

For the right faith is that we believe and confess that our Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is God and Man;

God of the Substance of the Father, begotten before the worlds; and Man of the substance of His mother, born in the world;

Perfect God and perfect Man, of a reasonable soul and human flesh subsisting.

Equal to the Father, as touching His Godhead, and inferior to the Father as touching His manhood;

Who, although He be God and Man, yet He is not two, but one Christ:

One, not by conversion of the Godhead into flesh, but by taking the manhood into God;

One altogether; not by confusion of Substance, but by unity of Person.

For as the reasonable soul and flesh is one man, so God and Man is one Christ;

Who suffered for our salvation; descended into hell; rose again the third day from the dead;

He ascended into heaven; He sitteth on the right hand of the Father, God Almighty; from whence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

At whose coming all men shall rise again with their bodies and shall give an account of their own works.

And they that have done good shall go into life everlasting; and they that have done evil, into everlasting fire.

This is the catholic faith; which except a man believe faithfully and firmly, he cannot be saved.

INTROITS, COLLECTS,
AND GRADUALS
FOR THE CHURCH YEAR



FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

INTROIT

UNTO THEE, O Lord, do I lift up my soul: O my God,
I trust in Thee.

Let me not be ashamed: let not mine enemies triumph
over me.

Yea, let none that wait on Thee: be ashamed.

Psalm. Show me Thy ways, O Lord: teach me Thy paths.

*Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it
was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*

COLLECT

STIR UP, we beseech Thee, Thy power, O Lord, and come,
that by Thy protection we may be rescued from the threatening
perils of our sins and saved by Thy mighty deliverance; who livest
and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, ever one God,
world without end.

Epistle, Rom. 13:11-14

GRADUAL

ALL THEY that wait on Thee: shall not be ashamed, O Lord.

Verse. Show me Thy ways, O Lord: teach me Thy paths.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

V. Show us Thy mercy, O Lord: and grant us Thy salva-
tion. Hallelujah!

Gospel, Matt. 21:1-9

COLLECT FOR THE EPISTLE

ALMIGHTY GOD, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which Thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility, that in the Last Day, when He shall come again in His glorious majesty to judge both the quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

Or:

MERCIFUL GOD AND FATHER, we thank Thee that Thou hast caused the Sun of Righteousness to rise upon those that dwelt in darkness; and we beseech Thee, graciously break the power of darkness in our hearts, that we may continually increase in the knowledge of Thy truth and serve Thee in righteousness and true holiness; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

COLLECT FOR THE GOSPEL

AWAKEN US, Lord God, that we may be ready when Thy Son cometh to receive Him with gladness and serve Thee with a pure heart; through the same Thy Son Jesus Christ, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

COLLECT FOR THE BEGINNING OF THE CHURCH YEAR

ALMIGHTY LORD GOD, who hast by Thy grace this day permitted us to enter a new church year, we beseech Thee, grant unto Thy Church Thy Holy Spirit and the wisdom which cometh down from above, that Thy Word, as becometh it, may not be bound, but have free course and be preached to the joy and edifying of

Christ's holy people, that in steadfast faith we may serve Thee, and in the confession of Thy name abide unto the end; through Jesus Christ, Thy dear Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

INTROIT

DAUGHTER OF ZION: behold, thy Salvation cometh.

The Lord shall cause His glorious voice to be heard: and ye shall have gladness of heart.

Psalm. Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel: Thou that leadest Joseph like a flock.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

COLLECT

STIR UP OUR HEARTS, O Lord, to make ready the way of Thine only-begotten Son, so that by His coming we may be enabled to serve Thee with pure minds; through the same Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

Epistle, Rom. 15:4-13

GRADUAL

OUT OF ZION, the perfection of beauty, God hath shined: our God shall come.

Verse. Gather My saints together unto Me: those that have made a covenant with Me by sacrifice. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

V. The powers of heaven shall be shaken: and then shall they see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. Hallelujah!

Gospel, Luke 21:25-36

COLLECT FOR THE EPISTLE

O ALMIGHTY GOD, who hast knit together Thine elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of Thy Son, grant us Thy Holy Spirit, we beseech Thee, that through patience and comfort of the Scriptures we may abound in hope, being filled with all joy and peace in believing; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

COLLECT FOR THE GOSPEL

CLEANSE OUR CONSCIENCE, we beseech Thee, Almighty God, by the daily visitation of Thy grace, that, when Thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, shall come in the company of all His saints, He may find us ready for His appearing, to meet Him without spot or blemish; who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

Or:

LORD GOD, heavenly Father, who hast appointed a day in which both the quick and the dead shall be judged by the Son of Man, we humbly beseech Thee, make us diligent in the use of Thy Word, and enable us by the grace of Thy Holy Spirit to walk before Thee in fervent faith and all holy obedience, that with constant watchfulness and prayer we may look for, and hasten unto, the second coming of Thy Son, and, being accepted in the Judgment, enter with Him into His eternal kingdom; through the same Thy dear Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

INTROIT

REJOICE in the Lord alway: and again I say, Rejoice.

Let your moderation be known unto all men: the Lord is at hand.

Be careful for nothing: but in everything, by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known unto God.

Psalm. Lord, Thou hast been favorable unto Thy land: Thou hast brought back the captivity of Jacob.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

COLLECT

LORD, we beseech Thee, give ear to our prayers and lighten the darkness of our hearts by Thy gracious visitation; who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

Epistle, 1 Cor. 4:1-5

GRADUAL

THOU THAT DWELLEST between the cherubim, shine forth: stir up Thy strength and come.

Verse. Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel: Thou that leadest Joseph like a flock. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

V. Stir up Thy strength: and come and save us. Hallelujah!

Gospel, Matt. 11:2-10

COLLECT FOR THE EPISTLE

O LORD JESUS CHRIST, who at Thy first coming didst send Thy messenger to prepare Thy way before Thee, grant that the ministers and stewards of Thy mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready Thy way, by turning the hearts of the disobedient

to the wisdom of the just, that at Thy second coming, to judge the world, we may be found an acceptable people in Thy sight; who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

COLLECT FOR THE GOSPEL

O GRACIOUS AND MERCIFUL LORD JESUS CHRIST, who by countless signs and wonders hast shown Thyself to be the true Messiah that was to come, in whom alone we trust and do not look for another, we give Thee thanks for the true knowledge of Thee, and beseech Thee, keep us steadfast in Thy Word, lest, being offended in Thee, we be led to depart from Thee; who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

INTROIT

DROP DOWN, ye heavens, from above: and let the skies pour down righteousness.

Let the earth open: and bring forth salvation.

Psalm. The heavens declare the glory of God: and the firmament showeth His handiwork.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

COLLECT

STIR UP, O Lord, we beseech Thee, Thy power and come and with great might succor us that by the help of Thy grace whatsoever is hindered by our sins may be speedily accomplished through Thy mercy and satisfaction; who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

Epistle, Phil. 4:4-7

GRADUAL

THE LORD is nigh unto all them that call upon Him: to all that call upon Him in truth.

Verse. My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord: and let all flesh bless His holy name. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

V. Thou art my Help and my Deliverer: make no tarrying, O my God. Hallelujah!

Gospel, John 1:19-28

COLLECT FOR THE EPISTLE

MERCIFUL AND GRACIOUS GOD AND FATHER, who wouldst have us make known our requests unto Thee by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, we beseech Thee, do Thou with Thy peace, which passeth all understanding, prepare and adorn our hearts to be holy habitations of Thy Son, that we may receive Him with joy, abide in blessed communion with Him, and continually praise Thee with songs of gladness; through the same Thy dear Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

COLLECT FOR THE GOSPEL

LORD GOD, heavenly Father, who to comfort us poor sinners hast ordained and sent Thy Son as a righteous King and Savior that He might redeem us from sin, from death, and from the power of the devil; we most heartily beseech Thee, so enlighten and govern us by Thy Holy Spirit that we may ever know and confess Christ to be our King and Savior, and, firmly trusting in Him alone, obtain eternal life; through the same Thy dear Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

OTHER COLLECTS FOR THE SEASON OF ADVENT

MERCIFULLY HEAR, O Lord, the prayers of Thy people, that, as they rejoice in the advent of Thine only-begotten Son according to the flesh, so when He cometh a second time in His majesty, they may receive the reward of eternal life; through the same Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

O GOD, who dost gladden us with the early anticipation of our redemption, grant that we who now joyfully receive Thine only-begotten Son as our Redeemer may also behold Him without fear when He cometh as our Judge; who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

MOST MERCIFUL GOD, who hast given Thine eternal Word to be made incarnate of the pure Virgin, grant unto Thy people grace to put away fleshly lusts that so they may be ready for Thy visitation; through the same Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. _____

CHRISTMAS DAY, THE FEAST OF THE NATIVITY
OF OUR LORD

INTROIT

UNTO US a Child is born, unto us a Son is given: and the government shall be upon His shoulder.

And His name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, the Mighty God: the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace.

Psalm. **Oh, sing unto the Lord a new song: for He hath done marvelous things.**

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Or:

THE LORD hath said unto Me: Thou art My Son, this day have I begotten Thee.

Psalm. The Lord reigneth, He is clothed with majesty: the Lord is clothed with strength, wherewith He hath girded Himself.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

COLLECT FOR CHRISTMAS NIGHT

O GOD, who hast made this most holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light, grant, we beseech Thee, that, as we have known on earth the mysteries of that Light, we may also come to the fullness of its joys in heaven; through the same Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

COLLECT FOR CHRISTMAS DAY

GRANT, we beseech Thee, Almighty God, that the new birth of Thine only-begotten Son in the flesh may set us free, who are held in the old bondage under the yoke of sin; through the same Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

Epistle, Titus 2:11-14 or Is. 9:2-7

GRADUAL

THY PEOPLE shall be willing in the day of Thy power: in the beauties of holiness from the womb of the morning.

Verse. The Lord said unto my Lord, Sit Thou at My right hand: until I make Thine enemies Thy footstool. Hallelujah!

V. The Lord said unto M^y, Thou art My Son: this day have I begotten Thee. Hallelujah!

Or:

ALL THE ENDS of the earth have seen the salvation of our God: make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all the earth.

Verse. The Lord hath made known His salvation: His righteousness hath He openly showed in the sight of the heathen. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

V. Oh, come, let us sing unto the Lord: let us worship and bow down before Him. Hallelujah!

Gospel, Luke 2:1-14

OTHER COLLECTS FOR CHRISTMAS

LORD GOD, gracious Father, who in the fullness of time didst send Thy Son to assume our flesh and become our Brother, we thank Thee for Thy truth and fatherly goodness in giving us this Savior, by whose birth we are delivered from sin, death, Satan, and hell; and we beseech Thee, keep us until the end in true knowledge of our Redeemer, that, with all the holy angels, we may rejoice at His nativity and behold Him, together with Thee and the Holy Ghost, in glory and majesty, world without end.

O LORD GOD, our heavenly Father, who of Thy great goodness and mercy hast caused Thine only-begotten Son to become incarnate, that we through Him might be redeemed from sin and everlasting death; we pray Thee, enlighten our hearts that we may be truly thankful for His gracious incarnation and birth, that we may be comforted by the same in all time of tribulation and temptation, and in the end receive Thine everlasting salvation; through Thy dear Son Jesus Christ, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

SECOND CHRISTMAS DAY

INTROIT

UNTO US a Child is born, unto us a Son is given: and the government shall be upon His shoulder.

And His name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, the Mighty God: the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace.

Psalm. Oh, sing unto the Lord a new song: for He hath done marvelous things.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Or:

THE LORD hath said unto Me: Thou art My Son, this day have I begotten Thee.

Psalm. The Lord reigneth, He is clothed with majesty: the Lord is clothed with strength, wherewith He hath girded Himself.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

COLLECT

GRANT, we beseech Thee, Almighty God, that the new birth of Thine only-begotten Son in the flesh may set us free, who are held in the old bondage under the yoke of sin; through the same Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

Or:

ALMIGHTY GOD, who hast given Thine only-begotten Son to take our nature upon Him and to be born of a virgin, grant that we, being regenerate and made Thy children by adoption, may daily be renewed by Thy Holy Spirit; through the same our Lord Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the same Spirit, ever one God, world without end.

Epistle, Titus 3:4-7

GRADUAL

BLESSED IS HE that cometh in the name of the Lord: God is the Lord which hath showed us light.

Verse. This is the Lord's doing: it is marvelous in our eyes.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

V. The Lord reigneth, He is clothed with majesty: the Lord is clothed with strength, wherewith He hath girded Himself.
Hallelujah!

Gospel, Luke 2:15-20

COLLECT FOR THE EPISTLE

ALMIGHTY AND EVERLASTING GOD, who hast given us Thine only-begotten Son to take our nature upon Him, grant that we, being regenerate and made Thy children by grace and adoption, may be renewed by the Holy Spirit after the image of this same blessed and gracious Christ, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

Or:

MERCIFUL GOD, heavenly Father, who hast given Thine, only-begotten Son to become man, that through Him we might be made partakers of all Thy heavenly gifts, grant that in true faith we may comfort ourselves with Thy mercy and thus obtain the blessed fruits of His holy incarnation; through the same Thy dear Son Jesus Christ, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

COLLECT FOR THE GOSPEL

ALMIGHTY AND EVERLASTING GOD, enlighten our hearts, that we may ever find joy and comfort in the birth of Thy dear Son, make known abroad Thy loving-kindness, give Thee praise and glory, and, with peace abiding in our hearts, may patiently endure and overcome all adversity; through the same Thy dear Son Jesus Christ, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

INTROIT

THY TESTIMONIES are very sure: holiness becometh Thine house, O Lord, forever.

Thy throne is established of old: Thou art from everlasting.

Psalm. The Lord reigneth, He is clothed with majesty: the Lord is clothed with strength, wherewith He hath girded Himself.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Or:

WHEN ALL was still, and it was midnight: Thine almighty Word, O Lord, descended from the royal throne.

Psalm. The Lord reigneth, He is clothed with majesty: the Lord is clothed with strength, wherewith He hath girded Himself.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

COLLECT

ALMIGHTY AND EVERLASTING GOD, direct our actions according to Thy good pleasure, that in the name of Thy beloved Son we may be made to abound in good works; through the same Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

Epistle, Gal. 4:1-7

GRADUAL

THOU ART FAIRER than the children of men: grace is poured into Thy lips.

Verse. My heart is inditing a good matter; I speak of the things which I have made touching the King: my tongue is the pen of a ready writer. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

V. The Lord reigneth, He is clothed with majesty: the Lord is clothed with strength, wherewith He hath girded Himself. Hallelujah!

Gospel, Luke 2:33-40

COLLECT FOR THE EPISTLE

MOST MERCIFUL GOD, who out of love didst give Thine only-begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life, grant unto us the precious gift of faith, whereby we may know that the Son of God is come, and, being always rooted and grounded in the mystery of the Word made flesh, may have power to overcome the world and gain the blessed immortality of heaven; through the merits of this same incarnate Christ, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

COLLECT FOR THE GOSPEL

LORD GOD, heavenly Father, who by the mouth of Simeon didst declare that Jesus Christ is set for the fall and rising again of many in Israel, we beseech Thee, enlighten our hearts with true knowledge of Thy Son, that, in perils and adversities, we may not be offended in Him, but cling to Him and rise through Him and abide in Him, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

THE CIRCUMCISION AND THE NAME OF JESUS
(NEW YEAR'S DAY)

INTROIT

O LORD, our Lord, how excellent is Thy name in all the earth: who hast set Thy glory above the heavens.

What is man that Thou art mindful of him: and the Son of Man that Thou visitest Him?

Psalm. Thou, O Lord, art our Father and our Redeemer: Thy name is from everlasting.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Or:

AT THE NAME of Jesus every knee should bow of things in heaven and things in earth and things under the earth: and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Psalm. O Lord, our Lord: how excellent is Thy name in all the earth.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

COLLECT

O LORD GOD, who for our sakes hast made Thy blessed Son, our Savior, subject to the Law and caused Him to endure the circumcision of the flesh, grant us the true circumcision of the Spirit that our hearts may be pure from all sinful desires and lusts; through the same Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

Or:

ALMIGHTY GOD, whose only-begotten Son; lest He break the Law which He had come to fulfill, was this day circumcised, grant that He may ever defend our minds against all allurements of the flesh by the power of His grace; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

Or:

GOD, who hast made Thine only-begotten Son the Savior of mankind and didst give Him the name of Jesus, mercifully grant that we who worship His name on earth may joyfully behold Him in heaven; through the same, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

Or:

ALMIGHTY AND EVERLASTING GOD, from whom cometh down every good and perfect gift, we give Thee thanks for all Thy benefits, temporal and spiritual, bestowed upon us in the year past, and we beseech Thee of Thy goodness, grant us a favorable and joyful year, defend us from all dangers and adversities, and send upon us the fullness of Thy blessing; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

Epistle, Gal. 3:23-29

GRADUAL

ALL THE ENDS of the earth have seen the salvation of our God: make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all the earth.

Verse. The Lord hath made known His salvation: His righteousness hath He openly showed in the sight of the heathen. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

V. God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past by the Prophets: hath in these last days spoken unto us by His Son. Hallelujah!

Gospel, Luke 2:21

COLLECT FOR NEW YEAR'S EVE

LORD GOD, heavenly Father, from whom cometh down every good and perfect gift, we thank Thee that in the past year Thou hast granted unto us Thy gracious protection, given us health and daily bread, crowned us with Thy blessing, and defended Thy holy Christian Church from harm and danger; and we beseech Thee, let us in a manner acceptable to Thee conclude the old year and enter upon the new, in which Thou wouldst be pleased to dwell among us continually with Thy goodness; for the sake of Thy dear Son Jesus Christ, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

COLLECT FOR NEW YEAR

ALMIGHTY GOD, our heavenly Father, we give Thee humble and hearty thanks that Thou hast preserved us during the past year from all evil, and bestowed upon us all manner of good, and dost now permit us to enter upon a new year; and we pray that it may please Thee mercifully to crown the same with Thy goodness, to bless us and our households with Thy heavenly gifts, and to grant and preserve unto us whatsoever is necessary for our bodily wants, to avert from us all calamities and evils, and to make this to be unto us a blessed, peaceful, and happy year; for the sake of Jesus Christ, Thy dear Son, our only Savior, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

COLLECT FOR THE EPISTLE

MERCIFUL GOD AND FATHER, we give Thee hearty thanks that Thou hast called us, who were Gentiles, to the knowledge of Thy Son Jesus Christ and to the inheritance of everlasting life; and we beseech Thee, so govern us by Thy Holy Spirit that, increasing continually in faith and walking after Thy Command-

ments, holy and without blame, we may finally, with faithful Abraham, obtain the eternal inheritance; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

COLLECT FOR THE GOSPEL

O LORD GOD, heavenly Father, we give thanks to Thee that Thou hast made Thy dearly beloved and only-begotten Son under the Law, that He might redeem from its curse them that were under the Law; and we beseech Thee, enlighten our hearts by the Holy Spirit that, when our conscience accuses us of sin, we may be comforted by His obedience, may walk in newness of life, and at last inherit everlasting salvation; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

SUNDAY AFTER NEW YEAR

INTROIT

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Psalm. The Lord reigneth, He is clothed with majesty: the Lord is clothed with strength, wherewith He hath girded Himself.

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Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

COLLECT

ALMIGHTY AND EVERLASTING GOD, direct our actions according to Thy good pleasure, that in the name of Thy beloved Son we may be made to abound in good works; through the same Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

Epistle, 1 Pet. 4:12-19

GRADUAL

SAVE US, O Lord, our God, and gather us from among the heathen: to give thanks unto Thy holy name and to triumph in Thy praise.

Verse. Thou, O Lord, art our Father, our Redeemer: Thy name is from everlasting. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

V. My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord: and let all flesh bless His holy name forever. Hallelujah!

Gospel, Matt. 2:13-23

COLLECT FOR THE EPISTLE

O LORD, who hast taught us that all our doings without charity are worth nothing, send Thy Holy Spirit, and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of charity, the very bond of peace and all virtues, without which whosoever liveth is counted dead before Thee. Grant this for Thine only Son Jesus Christ's sake, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

COLLECT FOR THE GOSPEL

GRACIOUS GOD AND FATHER, in sincere humility we praise the wisdom of Thy ways and with filial confidence yield ourselves to Thy fatherly guidance; hold us by Thy right hand, guide us with Thy counsel, and afterward receive us to glory; for the sake of Thy dear Son Jesus Christ, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

INTROIT

BEHOLD, the Lord, the Ruler, hath come: and the kingdom and the power and the glory are in His hand.

Psalm. Give the King Thy judgments, O God: and Thy righteousness unto the King's Son.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

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COLLECT

O GOD, who by the leading of a star didst manifest Thine only-begotten Son to the Gentiles, mercifully grant that we, who know Thee now by faith, may after this life have the fruition of Thy glorious Godhead; through the same Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

Epistle, Is. 60:1-6

GRADUAL

ALL THEY from Sheba shall come; they shall bring gold and incense: and they shall show forth the praises of the Lord.

Verse. Arise, shine, O Jerusalem: for the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

V. We have seen His star in the East: and are come with gifts to worship the Lord. Hallelujah!

Gospel, Matt. 2:1-12

COLLECT FOR THE EPISTLE

ALMIGHTY AND MOST MERCIFUL GOD, who didst in the beginning create the light, and in the fullness of the time didst give Thine only-begotten Son to be unto the end of the world

the true Light of men, we beseech Thee, so to illumine our hearts with the beams of Thy grace that we may walk in Thy light as children of light and be made partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light; through Thy dear Son Jesus Christ, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

COLLECT FOR THE GOSPEL

O ETERNAL GOD AND FATHER, who hast revealed Thy Son as the only Savior from sin, and called us to the blessed knowledge of salvation, we thank Thee that Thou hast hitherto preserved Thy truth among us despite all the wiles and assaults of the Wicked One; and we beseech Thee, keep us evermore in purity of doctrine and send forth Thy Word among men, accompanying it with the effectual working of Thy Holy Spirit, that many may be brought to know Thy Son and obtain the inheritance of everlasting life; through the same Thy dear Son Jesus Christ, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

INTROIT

I SAW also the Lord sitting upon a throne: high and lifted up. And I heard the voice of a great multitude, saying, Alleluia: for the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth.

Psalm. Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands: serve the Lord with gladness.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Or:

ON A THRONE, high and lifted up, I saw a Man sitting, whom the multitude of angels adores, singing together: Behold, His dominion endureth forever.

Psalm. Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands: serve the Lord with gladness.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

COLLECT

O LORD, we beseech Thee mercifully to receive the prayers of Thy people who call upon Thee; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfill the same; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

Epistle, Rom. 12:1-5

GRADUAL

BLESSED BE the Lord God, the God of Israel, who only doeth wondrous things: and blessed be His glorious name forever.

Verse. The mountains shall bring peace to Thy people: and the hills righteousness. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

V. Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands: serve the Lord with gladness. Hallelujah!

Gospel, Luke 2:41-52

COLLECT FOR THE EPISTLE

ALMIGHTY AND EVERLASTING GOD, who of Thy great mercy in Jesus Christ, Thy Son, dost grant us forgiveness of sin and all things pertaining to life and godliness, grant us, we beseech Thee, Thy Holy Spirit, that He may so rule our hearts, that we, being ever mindful of Thy fatherly mercy, may strive to mortify

the flesh and to overcome the world and, serving Thee in holiness and pureness of living, may give Thee continual thanks for all Thy goodness; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

COLLECT FOR THE GOSPEL

O LORD JESUS CHRIST, who, when a child, wast seated in the Temple in the midst of the doctors, both hearing them and asking them questions, so rule us, we beseech Thee, by Thy Holy Spirit that, following Thine example, we may love the habitation of Thy house and the place where Thine honor dwelleth, diligently seek the same, hearing Thy Word with gladness and faithfully keeping it to the saving of our souls; O Thou, who, with the Father and the Holy Ghost, livest and reignest, ever one God, world without end.

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

The Introit, Collect, Epistle, Gradual, and Gospel for the Transfiguration of our Lord shall be used on the last Sunday after the Epiphany in each year, except when there is only one Sunday after the Epiphany

INTROIT

ALL THE EARTH shall worship Thee: and shall sing unto Thee, O God.

They shall sing to Thy name: O Thou Most High.

Psalm. Make a joyful noise unto God, all ye lands: sing forth the honor of His name, make His praise glorious.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

COLLECT

ALMIGHTY AND EVERLASTING GOD, who dost govern all things in heaven and earth, mercifully hear the supplications of Thy people and grant us Thy peace all the days of our life; through

Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

Epistle, Rom. 12:6-16

GRADUAL

THE LORD sent His Word and healed them: and delivered them from their destructions.

Verse. Oh, that men would praise the Lord for His goodness: and for His wonderful works to the children of men! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

V. Praise ye Him, all His angels: praise ye Him, all His hosts. Hallelujah!

Gospel, John 2:1-11

COLLECT FOR THE EPISTLE

O LORD GOD ALMIGHTY, who dost endue Thy servants with divers and singular gifts of the Holy Ghost, leave us not, we beseech Thee, destitute of Thy manifold gifts, nor yet of grace, to use them always to Thy honor and glory; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

COLLECT FOR THE GOSPEL

WE THANK THEE, O Lord Jesus Christ, that Thou didst hallow and adorn the holy estate of matrimony by Thy presence, and we humbly beseech Thee that Thou wouldst continually preserve and bless this holy ordinance, protect us from impurity and offenses, and evermore dwell in all Christian homes, relieving all their necessities in Thine own good time, O Thou, true God and faithful Friend of men, who, having power over all things, livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

INTROIT

WORSHIP HIM, all ye His angels: Zion heard and was glad.
The daughters of Judah rejoiced: because of Thy judgments,
O Lord.

Psalm. The Lord reigneth, let the earth rejoice: let the multitude of isles be glad thereof.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

COLLECT

ALMIGHTY AND EVERLASTING GOD, mercifully look upon our infirmities and in all our dangers and necessities stretch forth the right hand of Thy majesty to help and defend us; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

Epistle, Rom. 12:16-21

GRADUAL

THE HEATHEN shall fear the name of the Lord: and all the kings of the earth Thy glory.

Verse. When the Lord shall build up Zion: He shall appear in His glory. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

V. The Lord reigneth; let the earth rejoice: let the multitude of isles be glad thereof. Hallelujah!

Gospel, Matt. 8:1-13

COLLECT FOR THE EPISTLE

O GOD, who by the meek endurance of Thine only-begotten Son didst beat down the pride of the old enemy, help us, we beseech Thee, rightly to treasure in our hearts what our Lord hath of His goodness borne for our sakes, that, following His example,

we may bear with patience whatsoever things are adverse to us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

COLLECT FOR THE GOSPEL

ALMIGHTY AND EVERLASTING GOD, the Consolation of the sorrowful and the Strength of the weak, may the prayers of those who in any tribulation or distress cry unto Thee graciously come before Thee, so that in all their necessities they may mark and receive Thy manifold help and comfort; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

INTROIT

WORSHIP HIM, all ye His angels: Zion heard and was glad.

The daughters of Judah rejoiced: because of Thy judgments, O Lord.

Psalm. The Lord reigneth, let the earth rejoice: let the multitude of isles be glad thereof.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

COLLECT

ALMIGHTY GOD, who knowest us to be set in the midst of so many and great dangers that by reason of the frailty of our nature we cannot always stand upright, grant to us such strength and protection as may support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

Epistle, Rom. 13:8-10

GRADUAL

THE HEATHEN shall fear the name of the Lord: and all the kings of the earth Thy glory.

Verse. When the Lord shall build up Zion: He shall appear in His glory. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

V. The Lord reigneth; let the earth rejoice: let the multitude of isles be glad thereof. Hallelujah!

Gospel, Matt. 8:23-27

COLLECT FOR THE EPISTLE

O LORD, who hast taught us that all our doings without charity are worth nothing, send Thy Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of charity, the very bond of peace and all virtues, without which whosoever liveth is counted dead before Thee. Grant this for Thine only Son Jesus Christ's sake, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

COLLECT FOR THE GOSPEL

O GOD, who hast founded the earth upon the seas and established it upon the floods, and whose Word is forever settled in heaven, grant unto us grace, we beseech Thee, to look beyond the things which are seen and temporal to the things which are not seen and eternal, that, walking rather by faith than by sight, we may not be unduly moved by any occasions in this world, but be able to endure in the way of life unto the end; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

INTROIT

WORSHIP HIM, all ye His angels: Zion heard and was glad.

The daughters of Judah rejoiced: because of Thy judgments,
O Lord.

Psalm. The Lord reigneth, let the earth rejoice: let the multitude of isles be glad thereof.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

COLLECT

O LORD, we beseech Thee to keep Thy Church and household continually in Thy true religion that they who do lean upon the hope of Thy heavenly grace may evermore be defended by Thy mighty power; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

Epistle, Col. 3:12-17

GRADUAL

THE HEATHEN shall fear the name of the Lord: and all the kings of the earth Thy glory.

Verse. When the Lord shall build up Zion: He shall appear in His glory. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

V. The Lord reigneth; let the earth rejoice: let the multitude of isles be glad thereof. Hallelujah!

Gospel, Matt. 13:24-30

COLLECT FOR THE EPISTLE

ALMIGHTY AND EVERLASTING GOD, who by Thy Son hast promised us forgiveness of sins and everlasting life, we beseech Thee so to rule and govern our hearts by Thy Holy Spirit that in our daily need, and especially in all time of temptation, we may seek help from Him, and by a true and lively faith in Thy Word obtain the same; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

COLLECT FOR THE GOSPEL

O LORD, the Author of spiritual life, who hast made us the good seed of Thy kingdom, grant that we may continually please Thee with honest and willing hearts; and do Thou so guard us by Thy grace from the wiles of Satan and the cares of this life that the faith and hope and love which Thou hast implanted may remain in us as the beginning of life eternal; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

(TRANSFIGURATION)

INTROIT

THE LIGHTNINGS lightened the world: the earth trembled and shook.

Psalm. How amiable are Thy tabernacles, O Lord of Hosts: my soul longeth, yea, even fainteth for the courts of the Lord.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

COLLECT

O GOD, who in the glorious transfiguration of Thine only-begotten Son hast confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the testimony of the Fathers, and who, in the voice that came from the bright cloud, didst in a wonderful manner foreshow the adoption of sons, mercifully vouchsafe to make us co-heirs with the King of His glory and bring us to the enjoyment of the same; through the same Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

Epistle, 2 Pet. 1:16-21

GRADUAL

THOU ART FAIRER than the children of men: grace is poured into Thy lips.

Verse. The Lord said unto my Lord, Sit Thou at My right hand: until I make Thine enemies Thy footstool. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

V. Sing unto the Lord, bless His name; show forth His salvation from day to day: declare His glory among all people. Hallelujah!

Gospel, Matt. 17:1-9

COLLECT FOR THE EPISTLE

ALMIGHTY AND EVERLASTING GOD, we give Thee most hearty thanks that Thou hast given us Thy holy Word as a bright light in the darkness of this present world, and we humbly beseech Thee, enable us by Thy Holy Spirit to heed diligently the light of the Word, so that the Daystar from on High, Thy Son, with grace divine, may arise in our hearts, and as the true Light continually shine, until the night is fully spent and the great day is at hand; through the same Thy dear Son Jesus Christ, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

COLLECT FOR THE GOSPEL

O GOD, who on the Mount didst reveal to chosen witnesses Thine only-begotten Son, wonderfully transfigured, in raiment white and glistening, mercifully grant that we, being delivered from the disquietude of this world, may be permitted to behold the King in His beauty, who with Thee, O Father, and Thee, O Holy Ghost, liveth and reigneth, one God, world without end.

SEPTUAGESIMA SUNDAY

INTROIT

THE SORROWS of death compassed me: the sorrows of hell compassed me about.

In my distress I called upon the Lord: and He heard my voice out of His temple.

Psalm. I will love Thee, O Lord, my Strength: the Lord is my Rock and my Fortress.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Let us pray

COLLECT

O LORD, we beseech Thee favorably to hear the prayers of Thy people that we, who are justly punished for our offenses, may be mercifully delivered by Thy goodness, for the glory of Thy name; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Savior, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

Epistle, 1 Cor. 9:24 to 10:5

GRADUAL

THE LORD will be a Refuge for the oppressed, a Refuge in times of trouble: and they that know Thy name will put their trust in Thee; for Thou, Lord, hast not forsaken them that seek Thee.

Verse. For the needy shall not alway be forgotten: the expectation of the poor shall not perish forever. Arise, O Lord; let not man prevail.

Tract. Out of the depths have I cried unto Thee, O Lord: Lord, hear my voice.

V. Let Thine ears be attentive: to the voice of my supplications.

V. If Thou, Lord, shouldest mark iniquities: O Lord, who shall stand?

V. But there is forgiveness with Thee: that Thou mayest be feared.

Gospel, Matt. 20:1-16

COLLECT FOR THE EPISTLE

MERCIFUL GOD AND FATHER, we give Thee most hearty thanks that in Thy Word Thou hast graciously revealed the goal toward which we should ever strive; and we humbly beseech Thee, keep and direct us by Thy Holy Spirit upon the way of truth, that, when our course is run, we may obtain the crown of righteousness; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

COLLECT FOR THE GOSPEL

ALMIGHTY GOD, heavenly Father, who in the last hour of time hast called us into Thy vineyard and of Thy grace given us all manner of undeserved temporal and spiritual gifts, grant, we beseech Thee, that, trusting only in Thy mercy, we may at all times in patience and humility render unto Thee cheerful and patient service and never murmur against Thy goodness, to the end that we may not be denied and rejected by Thee, but continue in Thy household and glorify and praise Thy marvelous grace; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

SEXAGESIMA SUNDAY

INTROIT

AWAKE, why sleepest Thou, O Lord?: Arise, cast us not off forever.

Wherefore hidest Thou Thy face: and forgettest our affliction?
Our soul is bowed down to the dust: arise for our help and redeem us.

Psalm. We have heard with our ears, O God: our fathers have told us what work Thou didst in their days.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Salutation + Let us pray

Kyrie

COLLECT

O GOD, who seest that we put not our trust in anything that we do, mercifully grant that by Thy power we may be defended against all adversity; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

Epistle, 2 Cor. 11:19 to 12:9

GRADUAL

LET THE NATIONS know that Thy name is Jehovah: Thou alone art the Most High over all the earth.

Verse. O my God, make them like a wheel: and like chaff before the wind.

Tract. Thou, O Lord, hast made the earth to tremble: and hast broken it.

V. Heal the breaches thereof: for it shaketh.

V. That Thy beloved may be delivered: save with Thy right hand.

Gospel, Luke 8:4-15

COLLECT FOR THE EPISTLE

ALMIGHTY AND EVERLASTING GOD, the Creator of the ends of the earth, who givest power to the faint and strength to them that have no might, look mercifully, we beseech Thee, on our low estate, and cause Thy grace to triumph in our weakness, that we may arise and follow in the way of righteousness those who by their faith and patience already have inherited the promises; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

COLLECT FOR THE GOSPEL

ALMIGHTY GOD, merciful Father, we give Thee most hearty thanks for Thy divine Word, which Thou art pleased to sow as a heavenly seed among us, and we beseech Thee that by Thy Word and Spirit Thou wouldst make our hearts a good ground, guard us against the dangers arising from cares and riches and the pleasures of this life, and keep our faith from being uprooted by the blasts of affliction, that in an honest and good heart we may bring forth abundant fruit; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

QUINQUAGESIMA SUNDAY

INTROIT

BE THOU my strong Rock: for an house of defense to save me.

Thou art my Rock and my Fortress: therefore for Thy name's sake lead me and guide me.

Psalm. In Thee, O Lord, do I put my trust; let me never be ashamed: deliver me in Thy righteousness.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

COLLECT

O LORD, we beseech Thee, mercifully hear our prayers and, having set us free from the bonds of sin, defend us from all evil; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

Epistle, 1 Cor. 13:1-13

GRADUAL

THOU ART THE GOD that doest wonders: Thou hast declared Thy strength among the peoples.

Verse. Thou hast with Thine arm redeemed Thy people: the sons of Jacob and Joseph.

Tract. Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands: serve the Lord with gladness.

V. Enter into His gates with thanksgiving.

V. Know ye that the Lord, He is God.

V. It is He that hath made us and not we ourselves: we are His people and the sheep of His pasture.

Gospel, Luke 18:31-43

COLLECT FOR THE EPISTLE

MERCIFUL GOD AND FATHER, who dost require of us fervent love of Thee and of our neighbor, we humbly beseech Thee, graciously govern us by Thy Holy Spirit, that we may never offend against love nor devote Thy gifts to our own glory and profit, but according to Thy good pleasure and for our neighbor's welfare, growing continually in true faith and love unfeigned; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

COLLECT FOR THE GOSPEL

LORD GOD, heavenly Father, who through Thy Son Jesus Christ didst mercifully open the blind man's eyes, restoring his sight, we beseech Thee, with Thy Word so enlighten our hearts that, seeing Thee in Christ, Thy Son and our Redeemer, we may in all temptations and afflictions look only to Thy mercy and at all times find comfort and deliverance; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

ASH WEDNESDAY, THE FIRST DAY OF LENT

INTROIT

I WILL CRY unto God Most High: unto God that performeth all things for me.

Yea, in the shadow of Thy wings will I make my refuge: until these calamities be overpast.

Psalm. Be merciful unto me, O God, be merciful unto me: for my soul trusteth in Thee.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

COLLECT

ALMIGHTY AND EVERLASTING GOD, who hatest nothing that Thou hast made and dost forgive the sins of all those who are penitent, create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of Thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

Epistle, Joel 2:12-19

GRADUAL

BE MERCIFUL unto me, O God, be merciful unto me: for my soul trusteth in Thee.

Verse. He shall send from heaven: and save me from the reproach of him that would swallow me up.

Tract. O Lord, deal not with us after our sins: nor reward us according to our iniquities.

V. O Lord, remember not against us former iniquities: let Thy tender mercies speedily prevent us, for we are brought very low.

V. Help us, O God of our salvation: for the glory of Thy name.

Gospel, Matt. 6:16-21

INVOCAVIT, THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

INTROIT

HE SHALL CALL upon Me, and I will answer him: I will deliver him and honor him.

With long life will I satisfy him: and show him My salvation.

Psalm. He that dwelleth in the secret place of the Most High: shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

COLLECT

O LORD, mercifully hear our prayer and stretch forth the right hand of Thy majesty to defend us from them that rise up against us; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

Epistle, 2 Cor. 6:1-10

GRADUAL

FOR HE SHALL GIVE His angels charge over thee: to keep thee in all thy ways.

Verse. They shall bear thee up in their hands: lest thou dash thy foot against a stone.

Tract. He that dwelleth in the secret place of the Most High: shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

V. I will say of the Lord, He is my Refuge and my Fortress, my God: in Him will I trust.

V. He shall cover thee with His feathers: and under His wings shalt thou trust.

Gospel, Matt. 4:1-11

COLLECT FOR THE EPISTLE

ALMIGHTY AND EVERLASTING GOD, who for the sake of the bitter sufferings and death of Thy dear Son dost again, during the present Lenten Season, graciously and earnestly offer to us forgiveness of sins, life, and eternal salvation, we beseech Thee, give us Thy Holy Spirit, that we may not presumptuously or lightly set at naught the offer of Thy grace and mercy, but follow Thy gracious invitation with joyful obedience, and by holiness of living give Thee continual thanks and praise; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

COLLECT FOR THE GOSPEL

WE BESEECH THEE, O Lord, by the mystery of our Savior's fasting and temptation, to endow us with the same mind that was in Him toward all evil and sin; and give us grace to keep our bodies in such holy discipline that our minds may always be ready to resist Satan and obey the promptings of Thy Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

Or:

O LORD JESUS CHRIST, who didst fast forty days and forty nights in the wilderness and didst overcome all the temptations of the devil, we thank Thee that for our salvation Thou wast in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin, and as our merciful High Priest canst be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; and we pray Thee, give us grace steadfastly to resist the allurements of sin, that, the lusts of our flesh being subdued to the Spirit, we may ever obey Thy godly leadings in righteousness and true holiness, to Thy honor and glory, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

REMINISCERE, THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

INTROIT

REMEMBER, O Lord, Thy tender mercies and Thy loving-kindnesses: for they have been ever of old.

Let not mine enemies triumph over me: God of Israel, deliver us out of all our troubles.

Psalm. Unto Thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul: O my God, I trust in Thee; let me not be ashamed.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

COLLECT

O GOD, who seest that of ourselves we have no strength, keep us both outwardly and inwardly that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

Epistle, 1 Thess. 4:1-7

GRADUAL

THE TROUBLES of my heart are enlarged: oh, bring Thou me out of my distresses.

Verse. Look upon mine affliction and my pain: and forgive all my sins.

Tract. Oh, give thanks unto the Lord; for He is good: for His mercy endureth forever.

V. Who can utter the mighty acts of the Lord?: Who can show forth His praise?

V. Blessed are they that keep judgment: and he that doeth righteousness at all times.

V. Remember me, O Lord, with the favor that Thou bearest unto Thy people: oh, visit me with Thy salvation.

Gospel, Matt. 15:21-28

COLLECT FOR THE EPISTLE

ALMIGHTY AND EVERLASTING GOD, who through the innocent suffering and death of Thy dear Son hast opened unto us a rich fountain of divine power unto life and godliness, we beseech Thee, replenish us with Thy Holy Spirit, that by sincere repentance and true faith we may in this present time cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, and, by Thy grace dwelling in us, abound more and more in holiness and pureness of living; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

COLLECT FOR THE GOSPEL

ALMIGHTY AND EVERLASTING GOD, the Consolation of the sorrowful and the Strength of the weak, may the prayers of them that cry unto Thee in any tribulation or distress graciously come before Thee, so that in all their necessities they may mark and receive Thy manifold help and comfort; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

OCULI, THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

INTROIT

MINE EYES are ever toward the Lord: for He shall pluck my feet out of the net.

Turn Thee unto me and have mercy upon me: for I am desolate and afflicted.

Psalm. Unto Thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul: O my God, I trust in Thee; let me not be ashamed.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

COLLECT

WE BESEECH THEE, Almighty God, look upon the hearty desires of Thy humble servants and stretch forth the right hand of Thy majesty to be our Defense against all our enemies; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

Epistle, Eph. 5:1-9

GRADUAL

ARISE, O Lord; let not man prevail: let the heathen be judged in Thy sight.

Verse. When mine enemies are turned back: they shall fall and perish at Thy presence.

Tract. Unto Thee lift I up mine eyes, O Thou that dwellest in the heavens: have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

Gospel, Luke 11:14-28

COLLECT FOR THE EPISTLE

ALMIGHTY AND EVERLASTING GOD, who for the sake of Thine own dear Son hast made us Thy children by adoption, we beseech Thee, govern us by Thy Holy Spirit, that, as Christ also hath loved us and given Himself for us an offering and a sacrifice

to Thee for a sweet-smelling savor, even so we may love Thee and our neighbor, and may walk as children of light in all purity and righteousness and truth; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

COLLECT FOR THE GOSPEL

LORD GOD, heavenly Father, who hast sent Thy Son into the world to destroy the works of the devil, we beseech Thee, keep us from false security, curb the tyranny of the wicked Foe, protect us against him, and graciously preserve us by Thy Holy Spirit in all temptations, that, being ever defended from the Evil One, we may until our end walk in Thy fear according to Thy Word and finally obtain everlasting salvation; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

LAETARE, THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

INTROIT

REJOICE YE with Jerusalem and be glad with her: all ye that love her.

Rejoice for joy with her: all ye that mourn for her.

Psalm. I was glad when they said unto me: Let us go into the house of the Lord.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

COLLECT

GRANT, we beseech Thee, Almighty God, that we, who for our evil deeds do worthily deserve to be punished, by the comfort of Thy grace may mercifully be relieved; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

Epistle, Gal. 4:21-31

GRADUAL

I WAS GLAD when they said unto me: Let us go into the house of the Lord.

Verse. Peace be within thy walls: and prosperity within thy palaces.

Tract. They that trust in the Lord shall be as Mount Zion: which cannot be removed, but abideth forever.

V. As the mountains are round about Jerusalem: so the Lord is round about His people from henceforth even forever.

Gospel, John 6:1-15

COLLECT FOR THE EPISTLE

ALMIGHTY AND EVERLASTING GOD, who hast given Thine only-begotten Son into suffering and death, that in our stead He might render satisfaction to the Law, we most heartily beseech Thee, graciously keep us henceforth from seeking our own righteousness by the works of the Law, and enable us in true faith to put our trust solely in the merit of Jesus Christ, that by Thy Holy Spirit the righteousness of the Law may be fulfilled in us; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

COLLECT FOR THE GOSPEL

LORD GOD, heavenly Father, who through Thy Son in the desert didst abundantly feed thousands with little, we beseech Thee, visit us also with Thy blessing, and preserve us from covetousness and cares of the body, that we may seek first Thy kingdom and righteousness and that we may experience Thy fatherly goodness in all things needful for soul and body; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

JUDICA, THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

(PASSION SUNDAY)

INTROIT

JUDGE ME, O God: and plead my cause against an ungodly nation.

Oh, deliver me from the deceitful and unjust man: for Thou art the God of my strength.

Psalm. Oh, send out Thy light and Thy truth: let them lead me; let them bring me unto Thy holy hill.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

COLLECT

WE BESEECH THEE, Almighty God, mercifully to look upon Thy people that by Thy great goodness they may be governed and preserved evermore both in body and soul; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

Epistle, Heb. 9:11-15

GRADUAL

DELIVER ME, O Lord, from mine enemies: teach me to do Thy will.

Verse. He delivereth me from mine enemies; yea, Thou liftest me up above those that rise up against me: Thou hast delivered me from the violent man.

Tract. Many a time have they afflicted me from my youth.

V. May Israel now say: many a time have they afflicted me from my youth.

V. Yet they have not prevailed against me.

Gospel, John 8:46-59

COLLECT FOR THE EPISTLE

ALMIGHTY AND MOST MERCIFUL GOD, who hast given Thy Son to die for our sins, and to obtain forgiveness and redemption for us through His own blood, we beseech Thee, let the merit of this spotless sacrifice purge our consciences from dead works, that we may serve Thee, the living God, and receive the promise of eternal inheritance in Christ Jesus, our Lord, to whom, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, be honor and glory, world without end.

COLLECT FOR THE GOSPEL

ALMIGHTY GOD, heavenly Father, who through Thy Son, our Lord and our Redeemer, didst promise: If a man keep My saying, he shall never see death, we beseech Thee, grant us Thy Holy Spirit, that, duly knowing Thy Son, we may keep His Word, trust in it, comfort ourselves therewith in the hour of departure, and enter into everlasting life; for the sake of Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

PALMARUM, THE SIXTH SUNDAY IN LENT

INTROIT

BE NOT THOU FAR from me, O Lord: O my Strength, haste Thee to help me.

Save me from the lion's mouth: and deliver me from the horns of the unicorns.

Psalm. My God, My God, why hast Thou forsaken Me?: Why art Thou so far from helping Me?

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

COLLECT

ALMIGHTY AND EVERLASTING GOD, who hast sent Thy Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take upon Him our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross that all mankind should follow the example of His great humility, mercifully grant that we may both follow the example of His patience and also be made partakers of His resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

Epistle, Phil. 2:5-11

GRADUAL

THOU HAST HOLDEN me by my right hand: Thou shalt guide me with Thy counsel and afterward receive me to glory.

Verse. Truly, God is good to Israel, even to such as are of a clean heart: but as for me, my feet were almost gone, my steps had well-nigh slipped; for I was grieved at the ungodly.

Tract. My God, My God, why hast Thou forsaken Me?

V. Why art Thou so far from helping Me: and from the words of My roaring?

V. I am a worm and no man: a reproach of men and despised of the people.

V. Be not Thou far from Me, O Lord: O My Strength, haste Thee to help Me.

V. I will declare Thy name unto My brethren: in the midst of the congregation will I praise Thee.

V. They shall come and shall declare His righteousness unto a people that shall be born: that He hath done this.

Gospel, Matt. 21:1-9

COLLECT FOR THE EPISTLE

O LORD JESUS CHRIST, Son of the Almighty, who for our sakes didst humble Thyself and take upon Thee the form of a servant, we beseech Thee, govern us by Thy Holy Spirit, that we may not be offended at Thy lowliness, but heartily believe that by Thy obedience even unto the death of the cross Thou hast redeemed us from the wrath of God and from eternal death, and keep us steadfast in such faith and in Christian humility, that we also may finally be exalted with Thee and made partakers of Thy glory, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

COLLECT FOR THE GOSPEL

ALMIGHTY AND EVERLASTING GOD, who hast led Thy dear Son Jesus Christ through sufferings and death to Thine eternal glory, and hast exalted Him at Thy right hand to be Lord of Lords and King of Kings, we beseech Thee, grant us Thy good Spirit, that with willing hearts we may receive Him as our King and follow His example of true humility, that, being made perfect through sufferings, we may enter into eternal glory; through Thy Son Jesus Christ, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK

INTROIT

PLEAD MY CAUSE, O Lord, with them that strive with me: fight against them that fight against me.

Take hold of shield and buckler: and stand up for mine help.

Psalm. Draw out also the spear and stop the way against them that persecute me: say unto my soul, I am thy Salvation.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

COLLECT

GRANT, we beseech Thee, Almighty God, that we, who amid so many adversities do fail through our own infirmities, may be restored through the Passion and intercession of Thine only-begotten Son; who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

Epistle, Is. 50:5-10

GRADUAL

STIR UP THYSELF and awake to my judgment: even unto my cause, my God and my Lord.

Verse. Draw out also the spear: and stop the way against them that persecute me.

Tract. Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of Thy name: and deliver us and purge away our sins for Thy name's sake.

Gospel, John 12:1-23, or The Passion History

TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK

INTROIT

GOD FORBID that I should glory: save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.

In Him is salvation, life, and resurrection from the dead: by Him we are redeemed and set at liberty.

Psalm. God be merciful unto us and bless us: and cause His face to shine upon us.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

COLLECT

ALMIGHTY AND EVERLASTING GOD, grant us grace so to pass through this holy time of our Lord's Passion that we may obtain the pardon of our sins; through the same Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

Epistle, Jer. 11:18-20

GRADUAL

AS FOR ME, my clothing was sackcloth: I humbled my soul with fasting; and my prayer returned into mine own bosom.

Verse. Plead my cause, O Lord, with them that strive with me: take hold of shield and buckler and stand up for mine help.

Gospel, John 12:24-43, or The Passion History

WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK

INTROIT

AT THE NAME of Jesus every knee shall bow: of things in heaven and things in earth and things under the earth.

For He became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross: wherefore He is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Psalms. Hear my prayer, O Lord: and let my cry come unto Thee.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

COLLECT

GRANT, we beseech Thee, Almighty God, that we, who for our evil deeds are continually afflicted, may mercifully be relieved by the Passion of Thine only-begotten Son, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

Epistle, Is. 62:11 to 63:7

GRADUAL

HIDE NOT Thy face from Thy Servant; for I am in trouble:
hear Me speedily.

Verse. Save Me, O God: for the waters are come in unto
My soul; I sink in deep mire, where there is no standing.

Tract. Hear my prayer, O Lord: and let my cry come
unto Thee.

V. Thou shalt arise and have mercy upon Zion: for the
time is come to favor her, yea, the set time is come.

Gospel, Luke 22:1 to 23:43, or The Passion History

MAUNDY THURSDAY

INTROIT

GOD FORBID that I should glory: save in the Cross of our
Lord Jesus Christ.

In Him is salvation, life, and resurrection from the dead: by
Him we are redeemed and set at liberty.

Psalm. God be merciful unto us and bless us: and cause His
face to shine upon us.

*Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it
was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*

COLLECT

O LORD GOD, who hast left unto us in a wonderful Sacra-
ment a memorial of Thy Passion, grant, we beseech Thee, that we
may so use this Sacrament of Thy body and blood that the fruits
of Thy redemption may continually be manifest in us; Thou,
who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, ever
one God, world without end.

Epistle, 1 Cor. 11:23-32

GRADUAL

CHRIST hath humbled Himself and become obedient unto death: even the death of the cross.

Verse. Wherefore God also hath highly exalted Him: and given Him a name which is above every name.

Or:

HE HATH MADE His wonderful works to be remembered: the Lord is gracious and full of compassion.

Verse. He hath given meat unto them that fear Him: He will ever be mindful of His covenant.

V. My flesh is meat indeed, and My blood is drink indeed: he that eateth My flesh and drinketh My blood dwelleth in Me and I in him.

Gospel, John 13:1-15, or The Passion History

COLLECT FOR THE EPISTLE

GRACIOUS GOD, heavenly Father, we give Thee hearty thanks that through Thy Son Jesus Christ Thou hast for our good instituted the blessed Sacrament of the Holy Supper, wherein under the consecrated bread and wine He truly gives us His body to eat and His blood to drink for the forgiveness of our sins; and we beseech Thee, grant us Thy grace that we may at all times be truly worthy and well prepared to receive this gift, and order our lives aright, until we shall finally obtain eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

COLLECT FOR THE GOSPEL

WE THANK THEE, O Lord Jesus Christ, the Savior of all men, that Thou hast given Thyself into death for us to make

atonement for our sins and hast also left us an example of mutual service by humbly washing Thy disciples' feet; and we heartily beseech Thee, govern and direct our hearts by Thy Holy Spirit that we may in true faith firmly cling to Thee as our Savior, faithfully serve our neighbor with works of love, and obtain eternal salvation through Thy merit; who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

GOOD FRIDAY

INTROIT

SURELY He hath borne our griefs and carried our sorrows: He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities.

All we like sheep have gone astray: and the Lord hath laid on Him the iniquity of us all.

Psalm. Hear my prayer, O Lord: and let my cry come unto Thee.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Or:

GOD FORBID that I should glory: save in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.

In Him is salvation, life, and resurrection from the dead: by Him we are redeemed and set at liberty.

Psalm. God be merciful unto us and bless us: and cause His face to shine upon us.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

COLLECT

ALMIGHTY GOD, we beseech Thee graciously to behold this Thy family, for which our Lord Jesus Christ was contented to be betrayed and given up into the hands of wicked men and to suffer death upon the cross; through the same Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

Or:

MERCIFUL AND EVERLASTING GOD, who hast not spared Thine only Son, but delivered Him up for us all that He might bear our sins upon the cross, grant that our hearts may be so fixed with steadfast faith in Him that we may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the same Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

Or:

ALMIGHTY AND EVERLASTING GOD, who hast willed that Thy Son should bear for us the pains of the cross that Thou mightest remove from us the power of the Adversary, help us so to remember and give thanks for our Lord's Passion that we may obtain remission of sins and redemption from everlasting death; through the same Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

Epistle, Is. 52:13 to 53:12

Tract.

GRADUAL

REPROACH hath broken My heart, and I am full of heaviness: and I looked for some to take pity, but there was none, and for comforters, but I found none.

Verse. Is it nothing to you, all ye that pass by?: Behold and see if there be any sorrow like unto My sorrow, which is done unto Me, wherewith the Lord hath afflicted Me in the day of His fierce anger.

V. He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon Him, and with His stripes we are healed.

Gospel, John 18:1 to 19:42, or The Passion History

COLLECT FOR THE EPISTLE

O LORD, our Savior, we praise and bless Thee that Thou wast obedient unto death, even the death of the cross, and, having finished all, art become our Mediator and Redeemer; and we beseech Thee, grant that by Thy death we may be crucified unto the world and henceforth live not unto ourselves, but unto Thee, who didst die for us and who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

Or:

MERCIFUL GOD, heavenly Father, we give Thee most hearty thanks that Thou hast removed from us the grievous burden of our sins and placed it upon Thy dear Son, our Lord Jesus Christ; and we humbly beseech Thee, govern us by Thy Holy Spirit, that we may comfort ourselves with His suffering and death in the face of all temptations, diligently guard against sin and an evil conscience, and finally obtain eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

COLLECT FOR THE GOSPEL

MERCIFUL GOD AND FATHER, who didst give Thy Son into death and the grave for our sins, we beseech Thee, enable us also to die unto sin and to bury the lusts of the flesh, that our lives may be wholly in Christ, our death transformed by His death into sweet sleep, our graves hallowed by His rest in the grave, and that our rising again may be unto eternal joy; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

Or:

O RIGHTEOUS AND HOLY GOD, who hast manifested toward us Thine unbounded love in not sparing Thine own Son, but delivering Him up for us all, by the memory of His bitter death, by the awful mystery of His sorrows in the Garden and upon the cross, we humbly beseech Thee to have mercy upon us and upon all men, and to make known Thy saving health among the nations, that He may see of the travail of His soul and be satisfied; to whom, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, be honor and glory, world without end.

 COLLECTS ON THE SEVEN WORDS

THE FIRST WORD: *"Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do"*
(Luke 23:34)

LORD JESUS CHRIST, our only Mediator and Advocate, who by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God wast taken, and by the hand of wicked men wast crucified and slain, and didst make intercession for the transgressors, we pray Thee, grant unto

us all the blessed assurance that there is now no condemnation to them which are in Thee, and that, if any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father in Thee, the Righteous, whose blood speaketh better things than Abel's blood, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

THE SECOND WORD: *"Today shalt thou be with Me in Paradise"*
(Luke 23:43)

LORD JESUS CHRIST, Thou merciful King and Prince of Peace, who didst veil Thy divine glory and wast robed in humility, crowned with thorns, nailed upon the tree of shame, and numbered with the transgressors, we thank Thee that Thou hast remembered us in our condemnation and hast translated us into Thy Kingdom of Grace. We pray Thee, rule in our hearts and lives with the scepter of Thy Word, and when life's brief day is ended, take us with Thee into Paradise, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

THE THIRD WORD: *"Woman, behold thy son!"* — *"Behold thy mother!"*
(John 19:26, 27)

O COMPASSIONATE LORD JESUS CHRIST, we thank Thee for Thy perfect obedience which Thou didst render for us even to the death of the cross. We pray Thee, grant us Thy Holy Spirit, that He may write Thy holy Law upon our hearts, so that, following Thy example of filial love and obedience, we may honor and serve our parents, and, from the least to the greatest, may learn obedience and walk in Thy footsteps. And let Thy strength be made perfect in our weakness, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

THE FOURTH WORD: "*My God, My God, why hast Thou forsaken Me?*"
(Matt. 27:46)

LORD JESUS CHRIST, Thou Author and Finisher of our faith, who didst tread the winepress of God's wrath alone and wast made a curse for us on the accursed tree, being forsaken of God, we pray Thee, grant that our faith in Thee may never know doubt or change. Strengthen us in the sure knowledge and confidence that nothing shall separate us from the love of God in Thee and that, though Thy Father hide His face from us in a little moment of wrath, we may never despair of His loving-kindness, for the sake of Thy bitter agony, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

THE FIFTH WORD: "*I thirst!*" (John 19:28)

O LORD JESUS CHRIST, Thou Redeemer of the world, who on the cross didst endure the pains and anguish of body and soul to accomplish all things for our redemption and in Thy cry "*I thirst!*" didst reveal Thy fervent desire and zeal to draw all men unto Thyself, grant that the souls of men everywhere may hear Thy gracious Gospel and drink of the waters of life and be satisfied, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

THE SIXTH WORD: "*It is finished!*" (John 19:30)

LORD JESUS, who on the cross didst cry out: "*It is finished!*" we thank Thee that Thou didst complete the work which Thy Father gave Thee to do: Thou didst fulfill the Law of God for us; Thou didst bear its curse in our stead; Thou didst reconcile all men to God. Grant that we may with our whole heart believe this and that we may never rely on any work or merit of our own,

but always trust in Thy finished work on Calvary, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

THE SEVENTH WORD: *"Father, into Thy hands I commend My spirit"*
(Luke 23:46)

LORD JESUS CHRIST, who in Thy dying moment didst commend Thy soul into Thy Father's hands, thereby assuring us that Thou didst finish the work of our redemption and that Thy Father is well pleased in Thee, we pray Thee, grant us by Thy Holy Spirit such confidence in Thy redemption that, washed of our sin in Thy blood, we, too, in our dying hour may confidently commend our soul into the Father's hand, trusting wholly in Thy merits, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

OTHER COLLECTS FOR THE SEASON OF LENT

O JESUS CHRIST, Thou Author and Finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Thee didst endure the cross, despising the shame, we thank and praise Thee for Thine unspeakable love, which did move Thee to do battle in our stead and to gain the glorious victory for us, Thy spiritual Israel. Enlighten our eyes, we pray Thee, that we may behold the mysteries of the suffering of Thy holy soul wherein Thou didst win our cause before the tribunal of supreme Justice. Let our thoughts draw near unto the infinite fervor of Thy love, that our hearts may thereby be enkindled with fervent love toward Thee, our precious Redeemer. Hear us, we pray Thee, for Thine infinite love's sake, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

O LORD JESUS CHRIST, our merciful Savior, grant, we beseech Thee, that our souls may be profited by devout meditation on Thy holy Passion. Fill our hearts with Thy Holy Spirit, that, like Mary of Bethany, we may with a humble and contrite heart seek and find comfort in Thy love, and present to Thee as an acceptable offering the willing service of our lives, renouncing the world, and, following Thy footsteps, bearing patiently all our crosses. Bless us through the remembrance of Thy Passion, for Thy holy name's sake, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

O LORD JESUS CHRIST, Thou only Shepherd and Bishop of our souls, who didst suffer for us and didst bear our sins in Thine own body on the tree, we give Thee hearty thanks for all Thy goodness and mercy, and most humbly beseech Thee to grant that with Thy stripes we may be healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; but do Thou turn us again to Thee and impart Thy grace to us, that, being dead to sins, we may live unto righteousness, and evermore serve Thee, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

O THOU FAITHFUL SAVIOR, who of Thine infinite love didst condescend to walk the way of the cross and to atone for the sin of all mankind, we beseech Thee, give us grace to remember always in true faith what Thou hast done for us; give us also willingness and strength to follow Thee upon the way that leads through the thorns of sufferings and griefs to eternal happiness, and be our Guide through the dark valley of the shadow of death. Lord, have mercy upon us, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

O DEAREST SAVIOR, we thank Thee for the sorrow, anguish, and heaviness which Thou, even the Creator and Preserver of all things, didst suffer to come upon Thee to redeem and save us from everlasting fear and torment; and we beseech Thee, let us enjoy the benefits of Thy sorrow and anguish all the days of our life, especially in the hour of death, that we may go hence in peace and without fear by steadfast faith in Thee, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

O BLESSED REDEEMER, we thank Thee that Thou didst deign to feel our burden, to be made like unto us in all things, and to be tempted even as we are, yet without sin. We thank Thee for Thy deep humiliation in prayer, whereby Thou didst expiate our pride and set us an example of true humility and self-denial. Be with us, we beseech Thee, in the hour of temptation, and teach us to pray, that we may overcome the Tempter and obtain the victory in Thy power, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

O THOU MOST ADORABLE SAVIOR, our merciful High Priest, we thank Thee that Thou didst atone for our rebellion against the holy will of God by offering up unto Thy heavenly Father Thy holy, innocent will; and we beseech Thee, so to govern and direct our wills, by virtue of Thy great atoning sacrifice and through the power of Thy Holy Spirit, that in childlike obedience we may gladly do the will of Thy heavenly Father, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

O THOU FAITHFUL SAVIOR, who as a loving Shepherd dost tenderly watch over Thy sheep, we beseech Thee, keep Thine eyes upon us when we are in danger of waxing secure and careless; make us to see the weakness and helplessness of the flesh, and warn us to watch and to pray, that we may not put our trust in ourselves, but in fervent prayer call for help on Thee, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

O LORD JESUS CHRIST, true God and true Man, who didst take upon Thee the sin of the world and in the Garden didst sweat, as it were, great drops of blood, we give Thee hearty thanks for Thy grace and for all Thou didst do and suffer for our redemption; and we beseech Thee, grant that by the gracious operation of Thy Holy Spirit we may in every temptation comfort ourselves with Thy bitter sufferings and death, and that we may learn to abhor and to shun sin, and all our days to serve Thee, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

O LORD JESUS CHRIST, Thou innocent Lamb of God, who before the Council wast falsely accused, spat upon, mocked, buffeted, and sentenced to death as a blasphemer and a deceiver of the people, we beseech Thee, show us the salvation that is in Thy merit, and look upon us in mercy as Thou didst look upon Peter, that, sincerely repenting of our sin, we may obtain by faith the comfort of forgiveness and at the end be found acceptable in Thy sight, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

O LORD JESUS CHRIST, Thou Son of the Most High, who before Pontius Pilate didst witness a good confession and, though innocent, wast mocked, crowned with thorns, and sentenced to die for our sakes, we beseech Thee, enable us in true faith to appropriate to ourselves Thy holy merit, to endure enmity and reproach with a meek and gracious spirit, to confess Thy holy name before all men, and to find both here and hereafter rest and peace in Thee, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

OUR LOVING SAVIOR AND REDEEMER, who didst not only plead the cause of mankind before the tribunal of supreme Justice and wast by Thy Father stricken, smitten, and afflicted for our sins, but didst also willingly give Thyself over into the hands of wicked men, permitting them to take, bind, and abuse Thee, enlighten our eyes to see the wonders of Thy love, patience, and meekness in Thy sufferings, that we may acknowledge Thee the Lamb of God which hath taken away our sins, accept Thy merits by faith, and willingly follow Thee in all our trials, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

O CHRIST, Thou faithful and living Savior, we thank Thee that Thou didst permit Thyself to be brought before the judgment seat of men, in order that we might be free from the judgment of God. We pray Thee, grant that we be not offended at Thee and Thy blessed Cross, but rather draw consolation and strength in all trials and tribulations from the precious truth that Thou didst suffer all these indignities for us, that we might be crowned with honor and glory in the sight of God, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

O LORD JESUS CHRIST, Thou innocent Lamb of God, who didst carry Thy cross and upon it the burden of our sin and sorrow, we beseech Thee, enable us by Thy Holy Spirit to comfort ourselves at all times in true faith with Thy perfect satisfaction for our sins, to praise and glorify Thee for Thine unspeakable love, and to bear our cross after Thee with patience and humility, that, having suffered with Thee, we may also by Thy mercy be raised with Thee to everlasting glory, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

O LORD JESUS CHRIST, we give Thee thanks that through death Thou hast destroyed him that had the power of death, that is, the devil, and delivered us, who through fear of death were all our lifetime subject to bondage; and we beseech Thee, grant us Thy grace that, as our old man is crucified with Thee, we may henceforth not serve sin, but, being risen with Thee, walk in newness of life. Assist us in our last hour, and comfort us with Thy precious merit, Thou, who hast redeemed us, O Lord God of truth, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

O GRACIOUS GOD, who retainest not Thine anger forever, but delightest in mercy and pardonest iniquity, who wouldst be gracious to Thy people rather than pour out Thy wrath upon sinners, we beseech Thee, forgive us all our sins, and enable us by Thy Holy Spirit to go and sin no more; for the sake of the bitter sufferings and death of Thy beloved Son Jesus Christ, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

HOLY SATURDAY, EASTER EVE

COLLECT

O GOD, who didst enlighten this most holy night with the glory of the Lord's resurrection, preserve in all Thy people the spirit of adoption which Thou hast given, so that, renewed in body and soul, they may perform unto Thee a pure service; through the same Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

Or:

GRANT, O Lord, that as we are baptized into the death of Thy blessed Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, so by continually mortifying our corrupt affections we may be buried with Him; and that through the grave, the gate of death, we may pass to our joyful resurrection; for His merits, who died and was buried and rose again for us, the same Thy Son Jesus Christ, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

*Epistle, 1 Pet. 3:17-22**Gospel, Matt. 27:57-66*
EASTER DAY, THE FEAST OF THE RESURRECTION
OF OUR LORD

INTROIT

WHEN I AWAKE, I am still with Thee. Hallelujah!: Thou hast laid Thine hand upon me. Hallelujah!

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me: it is high, I cannot attain unto it. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Psalm. O Lord, Thou hast searched me and known me: Thou knowest my downsitting and mine uprising.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Or:

HE IS RISEN, Hallelujah!: Why seek ye the Living among the dead? Hallelujah!

Remember how He spake unto you, Hallelujah!: the Son of Man must be crucified and the third day rise again. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Psalm. Thou crownedst Him with glory and honor: Thou madest Him to have dominion over the works of Thy hands.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

COLLECT

ALmighty GOD, who through Thine only-begotten Son Jesus Christ, hast overcome death and opened unto us the gate of everlasting life, we humbly beseech Thee that, as Thou dost put into our minds good desires, so by Thy continual help we may bring the same to good effect; through the same Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

Or:

GRANT, we beseech Thee, Almighty God, that we who celebrate Thy Paschal Feast, kindled with heavenly desires, may ever thirst for the Fountain of Life, Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

Or:

GRANT, we beseech Thee, Almighty God, that we who celebrate the solemnities of the Lord's resurrection may by the renewal of Thy Holy Spirit rise again from the death of the soul; through the same Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

Epistle, 1 Cor. 5:6-8

GRADUAL

THIS IS THE DAY which the Lord hath made: we will rejoice and be glad in it.

Verse. Oh, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good: for His mercy endureth forever. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

V. Christ, our Passover: is sacrificed for us.

V. Let us keep the feast: with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Hallelujah!

Gospel, Mark 16:1-8

COLLECT FOR THE EPISTLE

MERCIFUL GOD, heavenly Father, we give Thee most hearty thanks that Thou hast raised up Thy Son from the dead and from His tomb caused the light of eternal life to shine upon the world; and we beseech Thee, at this season of solemn joy shed abroad in our hearts Thy Holy Spirit, that we may with joyous faith embrace the atonement made for our sins, and be enabled to put away more and more the leaven of malice and wickedness, and to serve Thee in pureness of living and holiness of heart in the fervent hope of life and glory everlasting; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

COLLECT FOR THE GOSPEL

ALMIGHTY GOD, who by the death of Thy Son hast overcome sin and death, and by His resurrection hast restored innocence and everlasting life, to the end that we, being delivered from the power of the devil, should live in Thy kingdom, grant that with our whole hearts we may confidently believe this, and in such faith ever thank and praise Thee; through the same Thy dear Son Jesus Christ, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

Or:

ALMIGHTY GOD, who through the resurrection of Thine only-begotten Son Jesus Christ hast overcome death and opened unto us the gate of everlasting life, replenish us, we beseech Thee, with Thy heavenly grace, that, dying unto sin always and living unto righteousness, we may at last triumph over death and the grave, in the full image of our risen Lord, to whom, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, be honor and glory, world without end.

EASTER MONDAY

INTROIT

THE LORD hath brought you into a land flowing with milk and honey, Hallelujah!: that His Law might be continually in your mouth. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Psalm. Oh, give thanks unto the Lord; call upon His name: make known His deeds among the people.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

COLLECT

O GOD, who in the Paschal Feast hast bestowed restoration upon the world, continue unto Thy people Thy heavenly gift that they may both attain unto perfect freedom and advance unto life eternal; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

Or:

O GOD, who through the resurrection of Thy Son didst bestow life and freedom upon the world, continue, we beseech Thee, these Thy gifts unto Thy people that they both walk in perfect freedom and attain unto life eternal; through the same Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

Epistle, Acts 10:34-41

GRADUAL

THIS IS THE DAY which the Lord hath made: we will rejoice and be glad in it.

Verse. Let Israel now say: that His mercy endureth forever. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

V. Did not our hearts burn within us while He talked with us by the way: and while He opened to us the Scriptures? Hallelujah!

Gospel, Luke 24:13-35

EASTER TUESDAY

INTROIT

HE GAVE them to drink of the water of wisdom, and they will be strengthened thereby, and they shall not be moved, Hallelujah!: and it will exalt them forever. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Psalm. Oh, give thanks unto the Lord; call upon His name: make known His deeds among the people.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

COLLECT

ALMIGHTY GOD, who through the resurrection of Thy Son didst secure peace for our troubled conscience, grant unto us evermore this peace, that, trusting in the merit of Thy Son, we at length come unto the perfect peace of heaven; through the same Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

Or:

O ALMIGHTY AND ETERNAL GOD, who hast bestowed on us the paschal mysteries in the token of the covenant of man's redemption, give us the will to show forth in our lives that which we profess with our lips; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. Or:

O ALMIGHTY AND ETERNAL GOD, who through the resurrection of Thy Son hast sealed the covenant of man's reconciliation, grant unto us who joy in this Thy covenant grace to show forth in our lives that which we profess with our lips; through the same Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

Epistle, Acts 13:26-33

GRADUAL

THIS IS THE DAY which the Lord hath made: we will rejoice and be glad in it.

Verse. Let Israel now say: that His mercy endureth forever. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

V. Did not our hearts burn within us while He talked with us by the way: and while He opened to us the Scriptures? Hallelujah!

Gospel, Luke 24:36-48

QUASIMODOGENITI, THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

INTROIT

AS NEWBORN BABES: desire the sincere milk of the Word. Hear, O My people, and I will testify unto thee: O Israel, if thou wilt hearken unto Me.

Psalm. Sing aloud unto God, our Strength: make a joyful noise unto the God of Jacob.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

COLLECT

GRANT, we beseech Thee, Almighty God, that we who have celebrated the solemnities of the Lord's resurrection may, by the help of Thy grace, bring forth the fruits thereof in our life and conversation; through the same Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

Epistle, 1 John 5:4-10

GRADUAL

HALLELUJAH! Hallelujah!

Verse. Christ, our Passover: is sacrificed for us. Hallelujah!

V. The angel of the Lord descended from heaven: and came and rolled back the stone from the door and sat upon it. Hallelujah!

Gospel, John 20:19-31

COLLECT FOR THE EPISTLE

ALMIGHTY AND EVERLASTING GOD, who by the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ hast overcome the world and the prince of this world, we humbly beseech Thee, create in us by Thy Holy Spirit true faith in Thy Son, and, through faith, newness of life, that in the power of Thy might we also may overcome the world and at all times have in ourselves the witness of Thy grace; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

COLLECT FOR THE GOSPEL

O LORD JESUS CHRIST, the Son of the living God, who hast bestowed upon all true believers the power to absolve one another from their sins in Thy name and to this end hast in particular established the ministry of reconciliation, give us grace, we beseech Thee, that with self-righteousness and pride we may not despise Thy comforting ordinance, but, recognizing therein Thy love to us, may use it for the comfort and salvation of our souls and by sincere amendment of our lives continually thank Thee, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

MISERICORDIAS DOMINI, THE SECOND SUNDAY
AFTER EASTER

INTROIT

THE EARTH is full of the goodness of the Lord: by the word of the Lord were the heavens made.

Psalm. Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous: for praise is comely for the upright.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

COLLECT

GOD, who by the humiliation of Thy Son didst raise up the fallen world, grant unto Thy faithful ones perpetual gladness, and those whom Thou hast delivered from the dangers of everlasting death do Thou make partakers of eternal joys; through the same Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

Epistle, 1 Pet. 2:21-25

GRADUAL

HALLELUJAH! Hallelujah!

Verse. Then was the Lord Jesus known of the disciples: in the breaking of bread. Hallelujah!

V. I am the Good Shepherd: and know My sheep and am known of Mine. Hallelujah!

Gospel, John 10:11-16

COLLECT FOR THE EPISTLE

O GOD, who didst will Thine only-begotten Son to learn obedience by the things which He suffered, that, being thus made perfect, He might become the Author of eternal salvation unto all that obey Him, we beseech Thee, work in us such inward conformity with His holy patience as may cause us to have part also in His glorious power, that so, walking not after the flesh, but after the Spirit, we may be able to serve Thee all our days in newness of mind and life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

Or:

O GOD, who of Thine abundant mercy hast begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, we beseech Thee, let Thy great love constrain us to rise up, forsake all, and follow Him, that, as we have been redeemed by His blood, we may walk in the light of His holy example and be joined to Him evermore as the Shepherd and Bishop of our souls, to whom, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, be honor and glory, world without end.

COLLECT FOR THE GOSPEL

THOU GOOD AND FAITHFUL SHEPHERD, Jesus Christ, who, of Thine infinite love, didst lay down Thy life for the sheep, we give Thee praise and glory for this Thine unspeakable grace and mercy; and we beseech Thee, feed us upon the pleasant pastures of Thy Word, give us to drink of the waters of salvation, and guide us by Thy Holy Spirit, that, as Thou knowest us and dost continually minister to our need, even so we may know Thee, gladly hear Thy voice, and follow Thee, and by Thee be delivered from all our foes, until the whole flock shall be gathered in heaven about Thee, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

JUBILATE, THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

INTROIT

MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE unto God, all ye lands: sing forth the honor of His name; make His praise glorious.

Psalms. Say unto God, How terrible art Thou in Thy works: through the greatness of Thy power shall Thine enemies submit themselves unto Thee.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

COLLECT

ALMIGHTY GOD, who showest to them that be in error the light of Thy truth to the intent that they may return into the way of righteousness, grant unto all them that are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion that they may avoid those things that are contrary to their profession and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

Epistle, 1 Pet. 2:11-20

GRADUAL

HALLELUJAH! Hallelujah!

Verse. The Lord hath sent redemption: unto His people.
Hallelujah!

V. It behooved Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead:
and thus to enter into His glory. Hallelujah!

Gospel, John 16:16-23

COLLECT FOR THE EPISTLE

ALMIGHTY AND ETERNAL GOD, who dost bid us walk as pilgrims and strangers in this passing world, seeking that abiding city which Thou hast prepared for us in heaven, we pray Thee so to govern our hearts by Thy Holy Spirit that we, avoiding all fleshly lusts, which war against the soul, and being quietly obedient to the rule which Thou hast set over us, may show forth Thy glory before the world by our good works; for Jesus Christ's sake, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

COLLECT FOR THE GOSPEL

MERCIFUL GOD, faithful Father, who chastenest all whom Thou lovest, that they may not be condemned with the wicked, we beseech Thee, comfort us in our afflictions with Thy Word and Spirit, so that by patience we may overcome the miseries of this present world, in the firm and joyful hope that Thou wilt speedily turn our sorrow into joy and glory everlasting; for the sake of Thy dear Son Jesus Christ, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

CANTATE, THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

INTROIT

OH, SING unto the Lord a new song: for He hath done marvelous things.

The Lord hath made known His salvation: His righteousness hath He openly showed in the sight of the heathen.

Psalm. His right hand and His holy arm: hath gotten Him the victory.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

COLLECT

O GOD, who makest the minds of the faithful to be of one will, grant unto Thy people that they may love what Thou commandest and desire what Thou dost promise, that among the manifold changes of this world our hearts may there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

Epistle, James 1:16-21

GRADUAL

HALLELUJAH! Hallelujah!

Verse. The right hand of the Lord is exalted: the right hand of the Lord doeth valiantly. Hallelujah!

V. Christ, being raised from the dead, dieth no more: death hath no more dominion over Him. Hallelujah!

Gospel, John 16:5-15

COLLECT FOR THE EPISTLE

O GOD, the Father of lights, from whom cometh down every good and perfect gift and who art Thyself the only satisfying Portion of the souls which Thou hast made, grant us grace, we beseech Thee, to raise our thoughts and affections from earth to heaven and to desire continually Thy presence, that so, in the midst of all worldly vanity and change, our hearts may surely there be fixed where alone are to be found true joys and everlasting peace; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

COLLECT FOR THE GOSPEL

SEND, we beseech Thee, Almighty God, Thy Holy Spirit into our hearts, that He may rule and direct us according to Thy will; comfort us in all our temptations and afflictions, defend us from all error, and lead us into all truth, that we, being steadfast in the faith, may increase in love, and in all good works, and in the end obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

ROGATE, THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

INTROIT

WITH THE VOICE of singing declare ye and tell this: utter it even to the end of the earth. Hallelujah!

The Lord hath redeemed His servant Jacob: Hallelujah!
Hallelujah!

Psalm. Make a joyful noise unto God, all ye lands: sing forth the honor of His name; make His praise glorious.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

COLLECT

O GOD, from whom all good things do come, grant to us, Thy humble servants, that by Thy holy inspiration we may think those things that be right and by Thy merciful guiding may perform the same; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

Epistle, James 1:22-27

GRADUAL

HALLELUJAH! Hallelujah!

Verse. Christ, who hath redeemed us with His blood: is risen and hath appeared unto us. Hallelujah!

V. I came forth from the Father and am come into the world: again, I leave the world and go to the Father. Hallelujah!

Gospel, John 16:23-30

COLLECT FOR THE EPISTLE

O HOLY, RIGHTEOUS, AND GRACIOUS GOD, who hast sounded in our ears Thy divine and saving oracles, enlighten the souls of us sinners, that we may be not hearers only, but also doers of Thy Word, growing in faith unfeigned and in blameless conduct unto life everlasting; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

COLLECT FOR THE GOSPEL

LORD GOD, our heavenly Father, who by Thy Son hast promised to give us whatsoever we shall ask in His name, we beseech Thee, grant us the power of Thy Holy Spirit that we may make known our requests unto Thee in faithful prayer and desire of Thee that which is well pleasing to Thee and profitable for us,

lifting up holy hands without wrath or doubting, and being firmly assured that Thou wilt hear our prayer; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD

INTROIT

YE MEN OF GALILEE, why stand ye gazing up into heaven?:
Hallelujah!

This same Jesus which is taken up from you into heaven shall so come in like manner as ye have seen Him go into heaven: Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Psalm. Oh, clap your hands, all ye people: shout unto God with the voice of triumph.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

COLLECT

GRANT, we beseech Thee, Almighty God, that like as we do believe Thine only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, to have ascended into the heavens, so may we also in heart and mind thither ascend and with Him continually dwell; who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

Or:

O KING OF GLORY, Lord of hosts, who didst this day ascend in triumph far above all heavens, we beseech Thee, leave us not comfortless, but send to us the Spirit of Truth, promised of the Father; O Thou who with the Father and the Holy Ghost livest and reignest, ever one God, world without end.

Epistle, Acts 1:1-11

GRADUAL

HALLELUJAH! Hallelujah!

Verse. God is gone up with a shout: the Lord with the sound of a trumpet. Hallelujah!

V. Thou hast ascended on high: Thou hast led captivity captive. Hallelujah! *Gospel, Mark 16:14-20*

COLLECT FOR THE EPISTLE

ALMIGHTY GOD, who hast raised up Thy dear Son from the lowliness of His earthly state to Thy right hand in the heavens, grant that, as we do joyfully believe and this day celebrate His ascension, we may even in this present world seek only the things which are eternal, that we may in the end be made partakers of the glory of Thy Son Jesus Christ, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

COLLECT FOR THE GOSPEL

LORD JESUS CHRIST, Thou Son of the Most High, who no longer dwellest on earth in lowliness and poverty, but art seated on the right hand of the Father, a mighty Lord over all things in heaven and on earth, filling and ruling all, we beseech Thee, send us Thy Holy Spirit, give us faithful ministers, endow them with Thy gifts and keep them in Thy Word, hinder Satan and all tyrants, and mightily protect Thy kingdom on earth, until all enemies are laid at Thy feet, and we overcome sin, death, and all things by Thee, who livest and reignest with the Father, ever one God, world without end.

EXAUDI, THE SUNDAY AFTER THE ASCENSION

INTROIT

HEAR, O Lord, when I cry with my voice: Hallelujah!

When Thou saidst, Seek ye My face, my heart said unto Thee, Thy face, Lord, will I seek: Hide not Thy face from me. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Psalm. The Lord is my Light and my Salvation: whom shall I fear?

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

COLLECT

ALMIGHTY, EVERLASTING GOD, make us to have always a devout will towards Thee and to serve Thy majesty with a pure heart; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

Epistle, 1 Pet. 4:7-11

GRADUAL

HALLELUJAH! Hallelujah!

Verse. God reigneth over the heathen: God sitteth upon the throne of His holiness. Hallelujah!

V. I will not leave you comfortless: I go, and I will come again to you, and your heart shall rejoice. Hallelujah!

Gospel, John 15:26 to 16:4

COLLECT FOR THE EPISTLE

LORD GOD, heavenly Father, who hast made us stewards of Thy manifold gifts and alone givest ability for every duty, we beseech Thee, forgive us all that we have done amiss, and govern us by Thy Holy Spirit, that our love may be fervent, that we may faithfully minister our gifts one to another, continually increase in temperance and godliness, to the end that in all things Thou mayest be glorified, and that we may obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

COLLECT FOR THE GOSPEL

ALMIGHTY GOD, who hast commanded us to pray for the gift of the Holy Ghost, most heartily we beseech Thee, through Jesus Christ, our Advocate, to grant us Thy Holy Spirit, that He may quicken our hearts by Thy saving Word and lead us into all truth, that He may guide, instruct, enlighten, govern, comfort, and sanctify us unto everlasting life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

WHITSUNDAY, THE FEAST OF PENTECOST

INTROIT

THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD filleth the world: Hallelujah!
 Let the righteous be glad; let them rejoice before God: yea, let them exceedingly rejoice. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Psalm. Let God arise; let His enemies be scattered: let them also that hate Him flee before Him.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

COLLECT

O GOD, who didst teach the hearts of Thy faithful people by sending to them the light of Thy Holy Spirit, grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgment in all things and evermore to rejoice in His holy comfort; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who with Thee and the Holy Ghost liveth and reigneth, ever one God, world without end.

Epistle, Acts 2:1-13

GRADUAL

HALLELUJAH! Hallelujah!

Verse. Thou sendest forth Thy Spirit, they are created: and Thou renewest the face of the earth. Hallelujah!

V. Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful: and kindle in them the fire of Thy love. Hallelujah!

Gospel, John 14:23-31

COLLECT FOR THE EPISTLE

GOD OF ALL PEACE AND CONSOLATION, who didst gloriously fulfill the great promise of the Gospel by sending down Thy Holy Ghost on the day of Pentecost to establish the Church as the home of His continual presence and power among men, mercifully grant unto us, we beseech Thee, this same gift of Thy Spirit, to renew, enlighten, refresh, and sanctify us, to be over us and around us like the light and the dew of heaven, and to be in us evermore as a well of water springing up into everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, to whom, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, be honor and glory, world without end.

COLLECT FOR THE GOSPEL

SEND, we beseech Thee, Almighty God, Thy Holy Spirit into our hearts, that He may rule and direct us according to Thy will, comfort us in all our temptations and afflictions, defend us from all error, and lead us into all truth, that we, being steadfast in the faith, may increase in love and in all good works, and in the end obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

MONDAY OF WHITSUN WEEK

INTROIT

HE FED THEM with the finest of the wheat, Hallelujah! and with honey out of the rock He satisfied them. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Psalm. Sing aloud unto God, our Strength: make a joyful noise unto the God of Jacob.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

COLLECT

O GOD, who didst give Thy Holy Spirit to Thine Apostles, grant unto Thy people the performance of their petitions, so that on us, to whom Thou hast given faith, Thou mayest bestow also peace; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

Epistle, Acts 10:42-48

GRADUAL

HALLELUJAH! Hallelujah!

Verse. The Apostles spake with other tongues: the wonderful works of God. Hallelujah!

V. Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful: and kindle in them the fire of Thy love. Hallelujah!

Gospel, John 3:16-21

COLLECT FOR THE EPISTLE

MOST GLORIOUS AND BLESSED GOD, who, through the Holy Ghost, hast made Thy one Christian Church to be the Body of Christ, the fullness of Him that filleth all in all, we humbly beseech Thee to grant unto us, and unto all Thy people, such strong and steadfast faith in this mystery of grace, that, being safely defended from all heresy and schism, we may ever abide in the unity of the spirit and so grow up into Him in all things who is the Head, even Christ, to whom, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, be all honor and praise, world without end.

COLLECT FOR THE GOSPEL

ALMIGHTY GOD, our heavenly Father, who of Thy tender love towards us sinners hast given us Thy Son, that, believing on Him, we might have everlasting life, grant us, we beseech Thee, Thy Holy Spirit, that we may continue steadfast in this faith to the end and may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

TUESDAY OF WHITSUN WEEK

INTROIT

RECEIVE THE JOY of your glory, Hallelujah! giving thanks to God, Hallelujah!: who has called you to His heavenly kingdom. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Psalm. Give ear, O My people, to My Law: incline your ears to the words of My mouth.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

COLLECT

O GOD, who didst teach the hearts of Thy faithful people by sending to them the light of Thy Holy Spirit, grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgment in all things and evermore to rejoice in His holy comfort; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who with Thee and the Holy Ghost liveth and reigneth, ever one God, world without end.

Epistle, Acts 8:14-17

GRADUAL

HALLELUJAH! Hallelujah!

Verse. The Apostles spake with other tongues: the wonderful works of God. Hallelujah!

V. Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful: and kindle in them the fire of Thy love. Hallelujah!

Gospel, John 10:1-10

THE FEAST OF THE HOLY TRINITY

INTROIT

BLESSED BE the Holy Trinity and the undivided Unity: let us give glory to Him because He hath shown His mercy to us.

Psalm. O Lord, our Lord: how excellent is Thy name in all the earth!

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Or:

*Go to center
for Kyrie*

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY, is the Lord of hosts: of Him and through Him and to Him are all things.

Psalm. O Lord, our Lord: how excellent is Thy name in all the earth!

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

COLLECT

ALMIGHTY AND EVERLASTING GOD, who hast given unto us, Thy servants, grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity and in the power of the Divine Majesty to worship the Unity, we beseech Thee that Thou wouldst keep us steadfast in this faith and evermore defend us from all adversities; who livest and reignest, ever one God, world without end.

Epistle, Rom. 11:33-36

GRADUAL

BLESSED ART THOU, O Lord, who beholdest the deep: and who dwellest between the cherubim.

Verse. Blessed art Thou, O Lord, in the firmament of heaven: and greatly to be praised forever. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

V. Blessed art Thou, O Lord God of our fathers: and greatly to be praised and glorified forever. Hallelujah!

Gospel, John 3:1-15

*move to
Gospel side*

COLLECT FOR THE EPISTLE

ALMIGHTY AND EVERLASTING GOD, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, we give Thee most hearty thanks that Thou hast granted unto us a clear and abundant revelation of Thy being and purpose; and we beseech Thee, give us grace to acknowledge, honor, and praise Thee as our Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier, who livest and reignest, ever one God, world without end.

COLLECT FOR THE GOSPEL

O GOD, the Creator and Savior of the world, who hast made Thyself known in the work of man's redemption as the mystery of the ever adorable Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Three in One and One in Three, we beseech Thee, reveal in us the full power of this faith, into which we have been planted by Baptism, that, being born of water and of the Spirit, we may by a life of holiness be formed into Thine image here and rise to Thy blissful presence hereafter, there to join, with the song of the seraphim, in praising Thee, world without end.

Or:

ALMIGHTY AND EVERLASTING GOD, who hast taught us to know and to confess in true faith that in three persons of equal power and glory Thou art one true and everlasting God and to be worshiped as such, we beseech Thee, keep us at all times steadfast in this faith against whatsoever may assail us, O Thou, who livest and reignest, ever one true God, world without end.

THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

INTROIT

O LORD, I have trusted in Thy mercy: my heart shall rejoice in Thy salvation.

I will sing unto the Lord: because He hath dealt bountifully with me.

Psalm. How long wilt Thou forget me, O Lord?: How long wilt Thou hide Thy face from me?

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

COLLECT

O GOD, the Strength of all them that put their trust in Thee, mercifully accept our prayers; and because through the weakness of our mortal nature we can do no good thing without Thee, grant us the help of Thy grace that in keeping Thy Commandments we may please Thee both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

Epistle, 1 John 4:16-21

GRADUAL

I SAID, Lord, be merciful unto me: heal my soul, for I have sinned against Thee.

Verse. Blessed is he that considereth the poor: the Lord will deliver him in time of trouble. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

V. Give ear to my words, O Lord: consider my meditation. Hallelujah!

Gospel, Luke 16:19-31

COLLECT FOR THE EPISTLE

O GRACIOUS FATHER, God of love, who, loving us from everlasting, gavest Thy Son into death for us when we were yet enemies and desirest us to know the love Thou hast to us, and on our part to love Thee and our neighbor, we beseech Thee, remove from our hearts tormenting fear, and fill them with childlike faith and trust in Thee, cleanse us also from hatred and ill will, incline us to render one to another kindly dispositions and services of love, and grant us at the last boldness in the Day of Judgment; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

COLLECT FOR THE GOSPEL

HELP US, O Lord, that we may not despair in the day of want and trouble, nor in the day of plenty abuse Thy gifts or set our hearts upon things temporal, but in true faith and love wait patiently for another life, which, when all earthly griefs are past, Thou wilt give to all that believe in Thee; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

INTROIT

THE LORD was my Stay: He brought me forth also into a large place.

He delivered me: because He delighted in me.

Psalm. I will love Thee, O Lord, my Strength: The Lord is my Rock and my Fortress.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

COLLECT

O LORD, who never failest to help and govern those whom Thou dost bring up in Thy steadfast fear and love, make us to have a perpetual fear and love of Thy holy name; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

Epistle, 1 John 3:13-18

GRADUAL

IN MY DISTRESS I cried unto the Lord: and He heard me.

Verse. Deliver my soul, O Lord, from lying lips: and from a deceitful tongue. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

V. God judgeth the righteous: and God is angry with the wicked every day. Hallelujah!

Gospel, Luke 14:16-24

COLLECT FOR THE EPISTLE

GRANT US, we beseech Thee, Almighty God, a steadfast faith in Jesus Christ, a cheerful hope in Thy mercy, and a sincere love to Thee and to all our fellow men; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

COLLECT FOR THE GOSPEL

ALMIGHTY AND EVERLASTING GOD, the Source of all life and joy, who by the glad sound of the Gospel hast called us to have part in Thy kingdom and glory, shine into our hearts, we beseech Thee, by Thy Word and Spirit, and draw us with the cords of Thy constraining grace, that we may heartily choose that good part which shall not be taken away from us, and give all diligence to make our calling and election sure; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

INTROIT

TURN THEE unto me, and have mercy upon me: for I am desolate and afflicted.

Look upon mine affliction and my pain: and forgive all my sins.

Psalm. Unto Thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul: O my God, I trust in Thee, let me not be ashamed.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

COLLECT

O GOD, the Protector of all that trust in Thee, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy, increase and multiply upon us Thy mercy that, Thou being our Ruler and Guide, we may so pass through things temporal that we finally lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

Epistle, 1 Pet. 5:6-11

GRADUAL

CAST THY BURDEN upon the Lord: and He shall sustain thee.

Verse. I will call upon God; and the Lord shall save me: He hath delivered my soul in peace. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

V. I will love Thee, O Lord, my Strength: the Lord is my Rock and my Fortress and my Deliverer. Hallelujah!

Gospel, Luke 15:1-10

COLLECT FOR THE EPISTLE

O GOD, the Lord, strong to deliver and mighty to save, who hast been the Refuge and Dwelling Place of Thy people in all generations, fulfill and perfect in us, we beseech Thee, the work of Thy grace, and be pleased to confirm us in every good purpose and deed, that, having been called into the way of righteousness, we may have power to continue steadfastly in the same until the day of Jesus Christ, to whom, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and praise, world without end.

COLLECT FOR THE GOSPEL

O GRACIOUS LORD JESUS CHRIST, who camest into the world to seek and to save that which was lost and wast not ashamed of the company of sinners, we thank Thee for Thy goodness and beseech Thee, grant that we may daily be found walking in sincere repentance, that there be joy in heaven over every sinner that repenteth; for Thy name's sake, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

INTROIT

THE LORD is my Light and my Salvation; whom shall I fear?: The Lord is the Strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

When the wicked, even mine enemies and my foes, came upon me: they stumbled and fell.

Psalm. Though an host should encamp against me: my heart shall not fear.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

COLLECT

GRANT, O Lord, we beseech Thee, that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by Thy governance that Thy Church may joyfully serve Thee in all godly quietness; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. ℣

Epistle, Rom. 8:18-23

GRADUAL

FORGIVE OUR SINS, O Lord: lest the heathen say, Where is their God?

Verse. Help us, O God of our salvation: and for the glory of Thy name deliver us./ Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

V. O God, Thou sittest in the throne, judging right: be a Refuge for the oppressed in times of trouble. Hallelujah! ε

Gospel, Luke 6:36-42

COLLECT FOR THE EPISTLE

O GOD, whose favor is life, and in whose presence there is fullness of peace and joy, grant unto us, we beseech Thee, such an abiding sense of the reality and glory of those things which Thou hast prepared for those that love Thee as may serve to raise us above the vanity of this present world, both in its pleasure and in its trials and tribulations, that under Thy guidance and help all things here shall work together for our everlasting salvation; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

Or:

O GOD, by whose wise and righteous order the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now, as having been made subject to vanity by reason of sin, we humbly beseech Thee, graciously help the infirmities of Thy people, and raise them up through the strong power of Christian hope, that we also, who have received the first fruits of the Spirit, may not seek our rest in this mortal state, but inwardly long after that which is far better, to be with Christ in heaven, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

COLLECT FOR THE GOSPEL

MERCIFUL GOD AND FATHER, who makest Thy sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and art kind unto the thankful and unto the thankless, teach us by Thy Holy Spirit, we beseech Thee, to have compassion on all men, covering our neighbor's faults and frailties, being always ready to forgive and showing forth everywhere the fruits of faith; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

INTROIT

HEAR, O Lord, when I cry with my voice: Thou hast been my Help.

Leave me not, neither forsake me: O God of my salvation.

Psalm. The Lord is my Light and my Salvation: whom shall I fear?

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

COLLECT

O GOD, who hast prepared for them that love Thee such good things as pass man's understanding, pour into our hearts such love toward Thee that we, loving Thee above all things, may obtain Thy promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

Epistle, 1 Pet. 3:8-15

GRADUAL

BEHOLD, O God, our Shield: and look upon Thy servants.

Verse. O Lord God of hosts: hear our prayer. Hallelujah!
Hallelujah!

V. The king shall joy in Thy strength: and in Thy salvation, how greatly shall he rejoice! Hallelujah!

Gospel, Luke 5:1-11

COLLECT FOR THE EPISTLE

CAUSE THY CHURCH to arise and shine, O Lord, and let her ministers be clothed with righteousness and salvation, that Thy Word which is in their hands may not return unto Thee void, but have free course and be glorified in the world, prospering in the thing whereunto Thou hast sent it, and prevailing mightily to turn men from darkness to light and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among those who are sanctified by faith in Christ, to whom, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, be honor and glory, world without end.

COLLECT FOR THE GOSPEL

ALMIGHTY GOD, heavenly Father, without whose aid and blessing all our labors are in vain, we beseech Thee, regard Thy goodness and our need, and bless us, that in Thy name and with firm trust in Thee we may patiently and cheerfully labor in our calling, honor Thy Word, and evermore praise Thee; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

INTROIT

THE LORD is the Strength of His people: He is the saving Strength of His anointed.

Save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance: feed them also and lift them up forever.

Psalm. Unto Thee will I cry, O Lord, my Rock; be not silent unto me: lest, if Thou be silent to me, I become like them that go down into the pit.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

COLLECT

LORD OF ALL POWER AND MIGHT, who art the Author and Giver of all good things, graft in our hearts the love of Thy name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of Thy great mercy keep us in the same; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

Epistle, Rom. 6:3-11

GRADUAL

RETURN, O Lord, how long?: And let it repent Thee concerning Thy servants.

Verse. Lord, Thou hast been our Dwelling Place in all generations: Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

V. In Thee, O Lord, do I put my trust; let me never be ashamed: deliver me in Thy righteousness; bow down Thine ear to me, deliver me speedily. Hallelujah!

Gospel, Matt. 5:20-26

COLLECT FOR THE EPISTLE

ALMIGHTY AND EVERLASTING GOD, through whose mercy we are saved by the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Ghost, we beseech Thee, let this grace reign in us, as the power of a new heavenly life, whereby, denying ungodliness and worldliness, we may live soberly, righteously, and godly in this present world, looking for the glorious appearing of our Savior Jesus Christ, who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from all iniquity and purify unto Himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works; to whom, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, be honor and glory, world without end.

COLLECT FOR THE GOSPEL

O LORD GOD, enter not into judgment with us, who have not from the heart kept Thy commandments, but regard the precious merit of Thy dear Son, and let us ever be partakers of His righteousness. Enable us also by Thy Holy Spirit to walk in Thy fear, true faith, and holiness of living, and to beware of pride and security, that we may not be cast into everlasting prison, but enter into Thy eternal kingdom; through Thy dear Son Jesus Christ, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

INTROIT

OH, clap your hands, all ye people: shout unto God with the voice of triumph.

Psalm. He shall subdue the people under us: and the nations under our feet.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

COLLECT

O GOD, whose never-failing providence ordereth all things both in heaven and on earth, we humbly beseech Thee to put away from us all hurtful things and to give us those things which be profitable for us; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

Epistle, Rom. 6:19-23

GRADUAL

COME, ye children, hearken unto me: I will teach you the fear of the Lord.

Verse. Look unto Him and be lightened: and let your faces not be ashamed. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

V. Oh, clap your hands, all ye people: shout unto God with the voice of triumph. Hallelujah!

Gospel, Mark 8:1-9

COLLECT FOR THE EPISTLE

O ALMIGHTY GOD, heavenly Father, whom to know is everlasting life, whose service is perfect freedom, we beseech Thee, enable us by Thy grace to take upon us willingly Thy easy yoke and to yield all our members servants to righteousness, that we may render unto Thee filial obedience, under the perfect law of liberty, and may after this present life obtain the eternal inheritance in glory; through Thy dear Son Jesus Christ, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

COLLECT FOR THE GOSPEL

ALMIGHTY GOD, our heavenly Father, whose mercies are new unto us every morning and who, though we have in no wise deserved Thy goodness, dost abundantly provide for all our wants of body and soul, give us, we pray Thee, Thy Holy Spirit, that we may heartily acknowledge Thy merciful goodness toward us, give thanks for all Thy benefits, and serve Thee in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

THE EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

INTROIT

WE HAVE THOUGHT of Thy loving-kindness, O God: in the midst of Thy Temple.

According to Thy name, O God, so is Thy praise unto the ends of the earth: Thy right hand is full of righteousness.

Psalm. Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised: in the city of our God, in the mountain of His holiness.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

COLLECT

GRANT TO US, Lord, we beseech Thee, the Spirit to think and do always such things as are right, that we, who cannot do anything that is good without Thee, may by Thee be enabled to live according to Thy will; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

Epistle, Rom. 8:12-17

GRADUAL

BE THOU my strong Rock: for an house of defense to save me.

Verse. In Thee, O Lord, do I put my trust: let me never be ashamed. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

V. Give ear, O My people, to My Law: incline your ears to the words of My mouth. Hallelujah!

Gospel, Matt. 7:15-23

COLLECT FOR THE EPISTLE

ALMIGHTY AND EVERLASTING GOD, who of Thine infinite mercy hast made us Thy children by faith in Thy dear Son, and through Him hast begotten us again unto a lively hope, to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for us, we beseech Thee, put into our hearts the Spirit of Thy Son, that He may even now enable us to cry, Abba, Father, and make us blameless on the Day of our Lord Jesus Christ; through the same Thy Son, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

COLLECT FOR THE GOSPEL

ALMIGHTY AND GRACIOUS GOD, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hast commanded us to pray that Thou wouldst send forth laborers into Thy harvest, of Thine infinite mercy give us true teachers and ministers of Thy Word, and put Thy saving Gospel in their hearts and on their lips, that they may truly fulfill Thy command and preach nothing contrary to Thy holy Word, that we, being warned, instructed, nurtured, comforted, and strengthened by Thy heavenly Word, may do those things which are well pleasing to Thee and profitable for us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

THE NINTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

INTROIT

BEHOLD, God is mine Helper: the Lord is with them that uphold my soul.

He shall reward evil unto mine enemies: cut them off in Thy truth, O Lord.

Psalm. Save me, O God, by Thy name: and judge me by Thy strength.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

COLLECT

LET THY MERCIFUL EARS, O Lord, be open to the prayers of Thy humble servants; and that they may obtain their petitions, make them to ask such things as shall please Thee; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

Epistle, 1 Cor. 10:6-13

GRADUAL

O LORD, our Lord, how excellent is Thy name in all the earth: who hast set Thy glory above the heavens. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Verse. Blessed is the man that feareth the Lord: that delighteth greatly in His commandments. Hallelujah!

Gospel, Luke 16:1-9

COLLECT FOR THE EPISTLE

O THOU GREAT SHEPHERD OF ISRAEL, who, by Thine outstretched arm, didst bring Thy people of old out of the land of Egypt and the house of bondage, guiding them safely through the wilderness to the Promised Land, we pray Thee to deliver us from the bondage and slavery of our sins, and so lead us through the wilderness of this world, feeding us with bread from heaven and with water out of the smitten rock, and uphold us amidst the swellings of Jordan, that we may enter at last into that rest which remaineth for Thy faithful people; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

COLLECT FOR THE GOSPEL

LORD GOD, heavenly Father, who hast appointed us all as Thy stewards, grant that we may not waste the goods entrusted to us, but rightly employ them, and with our temporal things make to ourselves friends, that we may be received into everlasting habitations; through Thy Son Jesus Christ, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

THE TENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

INTROIT

AS FOR ME, I will call upon God; and He shall hear my voice: He hath delivered my soul in peace from the battle that was against me.

God shall hear and afflict them, even He that abideth of old: Cast thy burden upon the Lord, and He shall sustain thee.

Psalm. Give ear to my prayer, O God: and hide not Thyself from my supplication.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

COLLECT

O GOD, who declarest Thine almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity, mercifully grant unto us such a measure of Thy grace that we, running the way of Thy Commandments, may obtain Thy gracious promises and be made partakers of Thy heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Epistle, 1 Cor. 12:1-11*

GRADUAL

KEEP ME, O Lord, as the apple of the eye: hide me under the shadow of Thy wings.

Verse. Let my sentence come forth from Thy presence: let Thine eyes behold the things that are equal. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

V. O Lord God of my salvation: I have cried day and night before Thee. Hallelujah!

Gospel, Luke 19:41-48

COLLECT FOR THE EPISTLE

O LORD GOD ALMIGHTY, who dost endue Thy servants with divers and singular gifts of the Holy Ghost, leave us not, we beseech Thee, destitute of Thy manifold gifts, nor yet of grace to use them always to Thy honor and glory; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

COLLECT FOR THE GOSPEL

MERCIFUL GOD, heavenly Father, we heartily beseech Thee, that Thou wouldst so govern us by Thy Holy Spirit that we may not neglect the time of Thy gracious visitation, nor by impenitence fall into temporal and eternal punishment, but in this our day lay hold on the things that make for salvation and everlasting peace; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

 THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

INTROIT

GOD IS in His holy habitation: He is God who setteth the solitary in families.

The God of Israel is He that giveth strength: and power unto His people.

Psalm. Let God arise, let His enemies be scattered: let them also that hate Him flee before Him.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

COLLECT

ALMIGHTY AND EVERLASTING GOD, who art always more ready to hear than we to pray and art wont to give more than either we desire or deserve, pour down upon us the abundance of Thy mercy, forgiving us those things whereof our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask but through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

Epistle 1 Cor. 15:1-10

GRADUAL

MY HEART trusteth in God, and I am helped: therefore my heart greatly rejoiceth; and with my song will I praise Him.

Verse. Unto Thee will I cry, O Lord, my Rock: be not silent to me; hear the voice of my supplications. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

V. Lord, Thou hast been our Dwelling Place in all generations. Hallelujah!

Gospel, Luke 18:9-14

COLLECT FOR THE EPISTLE

ALMIGHTY GOD, who hast brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus with everlasting victory over hell and the grave, grant unto us power, we beseech Thee, to rise with Him to newness of life, that we may overcome the world with the victory of faith, and have part at last in the resurrection of the just; through the merits of this same risen Savior, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

COLLECT FOR THE GOSPEL

O GOD, who resistest the proud and givest grace to the humble, grant unto us true humility, after the likeness in which Thine only Son hath revealed it in Himself, that we may never be lifted up and provoke Thy wrath, but in all lowliness be made partakers of the gifts of Thy grace; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

INTROIT

MAKE HASTE, O God, to deliver me: make haste to help me, O Lord.

Let them be ashamed and confounded: that seek after my soul.

Psalm. Let them be turned backward and put to confusion: that desire my hurt.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

COLLECT

ALMIGHTY AND MERCIFUL GOD, of whose only gift it cometh that Thy faithful people do unto Thee true and laudable service, grant, we beseech Thee, that we may so faithfully serve Thee in this life that we fail not finally to attain Thy heavenly promises; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

Epistle, 2 Cor. 3:4-11

GRADUAL

I WILL BLESS the Lord at all times: His praise shall continually be in my mouth.

Verse. My soul shall make her boast in the Lord: the humble shall hear thereof and be glad. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

V. Sing aloud unto God, our Strength: make a joyful noise unto the God of Jacob. Hallelujah!

Gospel, Mark 7:31-37

COLLECT FOR THE EPISTLE

ALMIGHTY AND EVERLASTING GOD, who, according to Thine unspeakable mercy in Thy dear Son, hast called us to the new testament, not of the letter, but of the spirit, we beseech Thee, remove the veil from our eyes, that we may behold the glory of Thy Gospel; and grant that we all, beholding as in a glass Thy glory, may be changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord; through Jesus Christ, Thy dear Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

COLLECT FOR THE GOSPEL

O LORD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST, who by Thine almighty Word didst make the deaf to hear and the dumb to speak, we draw nigh unto Thee in all our bodily and spiritual needs, for there is none to help us save Thou alone; and we humbly beseech Thee, touch with Thy divine power our diseased members and our corrupt hearts, open our ears to hear Thy Word, loose our tongues to speak righteousness, and fill our hearts with the power of Thy Holy Spirit, that, beholding the wonders of Thy grace, we may confess Thy name before men and praise and glorify Thee, who doest all things well, and who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

INTROIT

HAVE RESPECT, O Lord, unto Thy covenant: oh, let not the oppressed return ashamed!

Arise, O God, plead Thine own cause: and forget not the voice of Thine enemies.

Psalms. **O God, why hast Thou cast us off forever?: Why doth Thine anger smoke against the sheep of Thy pasture?**

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

COLLECT

ALMIGHTY AND EVERLASTING GOD, give unto us the increase of faith, hope, and charity; and that we may obtain that which Thou dost promise, make us to love that which Thou dost command; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

Epistle, Gal. 3:15-22

GRADUAL

HAVE RESPECT, O Lord, unto Thy covenant: oh, let not the oppressed return ashamed!

Verse. Arise, O God, plead Thine own cause: and forget not the voice of Thine enemies. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

V. O Lord God of my salvation: I have cried day and night before Thee. Hallelujah!

Gospel, Luke 10:23-37

COLLECT FOR THE EPISTLE

ALMIGHTY AND EVERLASTING GOD, whose faithfulness reacheth unto the clouds and whose mercy endureth forever, we humbly beseech Thee, be pleased to confirm and fulfill in us the covenant of Thy grace, made sure from the beginning of the world in Christ Jesus, our Lord, that we may be found in Him, not having our own righteousness, which is of the Law, but that which is through faith, even the righteousness of God, which is by faith in Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe, to whom, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, be honor and glory, world without end.

COLLECT FOR THE GOSPEL

O LORD JESUS CHRIST, our Good Samaritan and only Mediator, who, seeing us in our guilt and blood, didst have pity upon us and of Thine infinite mercy didst give Thine innocent blood in payment for our sins that we might live, we humbly thank and praise Thee that Thou hast saved us from destruction and by Thy holy Word hast brought us to the saving knowledge of Thee, our Redeemer; and we beseech Thee, enable us by Thy Holy Spirit to love Thee, the true God, with our whole heart and to love our neighbor as ourselves, that we may show mercy on all men in their need, bind up their wounds with tender care,

and ever in this evil world follow Thine example of love and service, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

Or:

O LORD GOD, heavenly Father, who by the blessed light of Thy divine Word hast led us to the knowledge of Thy Son, we most heartily beseech Thee so to replenish us with the grace of Thy Holy Spirit that we may ever walk in the light of Thy truth and, rejoicing with sure confidence in Christ, our Savior, may in the end be brought unto everlasting salvation; through the same Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

INTROIT

BEHOLD, O God, our Shield, and look upon the face of Thine anointed: for a day in Thy courts is better than a thousand.

Psalm. How amiable are Thy tabernacles, O Lord of Hosts!: My soul longeth, yea, even fainteth, for the courts of the Lord.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

COLLECT

KEEP, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy Church with Thy perpetual mercy; and because the frailty of man without Thee cannot but fall, keep us ever by Thy help from all things hurtful and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

Epistle, Gal. 5:16-24

GRADUAL

IT IS A GOOD THING to give thanks unto the Lord: and to sing praises unto Thy name, O Most High.

Verse. To show forth Thy loving-kindness in the morning: and Thy faithfulness every night. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

V. Praise waiteth for Thee, O God, in Zion: and unto Thee shall the vow be performed. Hallelujah!

Gospel, Luke 17:11-19

COLLECT FOR THE EPISTLE

O GOD, who hast delivered us from the power of darkness and translated us into the kingdom of Thy dear Son, in whom we have redemption through His blood, even the forgiveness of sins, we earnestly beseech Thee, enable us by Thy grace, so to walk in the Spirit that we may not fulfill the lusts of the flesh, but bring forth the fruits of the Spirit, considering ourselves to be dead henceforth unto sin, but alive unto God; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

COLLECT FOR THE GOSPEL

LORD GOD, heavenly Father, who by Thy Son Jesus Christ hast delivered us through Thy Word and Holy Baptism from the dread leprosy of sin and art pleased daily to manifest Thy gracious help in our every need, we beseech Thee, awaken our hearts by Thy Holy Spirit, that we may never be unmindful of Thy benefits, but ever live in Thy fear and perfect trust in Thy mercy and with a joyous heart thank and praise Thee; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

 THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

INTROIT

BOW DOWN THINE EAR, O Lord, hear me: O Thou, my God, save Thy servant that trusteth in Thee.

Be merciful to me, O Lord: for I cry unto Thee daily.

Psalm. **Rejoice the soul of Thy servant: for unto Thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul.**

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

COLLECT

O LORD, we beseech Thee, let Thy continual pity cleanse and defend Thy Church; and because it cannot continue in safety without Thy succor, preserve it evermore by Thy help and goodness; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

Epistle, Gal. 5:25 to 6:10

GRADUAL

IT IS BETTER to trust in the Lord: than to put confidence in man.

Verse. **It is better to trust in the Lord: than to put confidence in princes. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

V. O God, my heart is fixed: I will sing and give praise, even with my glory. Hallelujah!

Gospel, Matt. 6:24-34

COLLECT FOR THE EPISTLE

O GOD, our Father in heaven, in whose presence there is fullness of joy and at whose right hand there are pleasures forevermore, mercifully fix our hearts on things above, and free them from all undue care and thought for the things of the present transitory world, that, whilst we are here in the body, we may sow, not to the flesh, but to the Spirit, and in the end reap life everlasting; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

COLLECT FOR THE GOSPEL

LORD GOD, heavenly Father, we thank Thee that Thou hast given us body and soul, and hitherto bountifully provided for us all the necessaries of life; and we beseech Thee, strengthen, confirm, and uphold our faith, that, trusting fully in Thee and seeking before all things Thy kingdom, we may avoid all greed and anxiety, and by Thy grace overcome every affliction; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

INTROIT

BE MERCIFUL unto me, O Lord: for I cry unto Thee daily.

For Thou, Lord, art good and ready to forgive: and plenteous in mercy unto all them that call upon Thee.

Psalm. Bow down Thine ear, O Lord, hear me: for I am poor and needy.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

COLLECT

LORD, we pray Thee that Thy grace may always go before and follow after us and make us continually to be given to all good works; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

Epistle, Eph. 3:13-21

GRADUAL

THE HEATHEN shall fear the name of the Lord: and all the kings of the earth Thy glory.

Verse. When the Lord shall build up Zion: He shall appear in His glory. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

V. Ye that fear the Lord, trust in the Lord: He is their Help and their Shield. Hallelujah!

Gospel, Luke 7:11-17

COLLECT FOR THE EPISTLE

O GOD, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, we beseech Thee, according to the riches of Thy glory, to strengthen us with might by Thy Spirit in the inner man, that Christ may dwell in our hearts by faith, that so, being rooted and grounded in love, we may be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height, and to know the love of Christ which passeth knowledge, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

COLLECT FOR THE GOSPEL

ALMIGHTY AND MOST MERCIFUL GOD, who hast appointed us to endure sufferings and death with our Lord Jesus Christ before we enter with Him into eternal glory, grant us grace at all times to subject ourselves to Thy holy will and to continue steadfast in the true faith unto the end of our lives and at all times to find peace and joy in the blessed hope of the resurrection of the dead, and of the glory of the world to come; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

INTROIT

RIGHTEOUS ART THOU, O Lord: and upright are Thy judgments.

Deal with Thy servant: according to Thy mercy.

Psalm. Blessed are the undefiled in the way: who walk in the Law of the Lord.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

COLLECT

LORD, we beseech Thee, grant Thy people grace to withstand the temptations of the devil and with pure hearts and minds to follow Thee, the only God; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

Epistle, Eph. 4:1-6

GRADUAL

BLESSED IS THE NATION whose God is the Lord: and the people whom He hath chosen for His own inheritance.

Verse. By the Word of the Lord were the heavens made: and all the host of them by the Breath of His mouth. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

V. The right hand of the Lord is exalted: the right hand of the Lord doeth valiantly. Hallelujah!

Gospel, Luke 14:1-11

COLLECT FOR THE EPISTLE

O GOD, who restorest to the right way them that err, who gatherest them that are scattered and preservest them that are gathered, of Thy tender mercy we beseech Thee, pour upon Thy Christian people the grace of unity, that, all schisms being healed, Thy flock, united to the true Shepherd of Thy Church, may worthily serve Thee; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

COLLECT FOR THE GOSPEL

LORD GOD, heavenly Father, we beseech Thee so to guide and govern us by Thy Holy Spirit, that we may not exalt ourselves, but humbly fear Thee, with our whole hearts hear and keep Thy Word, and hallow the Lord's Day, that we also may be hallowed by Thy Word; help us first to place our hope and confidence in Thy Son Jesus Christ, who alone is our Righteousness, and then so to amend and better our lives in accordance with Thy Word that we may avoid all offenses and finally obtain eternal salvation, through Thy grace in Christ, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

INTROIT

REWARD THEM that wait for Thee, O Lord: and let Thy prophets be found faithful.

Hear the prayer of Thy servants: and of Thy people Israel.

Psalm. I was glad when they said unto me: Let us go into the house of the Lord.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

COLLECT

O GOD, forasmuch as without Thee we are not able to please Thee, mercifully grant that Thy Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

Epistle, 1 Cor. 1:4-9

GRADUAL

I WAS GLAD when they said unto me: Let us go into the house of the Lord.

Verse. Peace be within thy walls: and prosperity within thy palaces. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

V. Oh, praise the Lord, all ye nations: praise Him, all ye people. Hallelujah!

Gospel, Matt. 22:34-46

COLLECT FOR THE EPISTLE

LORD GOD, heavenly Father, we give Thee most hearty thanks for Thy grace which is given us by Jesus Christ, Thy Son, that in everything we are enriched by Him in all utterance and in all

knowledge, so that we come behind in no gift; and we heartily beseech Thee that Thou wouldst confirm and keep us in this knowledge unto the end, that we may wait with joy for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and on that day be found blameless, and be counted worthy to inherit life everlasting; through the same Thy Son, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

COLLECT FOR THE GOSPEL

ALMIGHTY GOD, our heavenly Father, who hast given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness through the glorious revelation of the Gospel, we beseech Thee, cause Thy Word to dwell in us richly, and fill us with the knowledge of Thy will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding, that we may know our sin, and Thy Son as the Savior from sin, and may walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

INTROIT

SAY UNTO MY SOUL, I am thy Salvation: The righteous cry, and the Lord heareth.

He delivereth them out of their troubles: He is their God forever and ever.

Psalm. Give ear, O My people, to My Law: incline your ears to the words of My mouth.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

COLLECT

O ALMIGHTY AND MOST MERCIFUL GOD, of Thy bountiful goodness keep us, we beseech Thee, from all things that may hurt us, that we, being ready, both in body and soul, may cheerfully accomplish those things that Thou wouldst have done; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

Epistle, Eph. 4:22-28

GRADUAL

LET MY PRAYER be set forth before Thee as incense: and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Verse. Oh, sing unto the Lord a new song: for He hath done marvelous things. Hallelujah!

Gospel, Matt. 9:1-8

COLLECT FOR THE EPISTLE

ALMIGHTY AND EVERLASTING GOD, who of Thy great mercy in Jesus Christ, Thy Son, dost grant us forgiveness of sin and all things pertaining to life and godliness, grant us, we beseech Thee, Thy Holy Spirit that He may so rule our hearts, that we, being ever mindful of Thy fatherly mercy, may strive to mortify the flesh and to overcome the world and, serving Thee in holiness and pureness of living, may give Thee continual thanks for all Thy goodness; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

COLLECT FOR THE GOSPEL

ALMIGHTY AND EVERLASTING God, who by Thy Son hast promised us forgiveness of sins and everlasting life, we beseech Thee so to rule and govern our hearts by Thy Holy Spirit that in our daily need, and especially in all times of temptation, we may seek help from Him and by a true and lively faith in Thy Word obtain the same; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

INTROIT

THE LORD, our God, is righteous in all His works which He doeth: for we obeyed not His voice.

Give glory to Thy name, O Lord: and deal with us according to the multitude of Thy mercies.

Psalm. **Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised: in the city of our God, in the mountain of His holiness.**

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

COLLECT.

GRANT, we beseech Thee, merciful Lord, to Thy faithful people pardon and peace that they may be cleansed from all their sins and serve Thee with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

Epistle, Eph. 5:15-21

GRADUAL

THE EYES of all wait upon Thee, O Lord: and Thou givest them their meat in due season.

Verse. Thou openest Thine hand: and satisfiest the desire of every living thing. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

V. Out of the depths have I cried unto Thee, O Lord: Lord, hear my voice. Hallelujah!

Gospel, Matt. 22:1-14

COLLECT FOR THE EPISTLE

O HOLY AND RIGHTEOUS GOD, who hast not appointed us unto wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ, and given us our allotted season of grace, we beseech Thee, since the days are evil and because we are easily misled through the weakness of our mortal nature, impart to us the grace of Thy Holy Spirit, that we may redeem the time, accept Christ in His Word as our only Savior, walk soberly and circumspectly in this present world, give Thee praise and thanks always, and at last obtain the crown of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

COLLECT FOR THE GOSPEL

LORD GOD, heavenly Father, who hast prepared all things for our salvation, Thou didst call us to the marriage feast of Thy dear Son, the Bridegroom of our souls; we beseech Thee, cleanse and direct our hearts, that we may not reject Thy gracious invitation, but willingly follow Thy Word and, being clothed by faith with the garment of righteousness, obtain eternal life with all Thine elect; through the same Thy Son Jesus Christ, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

THE TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

INTROIT

THE WHOLE WORLD is in Thy power, O Lord, King Almighty: there is no man that can gainsay Thee.

For Thou hast made heaven and earth and all the wondrous things under the heaven: Thou art Lord of all.

Psalm. Blessed are the undefiled in the way: who walk in the Law of the Lord.

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COLLECT

LORD, we beseech Thee to keep Thy household, the Church, in continual godliness that through Thy protection it may be free from all adversities and devoutly given to serve Thee in good works, to the glory of Thy name; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

Epistle, Eph. 6:10-17

GRADUAL

LORD, Thou hast been our Dwelling Place: in all generations.

Verse. Before the mountains were brought forth or ever Thou hadst formed the earth and the world: even from everlasting to everlasting, Thou art God. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

V. They that trust in the Lord shall be as Mount Zion: which cannot be removed, but abideth forever. Hallelujah!

Gospel, John 4:46-54

COLLECT FOR THE EPISTLE

ALMIGHTY AND MOST MERCIFUL GOD, whose name is a strong tower, into which the righteous runneth and is safe, we beseech Thee, lift up the standard of Thy Spirit against the power of the enemy coming in upon us like a flood, and clothe us with the full armor of righteousness on the right hand and on the left, that we may be able to fight manfully the good fight of faith and so finish our course with joy in the great Day when Christ, the righteous Judge, shall appear, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

COLLECT FOR THE GOSPEL

ALMIGHTY AND EVERLASTING GOD, who by Thy Son hast promised us forgiveness of sins and everlasting life, we beseech Thee so to rule and govern our hearts by Thy Holy Spirit that in our daily need, and especially in all time of temptation, we may seek help from Him and by a true and lively faith in Thy Word obtain the same; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

THE TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

The Introit and Collect for the Twenty-third Sunday after Trinity, and the Epistle, Gradual, and Gospel for the Twenty-seventh Sunday after Trinity, shall be used on the last Sunday after Trinity in each year

INTROIT

IF THOU, Lord, shouldest mark iniquities: O Lord, who shall stand?

But there is forgiveness with Thee: that Thou mayest be feared, O God of Israel.

Psalm. Out of the depths have I cried unto Thee, O Lord: Lord, hear my voice.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

COLLECT

O GOD, our Refuge and Strength, who art the Author of all godliness, be ready, we beseech Thee, to hear the devout prayers of Thy Church, and grant that those things which we ask faithfully we may obtain effectually; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

Epistle, Phil. 1:3-11

GRADUAL

BEHOLD HOW GOOD and how pleasant it is: for brethren to dwell together in unity!

Verse. The Lord commanded blessing: even life forevermore. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

V. The Lord healeth the broken in heart: and bindeth up their wounds. Hallelujah!

Gospel, Matt. 18:23-35

COLLECT FOR THE EPISTLE

ALMIGHTY AND MOST MERCIFUL GOD, heavenly Father, we give Thee praise and thanks that Thou hast called, enlightened, and sanctified us by the Gospel; and we beseech Thee, increase in us the gifts of Thy Holy Spirit, and graciously continue and perform the good work which Thou hast begun in us, that we may not fall away from Thee and Thy holy Word, but abound more and more in knowledge and in all judgment, approve things that are excellent, and be sincere and without offense till the day of Christ, being filled with the fruits of righteousness, which are by Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, to whom, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, be honor and glory, world without end.

COLLECT FOR THE GOSPEL

ALMIGHTY GOD, we thank Thee that for Thy Son's sake Thou hast forgiven us all our debt and graciously delivered us from the everlasting prison house, and we beseech Thee, by Thy Holy Spirit preserve our hearts from ingratitude and wickedness, that we may not again provoke Thine anger against us, but gladly forgive our debtors and at all times be assured of Thy fatherly mercy; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

THE TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

INTROIT

I KNOW the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the Lord: thoughts of peace and not of evil.

Then shall ye call upon Me and pray unto Me, and I will hearken unto you: and I will turn your captivity and gather you from all nations and from all places.

Psalm. Lord, Thou hast been favorable unto Thy land: Thou hast brought back the captivity of Jacob.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

COLLECT

ABSOLVE, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy people from their offenses, that from the bonds of our sins which by reason of our frailty we have brought upon us we may be delivered by Thy bountiful goodness; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

Epistle, Phil. 3:17-21

GRADUAL

THOU HAST SAVED US from our enemies: and hast put them to shame that hated us.

Verse. In God we boast all the day long: and praise Thy name forever. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

V. Ye that fear the Lord, trust in the Lord: He is their Help and their Shield. Hallelujah!

Gospel, Matt. 22:15-22

COLLECT FOR THE EPISTLE

O GOD, to whom both power and mercy belong and who renderest to every man according to his work, give us grace, we beseech Thee, to set Thy presence before us in all our ways and to seek continually those things which are well pleasing in Thy sight, that we may pass through the world as pilgrims and strangers, in all holy conversation and godliness, looking for, and hastening unto, the second coming of the Lord Jesus in glory, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

COLLECT FOR THE GOSPEL

O LORD, Almighty God, who dost establish and sustain all civil authority and desirest us to render unto it and unto Thee our several dues, we beseech Thee, Thou wouldst bless and protect our government and all magistrates everywhere, and by this means secure peace and quietness for Thy holy Word and Church, that we may daily increase in true knowledge and all godliness, and in the end obtain everlasting peace; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

 THE TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

INTROIT

OH, COME, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker.

For He is our God: and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand.

Psalm. Oh, come, let us sing unto the Lord: let us make a joyful noise to the Rock of our salvation.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

COLLECT

STIR UP, we beseech Thee, O Lord, the wills of Thy faithful people that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may of Thee be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

Epistle, Col. 1:9-14

GRADUAL

THOU HAST DELIVERED my soul from death: mine eyes from tears, and my feet from falling.

Verse. I love the Lord: because He hath heard my voice and my supplication. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

V. With Thee is the fountain of life: in Thy light shall we see light. Hallelujah!

Gospel, Matt. 9:18-26

COLLECT FOR THE EPISTLE

O ETERNAL, MERCIFUL GOD AND FATHER, who hast made known to us Thy holy Gospel, we humbly beseech Thee, cause Thy Word to bring forth in us abundant fruit, that we may daily grow in the knowledge of Thy will, walk worthy of Thee unto all pleasing, and be made meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

COLLECT FOR THE GOSPEL

O LORD JESUS CHRIST, who hast blotted out our transgressions with Thy blood and turned death into peaceful repose, we beseech Thee; defend us from perplexing doubts, and enable us in firm faith to take Thee at Thy word, and to experience the power which Thou dost impart to us daily in Thy Word, to the end that we may obtain everlasting life; for Thy holy name's sake, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

THE TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

INTROIT

HAVE MERCY UPON ME, O Lord, for I am in trouble: deliver me from the hand of mine enemies and from them that persecute me.

Let me not be ashamed, O Lord: for I have called upon Thee.

Psalm. In Thee, O Lord, do I put my trust: let me never be ashamed.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

COLLECT

ALMIGHTY GOD, we beseech Thee, show Thy mercy unto Thy humble servants, that we who put no trust in our own merits may not be dealt with after the severity of Thy judgment, but according to Thy mercy; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

Epistle, 1 Thess. 4:13-18

GRADUAL

THINE ENEMIES roar in the midst of Thy congregations: they set up their ensigns for signs.

Verse. Remember Thy congregation which Thou hast purchased of old: ~~the rod of Thine inheritance, which Thou hast redeemed.~~ Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

V. There is a river the streams whereof shall make glad the city of God: God is in the midst of her, she shall not be moved. Hallelujah!

Gospel, Matt. 24:15-28

COLLECT FOR THE EPISTLE

ALMIGHTY AND EVERLASTING GOD, who by Thy Son hast promised us forgiveness of sins and deliverance from everlasting death, strengthen us, we beseech Thee, by Thy Holy Spirit, that our trust in Thy grace in Christ Jesus may daily increase and that with sure confidence we may hold fast the blessed hope that we shall not die, but only sleep, and at the Last Day be raised up unto everlasting life; through the same Thy Son Jesus Christ, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

COLLECT FOR THE GOSPEL

O LORD JESUS CHRIST, who wilt come again in majesty to judge the quick and the dead and call forth all who sleep in the graves, either to the resurrection of life or to the resurrection of condemnation, we beseech Thee to be gracious unto us and to raise us from the death of sin unto the life of righteousness, that, when we shall depart this life, we may rest in Thee, and having been found acceptable in Thy sight, may on the Last Day be raised up to life everlasting, inherit the Kingdom prepared for us from the foundation of the world, and give Thee glory and praise, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

THE TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

INTROIT

SAVE ME, O God, by Thy name: and judge me by Thy strength.

Hear my prayer, O God: give ear to the words of my mouth.

Psalm. He shall reward evil to mine enemies: cut them off in Thy truth.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

COLLECT

O GOD, so rule and govern our hearts and minds by Thy Holy Spirit that, being ever mindful of the end of all things and the day of Thy just Judgment, we may be stirred up to holiness of living here and dwell with Thee forever hereafter; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

Epistle, 2 Pet. 3:3-14 or 2 Thess. 1:3-10

GRADUAL

HE SHALL CALL to the heavens from above: and to the earth that He may judge His people.

Verse. The heavens shall declare His righteousness: for God is Judge Himself. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

V. The ransomed of the Lord shall come to Zion with everlasting joy upon their heads: they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and weeping shall fly away. Hallelujah!

Gospel, Matt. 25:31-46

COLLECT FOR THE EPISTLE

O GOD, who hast appointed a day in which Thou wilt judge the world in righteousness by that Man whom Thou hast ordained, giving assurance thereof unto all in that Thou hast raised Him from the dead, we beseech Thee, grant unto us grace to keep in mind always the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and to wait continually for His revelation from heaven, that, having boldly confessed Him before men, we also may be openly acknowledged and confessed by Him when all flesh shall appear in His presence, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

COLLECT FOR THE GOSPEL

O LORD JESUS CHRIST, who wilt come again in majesty to judge the quick and the dead and call forth all who sleep in the graves, either to the resurrection of life or to the resurrection of condemnation, we beseech Thee to be gracious unto us and to raise us from the death of sin unto the life of righteousness, that, when

we shall depart this life, we may rest in Thee, and, having been found acceptable in Thy sight, may on the Last Day be raised up to life everlasting, inherit the Kingdom prepared for us from the foundation of the world, and give Thee glory and praise, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

THE TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

INTROIT

I KNOW the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the Lord: thoughts of peace and not of evil.

Then shall ye call upon Me and pray unto Me, and I will hearken unto you: and I will turn your captivity and gather you from all nations and from all places.

Psalm. Lord, Thou hast been favorable unto Thy land: Thou hast brought back the captivity of Jacob.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

COLLECT

ABSOLVE, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy people from their offenses, that from the bonds of our sins which by reason of our frailty we have brought upon us we may be delivered by Thy bountiful goodness; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

Epistle, 1 Thess. 5:1-11

GRADUAL

THE KING'S DAUGHTER shall be brought unto the King: the virgins, her companions that follow her, shall be brought unto Thee.

Verse. With gladness and rejoicing shall they be brought: they shall enter into the King's palace. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

V. I saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven: prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. Hallelujah!

Gospel, Matt. 25:1-13

COLLECT FOR THE EPISTLE

ALMIGHTY AND EVERLASTING GOD, by whose word the heavens and the earth, which are now, are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the Day of Judgment and perdition of ungodly men, we beseech Thee, make us to walk in all holy conversation and godliness as they ought who look for such things, that, when this frame of nature shall be dissolved, we may be counted worthy to behold and enjoy, according to Thy promise, the new heavens and the new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness; through the merits and mediation of Thy Son Jesus Christ, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

COLLECT FOR THE GOSPEL

ALMIGHTY GOD, we beseech Thee, grant us grace that we may wait with vigilance for the advent of Thy Son, our Lord, that, when He shall arise from Thy right hand to visit the earth in righteousness and Thy people with salvation, He may find us not sleeping in sin, but diligent in His service and rejoicing in His praise, that so we may enter in with Him unto the Marriage Supper of the Lamb; through His merits, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

COLLECT FOR END OF CHURCH YEAR

WE THANK THEE, Lord God, heavenly Father, that in the past church year Thou hast preserved Thy Word among us in purity and by it effectively quickened our souls; and we beseech Thee, Thou wouldst graciously forgive us all our neglect, unbelief, and disobedience with respect to Thy Word, and continue unto us this precious treasure with Thy blessing forevermore; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

THE FESTIVAL OF HARVEST

INTROIT

O LORD, Thou crownest the year with Thy goodness: and Thy paths drop fatness.

Thou visitest the earth and waterest it: Thou blessest the springing thereof.

Psalm. **Praise waiteth for Thee, O God, in Zion: and unto Thee shall the vow be performed.**

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

COLLECT

ALMIGHTY GOD, most merciful Father, who openest Thine hand and satisfiest the desire of every living thing, we give Thee most humble and hearty thanks that Thou hast crowned the fields with Thy blessing and hast permitted us once more to gather in the fruits of the earth; and we beseech Thee to bless and protect the living seed of Thy Word sown in our hearts that in the plenteous fruits of righteousness we may always present to Thee an acceptable thankoffering; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

Or:

ALMIGHTY GOD, our heavenly Father, whose mercies are new unto us every morning and who, though we have in no wise deserved Thy goodness, dost abundantly provide for all our wants of body and soul, give us, we pray Thee, Thy Holy Spirit, that we may heartily acknowledge Thy merciful goodness toward us, give thanks for all Thy benefits, and serve Thee in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

Or:

O ALMIGHTY AND EVERLASTING GOD, who hast blest the labors of the husbandman and given unto us the fruits of the earth in their season, grant us grace to use them to Thy glory, to the relief of those that are needy, and to our comfort; through Jesus Christ, who is the Living Bread, which cometh down from heaven and giveth life unto the world, to whom with Thee and the Holy Ghost be all honor and glory, world without end.

Epistle, Deut. 26:1-11

GRADUAL

THE EYES of all wait upon Thee: and Thou givest them their meat in due season.

Verse. Thou openest Thine hand: and satisfiest the desire of every living thing. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

V. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy name: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits. Hallelujah!

Gospel, Luke 12:13-21

THE FESTIVAL OF THE REFORMATION

INTROIT

THE LORD OF HOSTS is with us: the God of Jacob is our Refuge.

Therefore will not we fear though the earth be removed: and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea.

Psalm. God is our Refuge and Strength: a very present Help in trouble.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

COLLECT

O LORD GOD, heavenly Father, pour out, we beseech Thee, Thy Holy Spirit upon Thy faithful people, keep them steadfast in Thy grace and truth, protect and comfort them in all temptations, defend them against all enemies of Thy Word, and bestow upon Christ's Church Militant Thy saving peace; through the same Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

Or:

ALMIGHTY GOD, merciful Father, who madest the light to shine out of darkness, we thank Thee that Thou hast shown mercy unto us and our fathers and by means of Thy servant Luther hast restored the pure light of Thy Gospel; we beseech Thee, keep us in sound doctrine, that we may steadfastly believe and worthily follow Thy saving Word and finally, by its holy comfort, depart in peace and joy; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

Epistle, Rev. 14:6, 7

GRADUAL

GREAT IS THE LORD and greatly to be praised: in the city of our God, in the mountain of His holiness.

Verse. Walk about Zion; tell the towers thereof; mark well her bulwarks, consider her palaces: that ye may tell it to the generation following. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

V. For this God is our God forever and ever: He will be our Guide even unto death. Hallelujah!

Gospel, Matt. 11:12-15

A DAY OF HUMILIATION AND PRAYER

INTROIT

HEAR, O heavens, and give ear, O earth, for the Lord hath spoken: I have nourished and brought up children, and they have rebelled against Me.

They have forsaken the Lord, they have provoked the Holy One of Israel unto anger: they are gone away backward.

Psalm. If Thou, Lord, shouldest mark iniquities: O Lord, who shall stand?

On this day the Gloria Patri is omitted

COLLECT

ALMIGHTY AND MOST MERCIFUL GOD, our heavenly Father, of whose compassion there is no end, who art long-suffering, gracious, and plenteous in goodness and truth, forgiving iniquity, transgression, and sin, we have sinned and done perversely, we have forsaken and grievously offended Thee; against Thee, Thee only, have we sinned and done evil in Thy sight. But we beseech Thee, O Lord, remember not against us former iniquities; let Thy tender mercies speedily prevent us, for we are brought very low; help us, O God of our salvation, and purge away our sins for the glory

of Thy holy name and for the sake of Thy dear Son Jesus Christ, our Savior, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

Or:

ALMIGHTY GOD, our heavenly Father, who desirest not the death of a sinner, but rather that he should turn from his evil way and live, we beseech Thee graciously to turn from us those punishments which we by our sins have deserved and to grant us grace ever to serve Thee in holiness and pureness of living; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

Or:

SPARE US, O Lord, and mercifully forgive us our sins; and though by our continual transgressions we have merited Thy punishments, be gracious unto us, and grant that all those evils which we have deserved may be turned from us and overruled to our everlasting good; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

Epistle, Joel 2:12-19

GRADUAL

SEEK YE THE LORD while He may be found: call ye upon Him while He is near.

Verse. Let the wicked forsake his way: and the unrighteous man his thoughts;

V. And let him return unto the Lord, and He will have mercy upon him: and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon.

Gospel, Matt. 6:16-21

A DAY OF GENERAL OR SPECIAL THANKSGIVING INTROIT

LET EVERYTHING that hath breath praise the Lord: praise ye the Lord.

Praise Him for His mighty acts: praise Him according to His excellent greatness.

Psalm. Praise ye the Lord; praise God in His sanctuary: praise Him in the firmament of His power.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

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COLLECT

ALMIGHTY GOD, our heavenly Father, whose mercies are new unto us every morning and who, though we have in no wise deserved Thy goodness, dost abundantly provide for all our wants of body and soul, give us, we pray Thee, Thy Holy Spirit that we may heartily acknowledge Thy merciful goodness toward us, give thanks for all Thy benefits, and serve Thee in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

Epistle, 1 Tim. 2:1-8

GRADUAL

THE EYES of all wait upon Thee: and Thou givest them their meat in due season.

Verse. Thou openest Thine hand: and satisfiest the desire of every living thing. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

V. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy name: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits. Hallelujah!

Gospel, Luke 17:11-19

COLLECT FOR THE EPISTLE

O LORD GOD, heavenly Father, from whom without ceasing we receive exceeding abundantly all good gifts and who daily of Thy pure grace guardest us against all evil, grant us, we beseech Thee, Thy Holy Spirit, that, acknowledging with our whole hearts all this Thy goodness, we may now and evermore thank and praise Thy loving-kindness and tender mercy; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

COLLECT FOR THE GOSPEL

ALMIGHTY GOD, our heavenly Father, whose mercies are without number and the treasure of whose goodness is infinite, we render Thee thanks for all the gifts Thou hast bestowed upon us, evermore beseeching Thy compassion, that, as Thou grantest the petitions of those that faithfully ask Thee, Thou wilt never forsake them, but prepare them for the reward to come in Thine everlasting kingdom; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

THE PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD
THE PURIFICATION OF MARY

INTROIT

WE HAVE THOUGHT of Thy loving-kindness, O God: in the midst of Thy Temple.

According to Thy name, O God, so is Thy praise unto the ends of the earth: Thy right hand is full of righteousness.

Psalm. Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised: in the city of our God, in the mountain of His holiness.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

COLLECT

ALMIGHTY AND EVERLIVING GOD, we humbly beseech Thy Majesty that, as Thine only-begotten Son was this day presented in the Temple in the substance of our flesh, so we may be presented unto Thee with pure and clean hearts; by the same Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

Or:

LORD GOD, heavenly Father, who hast given Thy Son to be our Savior, a Light to lighten the Gentiles, and the Glory of Thy people Israel, we beseech Thee, enlighten our hearts, that we may know Thy grace and fatherly will in Him toward us, and obtain everlasting life; through the same Thy Son Jesus Christ, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

Or:

ALMIGHTY AND EVERLASTING GOD, we beseech Thee, grant that we may know and praise Thy dear Son, even as Simeon of old, taking Him in his arms, spiritually knew and with his lips confessed Him, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

Epistle, Mal. 3:1-4

GRADUAL

WE HAVE THOUGHT of Thy loving-kindness, O God, in the midst of Thy Temple: according to Thy name, O God, so is Thy praise unto the ends of the earth.

Verse. As we have heard, so have we seen in the city of our God: in the mountain of His holiness. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

V. I will worship toward Thy holy Temple: and will praise Thy name. Hallelujah!

If this day comes after Septuagesima, the Hallelujah and Verse of the Gradual are omitted, and the Nunc Dimittis is used as Tract

Tract. Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace: according to Thy word.

V. For mine eyes have seen: Thy Salvation.

V. Which Thou hast prepared: before the face of all people.

V. A Light to lighten the Gentiles: and the Glory of Thy people Israel.

Gospel, Luke 2:22-32

THE ANNUNCIATION

INTROIT

ALL THE RICH among the people shall entreat Thy favor: She shall be brought unto the King in raiment of needlework.

Her companions shall be brought unto Thee: with gladness and rejoicing.

Psalm. My heart is inditing a good matter: I speak of the things which I have made touching the King.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Or:

DROP DOWN, ye heavens, from above: and let the skies pour down righteousness.

Let the earth open: and bring forth salvation.

Psalm. My heart is inditing a good matter: I speak of the things which I have made touching the King.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

COLLECT

WE BESEECH THEE, O Lord, pour Thy grace into our hearts, that, as we have known the incarnation of Thy Son Jesus Christ by the message of an angel, so by His cross and Passion we may be brought unto the glory of His resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

Or:

ALMIGHTY GOD, who didst will that agreeably to the angel's message Thy Son become incarnate of the Virgin Mary, mercifully grant that our sinful conception may be cleansed by His immaculate conception; through the same Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

Epistle, Is. 7:10-16

GRADUAL

THERE SHALL COME FORTH a Rod out of the stem of Jesse: and a Branch shall grow out of his roots.

Verse. Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a Son: and shall call His name Immanuel.

Tract. The angel of the Lord came in unto Mary and said, Hail, thou that art highly favored, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women.

V. The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee: and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

V. Therefore also that Holy Thing which shall be born of thee: shall be called the Son of God. Hallelujah!

Gospel, Luke 1:26-38

THE VISITATION

INTROIT

ALL THE RICH among the people shall entreat Thy favor: She shall be brought unto the King in raiment of needlework. Her companions shall be brought unto Thee: with gladness and rejoicing.

Psalm. My heart is inditing a good matter: I speak of the things which I have made touching the King.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Or:

DROP DOWN, ye heavens, from above: and let the skies pour down righteousness.

Let the earth open: and bring forth salvation.

Psalm. My heart is inditing a good matter: I speak of the things which I have made touching the King.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

COLLECT

ALMIGHTY GOD, who hast dealt wonderfully with Thy handmaiden, the Virgin Mary, and hast chosen her to be the mother of Thy Son and hast graciously made known that Thou regardest the poor and lowly and the despised, grant us grace in all humility and meekness to receive Thy Word with hearty faith and so to be made one with Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

Or:

GRANT, we beseech Thee, O Lord, unto Thy servants the gift of Thy heavenly grace, that, as the Son of the Virgin Mary hath made us partakers of salvation, we may daily grow in grace; through the same Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

Or:

ALMIGHTY GOD, who didst exalt the lowly Virgin Mary by Thy grace, give us ever humble hearts that we may never fail of Thy grace; through the same Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

Epistle, Is. 11:1-5

GRADUAL

THERE SHALL COME FORTH a Rod out of the stem of Jesse: and a Branch shall grow out of his roots.

Verse. There shall be a Root of Jesse, which shall stand for an ensign to the people: to it shall the Gentiles seek. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

V. Blessed art thou, O Mary, among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb: behold, there shall be a performance of those things which were told thee from the Lord. Hallelujah!

Gospel, Luke 1:39-56

EVANGELISTS', APOSTLES', AND MARTYRS' DAYS

INTROIT

I KNOW whom I have believed: and am persuaded that He is able to keep that which I have committed unto Him against that Day.

There is laid up for me a crown of righteousness: which the Lord, the righteous Judge, shall give me.

Psalm. O Lord, Thou hast searched me and known me: Thou knowest my downsitting and mine uprising.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

APOSTLES' DAYS

THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH will guide you into all truth: for He shall glorify Me.

Ye shall be My witnesses: because ye have been with Me from the beginning.

Blessed are ye when ye are persecuted for My sake: for the kingdom of heaven is yours.

Psalm. The Lord is my Light and my Salvation: I will sing, yea, I will sing praises unto the Lord.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Or:

THEY THAT BE WISE shall shine as the brightness of the firmament: and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars forever and ever.

Jesus said, Ye which have followed Me, in the regeneration: when the Son of Man shall sit in the throne of His glory, ye also shall sit upon twelve thrones.

Psalm. I will bless the Lord at all times: His praise shall continually be in my mouth.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

EVANGELISTS' DAYS

THE LORD GOD said unto me: Write all the words that I have spoken unto thee into a book for a memorial.

Psalm. His name shall endure forever: His name shall be continued as long as the sun.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

COLLECT

O ALMIGHTY GOD, who hast built Thy Church upon the foundation of the Apostles and Prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the Head Cornerstone, grant us to be joined together in unity of spirit by their doctrine that we may be made a holy temple acceptable unto Thee; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

Or:

O ALMIGHTY GOD, who hast instructed Thy holy Church with the heavenly doctrine of Thy Evangelists and Apostles, give us grace, that, being not like children, carried away with every wind of vain doctrine, we may be established in the truth of Thy holy Gospel; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

Or:

O ALMIGHTY GOD, who hast knit together Thine elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of Thy Son Christ, our Lord, grant us grace so to follow Thy blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that we may come to those unspeakable joys which Thou hast prepared for those who unfeignedly love Thee; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

GRADUAL

APOSTLES' DAYS

THEIR SOUND is gone out into all the earth: and their words to the end of heaven.

Verse. The heavens declare the glory of God: and the firmament showeth forth His handiwork. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

V. I have chosen you out of the world that ye should bring forth fruit: and your fruit should remain. Hallelujah!

Or:

HALLELUJAH! Hallelujah!

Verse. The Lord Jesus gave some, Apostles, and some, Evangelists: for the edifying of the body of Christ. Hallelujah!

Or:

THE MOUTH of the righteous speaketh of wisdom: and his tongue talketh of judgment.

Verse. The Law of his God is in his heart: none of his steps shall slide. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

V. The righteous shall flourish like the palm tree: those that be planted in the house of the Lord shall flourish in the courts of our God. Hallelujah!

EVANGELISTS' DAYS

THOU ART FAIRER than the children of men: grace is poured into Thy lips.

Verse. My heart is inditing a good matter: I speak of the things which I have made touching the King. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

V. The Lord Jesus gave some, Apostles, and some, Evangelists: for the edifying of the body of Christ. Hallelujah!

Or:

HOW BEAUTIFUL are the good tidings of him that publisheth peace: that saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth!

Verse. The Lord hath made bare His holy arm in the eyes of all nations: and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

V. The Word of the Lord endureth forever: this is the Word which by the Gospel is preached unto you. Hallelujah!

SAINT THOMAS THE APOSTLE'S DAY

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COLLECT

ALMIGHTY AND EVERLIVING GOD, who through the Word of Thy Son didst mightily strengthen the faith of Thy Apostle Saint Thomas, by the same Word keep us ever steadfast in the faith unto our end; through Jesus Christ, Thy dear Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

Epistle, Eph. 1:3-6

Gospel, John 20:24-31

SAINT STEPHEN THE MARTYR'S DAY

INTROIT

PRINCES also did sit and speak against me: the wicked have waited for me to destroy me.

Help Thou me, Lord, my God: for I have kept Thy testimonies.

Psalms. Blessed are the undefiled in the way: who walk in the Law of the Lord.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

COLLECT

GRANT, O Lord, that in all our sufferings here upon earth for the testimony of Thy truth we may steadfastly look up to heaven and by faith behold the glory that shall be revealed; and, being filled with the Holy Ghost, may learn to love and bless our persecutors by the example of Thy first martyr, Saint Stephen, who prayed for his murderers to Thee, O blessed Jesus, who standest at the right hand of God to succor all those that suffer for Thee, our only Mediator and Advocate; who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

Epistle, Acts 6:8-15 and 7:54-60

GRADUAL

HALLELUJAH! Hallelujah!

Verse. I see the heavens opened: and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. Hallelujah!

Gospel, Matt. 23:34-39

SAINT JOHN THE APOSTLE
AND THE EVANGELIST'S DAY

INTROIT

IN THE MIDST of the congregation shall he open his mouth, and the Lord filled him with the spirit of wisdom and understanding: and clothed him with a robe of glory.

Psalm. It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord: and to sing praise unto Thy name, O Thou Most High.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

COLLECT

MERCIFUL LORD, we beseech Thee to cast the bright beams of Thy light upon Thy Church that it, being instructed by the doctrines of Thy blessed Apostle and Evangelist Saint John, may attain to the light of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

Epistle, 1 John 1:1-10

GRADUAL

THEN WENT THIS SAYING abroad among the brethren: that that disciple should not die.

Verse. But Jesus said, If I will that he tarry till I come, what is that to thee?: Follow thou Me. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

V. This is the disciple which testifieth of these things: and we know that his testimony is true. Hallelujah!

Gospel, John 21:19-24

THE HOLY INNOCENTS' DAY

INTROIT

OUT OF THE MOUTH of babes and sucklings, O Lord: hast Thou ordained strength because of Thine enemies.

Psalm. O Lord, our Lord: how excellent is Thy name in all the earth!

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

COLLECT

O GOD, whose martyred innocents showed forth Thy praise not by speaking but by dying, mortify all vices within us that our lives may in deed confess Thy faith which our tongue uttereth;

through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

Or:

O ALMIGHTY GOD, who out of the mouths of babes and sucklings hast ordained strength and madest infants to glorify Thee by their deaths, mortify and kill all vices in us and so strengthen us by Thy grace that by the innocency of our lives and the constancy of our faith, even unto death, we may glorify Thy holy name; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

Epistle, Rev. 14:1-5

GRADUAL

OUR SOUL is escaped as a bird: out of the snare of the fowlers.

Verse. The snare is broken, and we are escaped: our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

V. Praise, O ye servants of the Lord: praise the name of the Lord. Hallelujah!

Gospel, Matt. 2:13-18

THE CONVERSION OF SAINT PAUL

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COLLECT

O GOD, who through the preaching of the blessed Apostle Saint Paul hast caused the light of Thy Gospel to shine to the Gentile world, give us grace ever to joy in the saving light of Thy Gospel and to spread it to the uttermost parts of the earth; through the same Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

Epistle, Acts 9:1-22

GRADUAL

HE THAT WROUGHT effectually in Peter to the apostleship of the circumcision, the same was mighty in me toward the Gentiles: and they glorified God in me.

Verse. By the grace of God I am what I am: and His grace which was bestowed upon me was not in vain. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

V. The Lord said unto Paul, Thou art a chosen vessel unto Me: to bear My name before the Gentiles. Hallelujah!

Gospel, Matt. 19:27-30

SAINT MATTHIAS THE APOSTLE'S DAY

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COLLECT

ALMIGHTY GOD, who into the place of the traitor Judas didst choose Thy faithful servant Matthias, grant that Thy Church, ever being preserved from false apostles, may continually abide in the doctrine of Thy true Apostles; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

Epistle, Acts 1:15-26

Gospel, Matt. 11:25-30

SAINT MARK THE EVANGELIST'S DAY

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COLLECT

O ALMIGHTY GOD, who hast enriched Thy Church with the precious Gospel written by Thine Evangelist Saint Mark, give us grace that we may firmly believe Thy glad tidings of salvation

and daily walk as it becometh the Gospel of Christ; through the same Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

Epistle, Eph. 4:7-16

Gospel, Luke 10:1-9

SAINT PHILIP AND SAINT JAMES THE APOSTLES' DAY

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COLLECT

ALMIGHTY GOD, whom to know is everlasting life, grant unto us that, as Thy Son gave knowledge of life eternal to Thy Apostles Philip and James by revealing Himself to them as the only Way to Thee, we may by a true and living faith ever know Him as our only Savior; through the same, Thy dear Son Jesus Christ, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

Epistle, Eph. 2:19-22

Gospel, John 14:1-14

THE NATIVITY OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST

INTROIT

THE VOICE of him that crieth in the wilderness: Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

And the glory of the Lord: shall be revealed.

Psalm. It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord: and to sing praises unto Thy name, O Most High.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

COLLECT

O LORD GOD, heavenly Father, who through Thy servant John the Baptist didst bear witness that Jesus Christ is the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world, and that all who believe in Him shall inherit eternal life, we humbly pray Thee to enlighten us by Thy Holy Spirit that we may at all times find comfort and joy in this witness, continue steadfast in the true faith, and at last with all believers attain unto eternal life; through the same Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

Or:

ALMIGHTY GOD, who through John the Baptist, the forerunner of Christ, didst proclaim salvation, grant that we may know this Thy salvation and serve Thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of our life; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

Or:

GOD, who didst honor this day through the birth of Saint John the Baptist, grant unto Thy people spiritual gladness and direct the minds of all Thy faithful into the way of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

Epistle, Is. 40:1-5

GRADUAL

BEFORE I FORMED THEE, I knew thee: and before thou wast born, I sanctified thee.

Verse. The Lord put forth His hand and touched my mouth: and the Lord said unto me, Behold, I have put My words into thy mouth. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

V. The voice of one crying: Prepare ye the way of the Lord. Hallelujah!

Gospel, Luke 1:57-80

SAINT PETER AND SAINT PAUL
THE APOSTLES' DAY

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COLLECT

O GOD, who didst give Thine Apostles Peter and Paul grace to lay down their lives for the sake of Thy dear Son, endow us, we beseech Thee, with like constancy that we may at all times be ready to lay down our lives for Him who laid down His life for us; through the same Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

Epistle, Acts 12:1-11

GRADUAL

I AM now ready to be offered: and the time of my departure is at hand.

Verse. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course: I have kept the faith. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

V. Thou preventest him with blessing and goodness: Thou settest a crown of pure gold on his head. Hallelujah!

Gospel, Matt. 16:13-20

SAINT MARY MAGDALENE'S DAY

INTROIT

THE WICKED have waited to destroy me: but I gave heed unto Thy testimonies.

I have seen an end of all perfection: but Thy commandment is exceeding broad.

Psalms. Blessed are the undefiled in the way: who walk in the Law of the Lord.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

COLLECT

ALMIGHTY GOD, who hast given Thine only Son to be unto us both a Sacrifice for sin and also an Example of godly life, give us grace that we may always most thankfully receive this His inestimable benefit and also daily endeavor ourselves to follow the blessed steps of His most holy life; through the same Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

Epistle, Prov. 31:10-31

GRADUAL

HEARKEN, O daughter, incline thine ear: forget also thine own people and thy father's house.

Verse. So shall the King greatly desire thy beauty: for He is thy Lord, and worship thou Him. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

V. Who can find a virtuous woman?: For her price is far above rubies. Hallelujah!

Gospel, Luke 7:36-50

SAINT JAMES THE ELDER THE APOSTLE'S DAY

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COLLECT

GRANT, O Lord, that, as Thine Apostle Saint James readily obeyed the calling of Thy Son Jesus Christ, we may by Thy grace be enabled to forsake all worldly and carnal affections and to follow Him alone; through the same Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

Epistle, Rom. 8:28-39

Gospel, Matt. 20:20-28

SAINT BARTHOLOMEW THE APOSTLE'S DAY

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COLLECT

ALMIGHTY GOD, who through Thy Son Jesus Christ didst choose Saint Bartholomew to be an Apostle to preach the blessed Gospel, give unto Thy Church evermore faithful teachers to proclaim the glory of Thy name; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

Epistle, 2 Cor. 4:7-10

Gospel, Luke 22:24-30

SAINT MATTHEW THE APOSTLE
AND THE EVANGELIST'S DAY

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COLLECT

O ALMIGHTY GOD, who by Thy blessed Son didst call Saint Matthew from the receipt of custom to be an Apostle and Evangelist, grant us grace to forsake all covetous desires and inordinate love of riches and to follow the same Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

Epistle, Eph. 4:7-14

Gospel, Matt. 9:9-13

SAINT MICHAEL'S AND ALL ANGELS' DAY

INTROIT

BLESS THE LORD, ye His angels, that excel in strength: that do His Commandments, hearkening unto the voice of His Word.

Bless ye the Lord, all ye His hosts: ye ministers of His that do His pleasure.

Psalm. Bless the Lord, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless His holy name.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

COLLECT

O EVERLASTING GOD, who hast ordained and constituted the services of angels and men in a wonderful order, mercifully grant that, as Thy holy angels always do Thee service in heaven, so by Thine appointment they may succor and defend us on earth; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

Or:

LORD GOD, heavenly Father, who hast ordained Thy holy angels to protect Thy children on earth against the assaults of Satan and the wickedness of the world, we beseech Thee, of Thy mercy, continually defend us by these ministering spirits, and so replenish us with Thy Holy Spirit that we may do Thy will on earth as it is done in heaven, and hereafter, with all the angels and the elect, may praise and glorify Thee; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

Epistle, Rev. 12:7-12

GRADUAL

GOD HATH GIVEN His angels charge over thee: to keep thee in all thy ways.

Verse. **Bless the Lord, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless His holy name. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

V. **And one cried unto another and said, Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord of hosts: the whole earth is full of His glory. Hallelujah!**

Gospel, Matt. 18:1-11

SAINT LUKE THE EVANGELIST'S DAY

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COLLECT

ALMIGHTY GOD, who calledst Saint Luke the physician to be an Evangelist and physician of the soul, heal, we beseech Thee, all the diseases of our souls by the wholesome medicine of Thy Word; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

Epistle, 2 Tim. 4:5-15

Gospel, Luke 10:1-9

SAINT SIMON AND SAINT JUDE THE APOSTLES' DAY

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Epistle, 1 Pet. 1:3-9

Gospel, John 15:17-21

ALL SAINTS' DAY

INTROIT

A GREAT MULTITUDE which no man could number stood before the throne and before the Lamb: clothed with white robes and with palms in their hands;

And cried with a loud voice, saying: Salvation to our God, which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb.

Psalm. Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous: for praise is comely for the upright.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

COLLECT

O ALMIGHTY GOD, who hast knit together Thine elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of Thy Son Jesus Christ, our Lord, grant us grace so to follow Thy blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that we may come to the unspeakable joys which Thou hast prepared for those who unfeignedly love Thee; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

Epistle, Rev. 7:2-17

GRADUAL

OH, FEAR THE LORD, ye His saints: for there is no want to them that fear Him.

Verse. They that seek the Lord: shall not want any good thing. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

V. Come unto Me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden: and I will give you rest. Hallelujah!

Gospel, Matt. 5:1-12

SAINT ANDREW THE APOSTLE'S DAY

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COLLECT

ALMIGHTY GOD, by whose grace Thine Apostle Saint Andrew obeyed the call of Thy Son Jesus Christ, grant unto us also grace to follow Him in heart and life; through the same Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

Epistle, Rom. 10:8-18

Gospel, Matt. 4:18-22

DEDICATION OF A CHURCH

INTROIT

SURELY THE LORD is in this place: This is none other but the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven. Hallelujah!

Psalm. The Lord reigneth, He is clothed with majesty: the Lord is clothed with strength, wherewith He hath girded Himself.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

COLLECT

LORD GOD, heavenly Father, the unfailing Giver of good gifts, we thank Thee that Thou this day didst enter into this house with Thy Word; and we heartily beseech Thee continually to dwell among us with Thy Word and Thy Sacraments, so that by Thy grace we poor sinners may be converted unto Thee and saved eternally; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

Epistle, Rev. 21:1-5

GRADUAL

IN ALL PLACES where I record My name I will come unto thee: and bless thee, saith your God.

Verse. How amiable are Thy tabernacles: O Lord of Hosts! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

V. Yea, the sparrow hath found an house and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young: even Thine altars, O Lord of Hosts, my King and my God. Hallelujah!

Gospel, Luke 19:1-10

COLLECT FOR THE EPISTLE

O LORD, who inhabitest the praises of Israel, we beseech Thee, let Thine eyes be open towards this house day and night, and, whenever we assemble here to worship Thee and to be refreshed with Thy heavenly gifts, graciously hear the supplications of Thy people; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

COLLECT FOR THE GOSPEL

LORD GOD, heavenly Father, from whom without ceasing we receive exceeding abundantly all good gifts, we give Thee most hearty thanks this day that Thou hast come to us with Thy Word and Sacraments, bringing salvation; and we beseech Thee, be pleased to dwell continually among us, preserve and so bless unto us the means of grace that we may faithfully serve Thee with a holy life and hereafter obtain everlasting salvation; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

MISSION FESTIVAL

INTROIT

ALL THE EARTH shall worship Thee: and shall sing unto Thee, O God.

They shall sing to Thy name: O Thou Most High.

Psalm. Make a joyful noise unto God, all ye lands: sing forth the honor of His name, make His praise glorious.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Or:

WITH THE VOICE of singing declare ye and tell this: utter it even to the end of the earth. Hallelujah!

The Lord hath redeemed His servant Jacob: Hallelujah!
Hallelujah!

Psalm. Make a joyful noise unto God, all ye lands: sing forth the honor of His name; make His praise glorious.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

COLLECT

O LORD GOD ALMIGHTY, mercifully grant that we, who know Thee now by faith, may with our whole heart believe in Him, our only Savior, serve Him, and steadfastly confess and glorify Him before all men, making known Thy saving health among the nations, that He may see of the travail of His soul and be satisfied, to whom, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, be honor and glory, world without end.

Epistle, Rom. 10:8-18; or Is. 12:2-4; 42:1-12; 49:1-6

GRADUAL

The Graduals for the First, Second, or Third Sundays after the Epiphany
may be used on this day

Gospel, Matt. 9:35-38; Mark 4:26-32

OTHER COLLECTS FOR MISSION FESTIVAL

GENERAL

LORD GOD, heavenly Father, we thank Thee that of Thine infinite mercy Thou hast sent Thine only-begotten Son into the world as the true Light of men; and we beseech Thee, shed abroad Thy light and Thy truth upon those who are sitting in the region and shadow of death; let the knowledge of Thy salvation be increased, and subdue the nations to Thy grace, to the praise of Thy holy name; through Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

Or:

O ETERNAL GOD AND FATHER, who hast revealed Thy Son Jesus Christ to the world and hast called us to the blessed knowledge of salvation, we thank Thee that Thou hast hitherto preserved Thy truth among us despite the assaults of Satan; and we beseech Thee, keep us continually in purity of doctrine and righteousness of life, and send forth Thy Word among men, accompanying it with the effectual working of Thy Holy Spirit, that many may be brought to the true knowledge of Thy Son and obtain the inheritance of everlasting life; through the same Thy Son Jesus Christ, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

HOME MISSIONS

O LORD JESUS CHRIST, who camest to seek and to save that which was lost, we thank Thee for sending forth the message of salvation into all the world. But as many millions are still going astray, like sheep that have no shepherd, do Thou, the Chief Shepherd of the flock, send faithful pastors and teachers to gather the lost and wandering into Thy fold, that, being refreshed with Thy salutary Word, they may worship and praise Thee for Thy mercy and truth, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

Or:

O MOST MERCIFUL GOD, who hast no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live, we thank Thee for preparing Thy way before the face of all people and visiting them with Thy salvation. And we beseech Thee to grant Thy Word free course and to accompany it with Thy heavenly benediction, that it may prosper in the thing whereunto Thou didst send it; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

FOREIGN MISSIONS

LORD GOD, heavenly Father, we thank Thee that Thou hast strengthened and refreshed us by the preaching of Thy holy Word and by a recital of Thy marvelous works among men; and we beseech Thee, prosper all endeavors to spread abroad Thy Gospel in the world, that the uttermost parts of the earth may praise Thy name; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

Or:

ALMIGHTY AND EVERLASTING GOD, who wouldst have all men to be saved and to come unto the knowledge of the truth, we beseech Thee, keep us ever mindful of our commission to preach the Gospel to every creature. Strengthen us by Thy grace, lest we grow remiss in our efforts and prayers to make Thy way known upon the earth. Enlarge the borders of Thy kingdom, and let the earth be filled with the knowledge of Thy glory, as the waters cover the sea; for the sake of Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

Or:

LORD GOD, heavenly Father, we thank Thee that Thou hast ordained Thy Son Jesus Christ for a Savior of all men and appointed Thy Church to publish the tidings of salvation unto the ends of the earth; and we beseech Thee, awaken our hearts by Thy Holy Spirit that we may ever bear in mind Thy gracious purpose and solemn command. Kindle such ardent love and zeal in our hearts, that we may labor untiringly for the conversion of all who do not know Thee or have fallen away, that they may not be lost, but turn to Thee and praise Thy name; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

PERSONAL MISSIONARY ACTIVITY

LORD GOD, heavenly Father, who dost call the Gentiles unto the fellowship of Thy Son and dost charge Thy disciples to make known Thy Word to them, we beseech Thee, let us in grateful obedience labor zealously to carry out Thy command, and do Thou give free course to Thy Word, and bless the messengers that

bring good tidings and publish salvation and peace, that Thy name may be glorified among the heathen; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

Or:

LORD GOD, heavenly Father, we thank Thee that we, who in time past were afar off and without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers from the covenants of promise, are now made nigh by the blood of Christ, so that we are fellow citizens with the saints and members of Thy household; and we beseech Thee, fill our hearts with a due and abiding sense of Thine unspeakable love, that, rejoicing in Thy salvation, we may by word and deed evermore thank and praise Thee, who hast called us out of darkness into Thy marvelous light; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

THEOLOGICAL INSTITUTIONS

ALMIGHTY AND GRACIOUS GOD, heavenly Father, who through Thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, hast commanded us to pray that Thou wouldest send forth laborers into Thy harvest, of Thine infinite mercy give us true teachers and ministers of Thy Word, and put Thy saving Gospel in their hearts and on their lips, that they may truly fulfill Thy command and preach nothing contrary to Thy holy Word, that we, being warned, instructed, nurtured, comforted, and strengthened by Thy heavenly Word, may do those things which are well pleasing to Thee and profitable to us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

INVITATORIES, ANTIPHONS, RESPONSORIES, AND VERSICLES FOR THE CHURCH YEAR



The *Invitatory* varies with the Season and is always used with *Psalm 95* at Matins. It is divided into two parts, separated by a colon. The first part, or the whole, of the *Invitatory* may be sung or said by the Minister or sung by a single voice or by the choir before the Psalm; after the Psalm and *Gloria Patri* the whole *Invitatory* shall be sung.

An *Antiphon* is used at Matins and Vespers with the Psalms, the *Magnificat*, the *Nunc Dimittis*, and the *Benedictus*. It is used in the same manner as the *Invitatory*.

The *Responsory* varies with the Season and may be sung after the last Lesson at Vespers and Matins. At the end of the *Responsory* is sung *Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost* (but not "As it was in the beginning," etc.), followed by the repetition of the last sentence of the *Responsory*.

A *Versicle* may be used at Vespers after the *Hymn* and at Vespers and Matins before the closing *Collect*. A *Versicle* is used before the *Litany Collects*. The first part of the *Versicle* is said by the Minister and the second part sung or said by the people.

THE ADVENT SEASON

INVITATORY

BEHOLD, the King cometh:

R: *Oh, come, let us worship Him.*

ANTIPHONS

1. Behold, the name of the Lord cometh from far: and let the whole earth be filled with His glory.

2. Come, O Lord, and make no tarrying: loosen the bonds of Thy people Israel.

3. Rejoice greatly, O Jerusalem: behold, thy King cometh.
4. Behold, the Lord shall come and all His saints with Him: and in that day the light shall be great. Hallelujah!

RESPONSORY

Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that I will raise unto David a righteous Branch, and a King shall reign and prosper and shall execute judgment and justice in the earth. And this is His name whereby He shall be called, The Lord Our Righteousness.

Verse. In His days shall Judah be saved, and Israel shall dwell safely.

And this is His name whereby He shall be called, The Lord Our Righteousness.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.

And this is His name whereby He shall be called, The Lord Our Righteousness.

VERSICLES

1. *V:* Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God hath shined:
R: *Our God shall come. Hallelujah!*
2. *V:* Prepare ye the way of the Lord. Hallelujah!
R: *Make His paths straight. Hallelujah!*
3. *V:* Drop down, ye heavens, from above, and let the skies pour down righteousness:
R: *Let the earth open and bring forth salvation.*

CHRISTMASTIDE

INVITATORY

UNTO US the Christ is born:

R: *Oh, come, let us worship Him.*

ANTIPHONS

1. The Lord hath said unto Me: Thou art My Son; this day have I begotten Thee.
2. The Lord hath sent redemption unto His people: He hath commanded His covenant forever.
3. Of the fruit of thy body: will I set upon thy throne.
4. Christ the Lord, our Savior, everlasting God and Mary's Son: we praise Thee evermore.

RESPONSORY

The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us. And we beheld His glory, the glory as of the Only-Begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

Verse. In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

Full of grace and truth.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.

Full of grace and truth.

VERSICLES

1. *V:* At even ye shall know that the Lord will come:
R: *And in the morning, then shall ye see the glory of the Lord.*
2. *V:* As the bridegroom from his chamber:
R: *Cometh forth the Lord to run His race.*
3. *V:* The Word was made flesh. Hallelujah!
R: *And dwelt among us. Hallelujah!*
4. *V:* Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord:
R: *God is the Lord, which hath showed us light.*
5. *V:* Unto us a Child is born. Hallelujah!
R: *Unto us a Son is given. Hallelujah!*
6. *V:* Unto you is born this day a Savior. Hallelujah!
R: *Which is Christ the Lord. Hallelujah!*

THE EPIPHANY SEASON

INVITATORY

CHRIST HATH APPEARED unto us:

R: *Oh, come, let us worship Him.*

ANTIPHONS

1. Give unto the Lord glory and strength: worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

2. The Lord hath made known His Word. Hallelujah!: the Word of His salvation. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

3. A Light to lighten the Gentiles: and the Glory of Thy people Israel.

4. We have seen His star in the East: and are come to worship Him.

RESPONSORY

Arise, shine, for thy Light is come, and the Glory of the Lord is risen upon thee.

Verse. And the Gentiles shall come to thy Light and kings to the brightness of thy rising.

And the Glory of the Lord is risen upon thee.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.

And the Glory of the Lord is risen upon thee.

VERSICLES

1. *V:* The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall bring presents. Hallelujah!

R: *The kings of Sheba and Seba shall offer gifts. Hallelujah!*

2. *V:* All they from Sheba shall come. Hallelujah!

R: *They shall bring gold and incense. Hallelujah!*

3. *V:* Oh, praise the Lord, all ye nations. Hallelujah!

R: *Praise Him, all ye people. Hallelujah!*

THE PASSION SEASON

ANTIPHONS

MAN SHALL NOT LIVE by bread alone: but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.

2. Behold, now is the accepted time: behold, now is the day of salvation.

3. The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together: against the Lord and against His Anointed.

4. He was oppressed, and He was afflicted, yet He opened not His mouth: and the Lord hath laid on Him the iniquity of us all.

RESPONSORY

He was brought as a lamb to the slaughter, He was oppressed, and He was afflicted, yet He opened not His mouth. He was delivered up to death that He might quicken His people.

Verse. In Salem also is His tabernacle and His dwelling place in Zion.

He was delivered up to death that He might quicken His people.

VERSICLES

1. *V:* Save me from the lion's mouth, O Lord:

R: *And deliver me from the horns of the unicorns.*

2. *V:* Christ became obedient unto death:

R: *Even the death of the cross.*

3. *V:* Christ was wounded for our transgressions:

R: *He was bruised for our iniquities.*

EASTERTIDE

INVITATORY

THE LORD is risen indeed:

R: *Hallelujah!*

ANTIPHONS

1. Hallelujah!: Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
2. I laid me down and slept; I awaked: for the Lord sustained me. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
3. Hallelujah! The Lord is risen. Hallelujah!: As He said unto you. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
4. Hallelujah! Abide with us, for it is toward evening: and the day is far spent. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

RESPONSORY

Christ, being raised from the dead, dieth no more; death hath no more dominion over Him.

In that He liveth, He liveth unto God. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Verse. Christ was delivered for our offenses and raised again for our justification.

In that He liveth, He liveth unto God. Hallelujah!

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.

In that He liveth, He liveth unto God. Hallelujah!

VERSICLES

1. *V:* The Lord is risen from the grave. Hallelujah!
R: Who hung for us upon the tree. Hallelujah!
2. *V:* Then were the disciples glad. Hallelujah!
R: When they saw the Lord. Hallelujah!
3. *V:* This is the day which the Lord hath made. Hallelujah!
R: We will rejoice and be glad in it. Hallelujah!
4. *V:* The Lord is risen indeed. Hallelujah!
R: And hath appeared unto Simon. Hallelujah!

ASCENSION DAY

INVITATORY

HALLELUJAH! The King ascendeth into heaven:

R: *Oh, come, let us worship Him. Hallelujah!*

ANTIPHONS

1. If I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you: but if I depart, I will send Him unto you. Hallelujah!

2. Hallelujah! Christ hath ascended up on high. Hallelujah! And hath led captivity captive. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

3. I ascend unto My Father and your Father: and to My God and your God. Hallelujah!

RESPONSORY

Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel. Hallelujah!
He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved. Hallelujah!
Hallelujah!

Verse. In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost.

He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.

He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved.

VERSICLES

1. *Y:* I will not leave you comfortless. Hallelujah!

R: *I go away and come again unto you. Hallelujah!*

2. *Y:* God is gone up with a shout. Hallelujah!

R: *The Lord with the sound of a trumpet. Hallelujah!*

WHITSUNTIDE

INVITATORY

HALLELUJAH! The Spirit of the Lord filleth the world:

R: *Oh, come, let us worship Him. Hallelujah!*

ANTIPHONS

1. Come, Holy Ghost, and fill the hearts of Thy faithful people, and kindle in them the fire of Thy love: Thou, who through divers tongues gatherest together the nations in the unity of the faith. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

2. Thou sendest forth Thy Spirit, they are created: and Thou renewest the face of the earth. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

3. I will not leave you comfortless. Hallelujah!: I will come to you, and your heart shall rejoice. Hallelujah!

RESPONSORY

And there appeared unto the Apostles cloven tongues like as of fire. Hallelujah!

And the Holy Ghost sat upon each of them. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Verse. And they began to speak with other tongues the wonderful works of God.

And the Holy Ghost sat upon each of them.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.

And the Holy Ghost sat upon each of them.

VERSICLES

1. *V:* The Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost. Hallelujah!

R: *He shall teach you all things. Hallelujah!*

2. *V:* And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost. Hallelujah!

R: *And they began to speak. Hallelujah!*

3. *V:* Create in me a clean heart, O God. Hallelujah!

R: *And renew a right spirit within me. Hallelujah!*

THE TRINITY SEASON

INVITATORY

THE TRUE GOD, One in Three and Three in One:

R: *Oh, come, let us worship Him.*

ANTIPHONS

1. Unto Thee do we call, Thee do we praise, Thee do we worship: O blessed Trinity.

2. Glory be to Thee, co-equal Trinity: one God before all worlds began, and now and forevermore.

3. Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty: which was and is and is to come.

RESPONSORY

We bless the Father and the Son and the Holy Ghost. Praise Him and magnify Him forever.

Verse. Blessed art Thou, O Lord, in the firmament of heaven and above all to be praised and glorified forever.

Praise Him and magnify Him forever.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.

Praise Him and magnify Him forever.

VERSICLE

V: We bless the Father and the Son and the Holy Ghost.

R: *Praise Him and magnify Him forever.*

THE FESTIVAL OF THE REFORMATION

ANTIPHON

I WILL SPEAK of Thy testimonies also before kings: and will not be ashamed.

VERSICLES

1. V: Thy Word is a Lamp unto my feet. Hallelujah!
R: *And a Light unto my path. Hallelujah!*
2. V: The Lord, our God, be with us. Hallelujah!
R: *As He was with our fathers. Hallelujah!*
3. V: Do good in Thy good pleasure unto Zion. Hallelujah!
R: *Build Thou the walls of Jerusalem. Hallelujah!*
4. V: Stand fast therefore in the liberty. Hallelujah!
R: *Wherewith Christ hath made you free. Hallelujah!*

A DAY OF HUMILIATION AND PRAYER

ANTIPHON

BE MERCIFUL unto me, O Lord, for I cry unto Thee daily:
Bow down Thine ear, O Lord, hear me, for I am poor and needy.

VERSICLES

1. V: Have mercy upon me, O God, according to Thy loving-kindness:
R: *According unto the multitude of Thy tender mercies blot out my transgressions.*
2. V: Enter not into judgment with Thy servant, O Lord:
R: *For in Thy sight shall no man living be justified.*
3. V: Lord, deal not with us after our sins:
R: *Nor reward us according to our iniquities.*
4. V: Create in us a clean heart, O God:
R: *And take not Thy Holy Spirit from us.*
5. V: We have sinned with our fathers:
R: *We have committed iniquity, we have done wickedly.*

DEDICATION OF A CHURCH

ANTIPHON

THE LORD is in His holy temple: the Lord's throne is in heaven.

VERSICLE

V: Thy testimonies are very sure. *Hallelujah!*

R: *Holiness becometh Thine house, O Lord, forever. Hallelujah!*

THE COMMEMORATION OF THE DEAD

ANTIPHONS

GOD SHALL WIPE AWAY all tears from their eyes: and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain; for the former things are passed away.

2. Oh, how glorious is that kingdom: wherein all the saints do rejoice with Christ! They are clothed with white robes and follow the Lamb whithersoever He goeth.

VERSICLES

1. **V:** We have here no continuing city. *Hallelujah!*

R: *But we seek one to come. Hallelujah!*

2. **V:** Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord. *Hallelujah!*

R: *They rest from their labors, and their works do follow them. Hallelujah!*

FOR OTHER TIMES

ANTIPHONS

OUT OF THE DEPTHS: have I cried unto Thee, O Lord.

2. Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty: God hath shined.

3. Commit thy way unto the Lord: trust also in Him.

4. Preserve my life: from the fear of the enemy.

5. It is good to sing praises: unto our God.
6. Forsake not the works: of Thine own hands.
7. The Lord: is the Strength of my life.
8. The Lord said unto my Lord: Sit Thou at My right hand.
9. Blessed be the Lord God: the God of Israel.
10. Blessed be the Lord out of Zion: which dwelleth at Jerusalem.
11. Blessed: be His glorious name forever.
12. I was glad when they said unto me: Let us go into the house of the Lord.
13. In the day of my trouble I will call upon Thee: for Thou wilt answer me.
14. I will praise Thy name: forever and ever.
15. Thou wilt show me: the path of life.
16. We praise the Lord: now, henceforth, and forever.
17. Blessed: is the man that feareth the Lord.

RESPONSORY

Forever, O Lord, Thy Word is settled in heaven.

Thy Word is a Lamp unto my feet and a Light unto my path.

Lord, I have loved the habitation of Thy house and the place where Thine honor dwelleth.

Verse. Blessed are they that hear the Word of God and keep it.

Lord, I have loved the habitation of Thy house and the place where Thine honor dwelleth.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.

Lord, I have loved the habitation of Thy house and the place where Thine honor dwelleth.

VERSICLES

1. V: The eyes of all wait upon Thee,
R: *And Thou givest them their meat in due season.*
2. V: The Lord is merciful and gracious. Hallelujah!
R: *Slow to anger and plenteous in mercy. Hallelujah!*
3. V: Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest
R: *That He would send forth laborers into His harvest.*
4. V: Ask, and ye shall receive,
R: *That your joy may be full.*
5. V: Oh, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.
Hallelujah!
R: *For His mercy endureth forever. Hallelujah!*
6. V: It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord
R: *And to sing praises unto Thy name, O Most High.*
7. V: Lord, Thou hast heard the desire of the humble.
R: *Thou wilt preserve their heart; Thou wilt cause Thine ear to hear.*
8. V: The Lord will give strength unto His people.
Hallelujah!
R: *The Lord will bless His people with peace. Hallelujah!*
9. V: They that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament. Hallelujah!
R: *And they that turn many to righteousness, as the stars forever and ever. Hallelujah!*
10. V: By Me kings reign and princes decree justice.
R: *By Me princes rule and nobles, even all the judges of the earth.*
11. V: He shall give His angels charge over thee
R: *To keep thee in all thy ways.*

12. V: The Lord God is a Sun and Shield; the Lord will give grace and glory. Hallelujah!
R: *No good thing will He withhold from them that walk uprightly. Hallelujah!*
13. V: Sanctify us through Thy truth. Hallelujah!
R: *Thy Word is truth. Hallelujah!*
14. V: Lord, teach me to do Thy will. Hallelujah!
R: *Let Thy good Spirit lead me in the right way. Hallelujah!*
15. V: Show me Thy ways, O Lord. Hallelujah!
R: *Teach me Thy paths. Hallelujah!*
16. V: Save Thy people, and bless Thine inheritance;
R: *Feed them also, and lift them up forever.*
17. V: Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of Thy name.
R: *Deliver us, and purge away our sins for Thy name's sake.*
18. V: I have trusted in Thy mercy.
R: *My heart shall rejoice in Thy salvation.*
19. V: Suffer the little children to come unto Me, and forbid them not;
R: *For of such is the kingdom of heaven.*
20. V: Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all that is within me, bless His holy name. Hallelujah!
R: *Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits. Hallelujah!*
21. V: Call upon Me in the day of trouble.
R: *I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify Me.*
22. V: Make me to understand the way of Thy precepts.
R: *Strengthen Thou me according unto Thy Word.*

PRAYERS



COLLECTS

GENERAL

1

GRANT US, we beseech Thee, Almighty God, a steadfast faith in Jesus Christ, a cheerful hope in Thy mercy, and a sincere love to Thee and to all our fellow men; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord.

2

O LORD GOD, heavenly Father, we give Thee thanks that of Thy great goodness and mercy Thou didst suffer Thine only-begotten Son to become incarnate and to redeem us from sin and everlasting death; and we beseech Thee, enlighten our hearts by Thy Holy Spirit that we may evermore yield Thee unfeigned thanks for this Thy grace and may comfort ourselves with the same in all time of tribulation and temptation; through the same Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord.

3

ALMIGHTY GOD, who hast given us commandment to pray for the gift of the Holy Ghost, most heartily we beseech Thee through Jesus Christ, our Advocate, to grant us Thy Holy Spirit that He may quicken our hearts by Thy saving Word and lead us into all truth, that He may guide, instruct, enlighten, govern, comfort, and sanctify us unto everlasting life; through the same Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord.

4

SEND, we beseech Thee, Almighty God, Thy Holy Spirit into our hearts that He may rule and direct us according to Thy will, comfort us in all our temptations and afflictions, defend us from all error, and lead us into all truth, that we, being steadfast in the faith, may increase in love and in all good works and in the end obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord.

5

ALMIGHTY GOD, our heavenly Father, who of Thy tender love towards us sinners hast given us Thy Son that, believing on Him, we might have everlasting life, grant us, we beseech Thee, Thy Holy Spirit that we may continue steadfast in this faith to the end and may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord.

6

ALMIGHTY AND EVERLASTING GOD, who by Thy Son hast promised us forgiveness of sins and everlasting life, we beseech Thee so to rule and govern our hearts by Thy Holy Spirit that in our daily need, and especially in all time of temptation, we may seek help from Him and by a true and lively faith in Thy Word obtain the same; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord.

7

O LORD GOD, heavenly Father, we beseech Thee, let Thy Holy Spirit dwell in us that He may enlighten and lead us into all truth and evermore defend us from all adversities; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord.

8

O LORD GOD, heavenly Father, who hast given Thine only Son to die for our sins and to rise again for our justification, quicken us, we beseech Thee, by Thy Holy Spirit, unto newness of life that through the power of His resurrection we may dwell with Christ forever; through the same Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord.

9

ALMIGHTY AND EVERLIVING GOD, who makest us both to will and to do those things which are good and acceptable unto Thy divine majesty, let Thy fatherly hand, we beseech Thee, ever be over us; let Thy Holy Spirit ever be with us; and so lead us in the knowledge and obedience of Thy Word that in the end we may obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord.

FOR THE CHURCH

10

GRANT, we beseech Thee, Almighty God, unto Thy Church Thy Holy Spirit and the wisdom which cometh down from above that Thy Word, as becometh it, may not be bound, but have free course and be preached to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people, that in steadfast faith we may serve Thee and in the confession of Thy name abide unto the end; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord.

11

MERCIFUL GOD, we beseech Thee to cast the bright beams of Thy light upon Thy Church that, being instructed by the doctrine of the blessed Apostles, it may so walk in the light of Thy truth that it may at length attain to the light of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord.

12

O GOD, our Protector, behold, and look upon, the face of Thine Anointed, who hath given Himself for the redemption of all, and grant that from the rising of the sun to the going down thereof Thy name may be great among the Gentiles and that in every place sacrifice and a pure offering may be made unto Thy name; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord.

13

O LORD, favorably receive the prayers of Thy Church, that, being delivered from all adversity and error, it may serve Thee in safety and freedom; and grant us Thy peace in our time; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord.

14

FOR THE CHILDREN OF THE CHURCH

ALMIGHTY AND EVERLASTING GOD, who dost will that not one of these little ones should perish and hast sent Thine only Son to seek and to save that which was lost and through Him hast said, Suffer the little children to come unto Me, and forbid them not; for of such is the Kingdom of God, most heartily we beseech Thee so to bless and govern the children of Thy Church by Thy Holy Spirit that they may grow in grace and in the knowledge of Thy Word; protect and defend them against all danger and harm, giving Thy holy angels charge over them; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord.

15

FOR THE MINISTERS OF THE WORD

ALMIGHTY AND EVERLASTING GOD, who alone doest great wonders, send down upon Thy ministers and upon the congregations committed to their charge the healthful Spirit of Thy grace; and that they may truly please Thee, pour upon them the continual dew of Thy blessing; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord.

16

ALMIGHTY AND GRACIOUS GOD, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hast commanded us to pray that Thou wouldest send forth laborers into Thy harvest, of Thine infinite mercy give

us true teachers and ministers of Thy Word and put Thy saving Gospel in their hearts and on their lips that they may truly fulfill Thy command and preach nothing contrary to Thy holy Word, that we, being warned, instructed, nurtured, comforted, and strengthened by Thy heavenly Word, may do those things which are well pleasing to Thee and profitable to us; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord.

17

O ALMIGHTY GOD, who by Thy Son Jesus Christ didst give to Thy holy Apostles many excellent gifts and commandedst them earnestly to feed Thy flock, make, we beseech Thee, all pastors diligently to preach Thy holy Word and the people obediently to follow the same that they may receive the crown of everlasting glory; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord.

18

FOR THE CHURCH IN ITS CONFLICTS

ALMIGHTY AND EVERLASTING GOD, who wilt have all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth, we beseech Thy glorious majesty, through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, impart the grace and help of Thy Holy Spirit to all ministers of Thy Word that they may purely teach it to the saving of men, bring to naught by Thine almighty power and unsearchable wisdom all the counsels of those who hate Thy Word and who, by corrupt teaching or with violent hands, would destroy it, and enlighten them with the knowledge of Thy glory, that we, leading a quiet and peaceable life, may by a pure faith learn the riches of Thy heavenly grace and in holiness and righteousness serve Thee, the only true God; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord.

19

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE ERRED

ALMIGHTY GOD, our heavenly Father, whose property it is always to have mercy, we most earnestly beseech Thee to visit with Thy fatherly correction all such as have erred and gone astray from the truth of Thy holy Word and to bring them to a due sense of their error that they may again with hearty faith receive, and hold fast, Thine unchangeable truth; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord.

20

ALMIGHTY, MERCIFUL, AND GRACIOUS GOD AND FATHER, with our whole heart we beseech Thee for all who have forsaken the Christian faith, all who have wandered from any portion thereof or are in doubt or temptation through the corrupters of Thy Word, that Thou wouldest visit them as a Father, reveal unto them their error, and bring them back from their wanderings, that they, in singleness of heart, taking pleasure alone in the pure truth of Thy Word, may be made wise thereby unto everlasting life through faith in Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord.

21

FOR UNITY

O GOD, who restorest to the right way them that err, who gatherest them that are scattered, and preservest them that are gathered, of Thy tender mercy we beseech Thee, pour upon Thy Christian people the grace of unity, that, all schisms being healed, Thy flock, united to the true Shepherd of Thy Church, may worthily serve Thee; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord.

22

FOR THE REMOVAL OF SCHISM

BRING TO NAUGHT, O Christ, the schisms of heresy, which seek to subvert Thy truth, that, as Thou art acknowledged in heaven and in earth as one and the same Lord, so Thy people, gathered from all nations, may serve Thee in unity of faith.

23

FOR THE JEWS

ALMIGHTY AND EVERLASTING GOD, who lovest to show mercy, hear the prayers which we offer unto Thee for Thine ancient people, that, acknowledging Jesus Christ, who is the Light of truth, they may be delivered from their darkness; through the same Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord.

24

FOR THE HEATHEN

ALMIGHTY AND EVERLASTING GOD, who desirest not the death of a sinner, but wouldest have all men to repent and live, hear our prayers for the heathen, take away iniquity from their hearts, and turn them from their idols unto the living and true God and to Thine only Son; and gather them into Thy holy Church, to the glory of Thy name; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord.

FOR THE CIVIL AUTHORITIES

25

O MERCIFUL FATHER IN HEAVEN, who holdest in Thy hand all the might of man and who hast ordained the powers that be for the punishment of evildoers and for the praise of them that do well, and of whom is all rule and authority in the kingdoms of the world, we humbly beseech Thee, graciously regard Thy

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and all the rulers of the earth. May all that receive the sword as Thy ministers bear it according to Thy commandment. Enlighten and defend them by Thy name, O God. Grant them wisdom and understanding, that under their peaceable governance Thy people may be guarded and directed in righteousness, quietness, and unity. Protect and prolong their lives, O God of our salvation, that we with them may show forth the praise of Thy name; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord.

26

FOR OUR ENEMIES

FORGIVE, we beseech Thee, O Lord, our enemies and them that despitefully use us, and so change their hearts that they may walk with us in meekness and peace; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord.

27

O ALMIGHTY, EVERLASTING GOD, who through Thine only Son, our blessed Lord, hast commanded us to love our enemies, to do good to them that hate us, and to pray for them that persecute us, we earnestly beseech Thee that by Thy gracious visitation they may be led to true repentance and may have the same love and be of one accord and of one mind and heart with us and with Thy whole Church; through the same Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord.

28

IN TIME OF NATIONAL CALAMITY

O LORD GOD, heavenly Father, we humbly confess unto Thee that by our evil-doing and continual disobedience we have deserved these Thy chastisements; yet we earnestly beseech Thee, for Thy name's sake, to spare us; restrain the harmful power of the enemy and succor Thy suffering people that Thy Word may be declared faithfully and without hindrance and that we, amending our sinful lives, may walk obediently to Thy holy Commandments; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord.

29

LOOK MERCIFULLY, O Lord, we beseech Thee, on the affliction of Thy people, and let not our sin destroy us, but let Thine almighty mercy save us; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord.

30

MOST LOVING AND GRACIOUS LORD GOD, who for our many grievous sins art pleased sorely to chasten us, we flee to Thy tender and fatherly compassion alone, beseeching Thee that, as a father pitieth his children, Thou wouldest pity us miserable sinners. Turn away Thy righteous wrath and give us not over to deserved death, but deliver us that we may now and evermore praise Thee, O gracious God and Father, who desirest not the death of a sinner, but rather that he may turn from his wickedness and live; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord.

31

FOR PRISONERS

ALMIGHTY GOD, who didst bring the Apostle Peter forth out of prison, have mercy upon all who are suffering imprisonment

and set them free from their bonds that we may rejoice in their deliverance and continually give praise to Thee; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord.

32

FOR PEACE AND QUIETNESS

O LORD, we beseech Thee mercifully to hear the prayers of Thy Church that we, being delivered from all adversities and serving Thee with a quiet mind, may enjoy Thy peace all the days of our life; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord.

IN TIME OF AFFLICTION AND DISTRESS

33

ALMIGHTY AND EVERLASTING GOD, the Consolation of the sorrowful and the Strength of the weak, may the prayers of them that in any tribulation or distress cry unto Thee graciously come before Thee, so that in all their necessities they may mark and receive Thy manifold help and comfort; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord.

34

ALMIGHTY AND MOST MERCIFUL GOD, who hast appointed us to endure sufferings and death with our Lord Jesus Christ before we enter with Him into eternal glory, grant us grace at all times to subject ourselves to Thy holy will and to continue steadfast in the true faith unto the end of our lives and at all times to find peace and joy in the blessed hope of the resurrection of the dead and of the glory of the world to come; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord.

35

ALMIGHTY GOD, cast not away Thy people, who cry unto Thee in their tribulation, but for the glory of Thy name be pleased to succor the afflicted; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord.

36

FOR THE SICK

ALMIGHTY, EVERLASTING GOD, the eternal Salvation of them that believe, bear our prayers in behalf of Thy servants who are sick, for whom we implore the aid of Thy mercy, that, being restored to health, they may render thanks to Thee in Thy Church; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord.

37

O LORD, look down from heaven, behold, visit, and relieve Thy servants for whom we offer our supplications; look upon them with the eyes of Thy mercy; give them comfort and sure confidence in Thee, defend them from the danger of the Enemy, and keep them in perpetual peace and safety; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord.

38

FOR MOTHERS

O ALMIGHTY, EVERLASTING GOD AND FATHER, Creator of all things, who by Thy grace, through Thy Son, our Lord, who hath redeemed us from sin, makest the anguish of our human birth a holy and salutary cross, we pray Thee, O gracious Father, Lord, and God, that Thou wouldest preserve and guard the work of Thine own hand. Forsake not them who cry to Thee in sore travail, but deliver them out of all their pains, to their joy and to the glory of Thy goodness; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord.

39

IN TIME OF GREAT SICKNESS

ALMIGHTY AND MOST MERCIFUL GOD, our heavenly Father, we, Thine erring children, humbly confess unto Thee that we have justly deserved the chastening which for our sins Thou hast sent upon us; but we entreat Thee, of Thy boundless goodness to

grant us true repentance, graciously to forgive our sins, to remove from us, or to lighten, our merited punishment, and so to strengthen us by Thy grace that as obedient children we may be subject to Thy will and bear our afflictions in patience; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord.

40

IN TIME OF DROUGHT

O GOD, most merciful Father, we beseech Thee to open the windows of heaven and to send a fruitful rain upon us, to revive the earth, and to refresh the fruits thereof, for all things droop and wither. Graciously hear our prayer in this our necessity that we may praise and glorify Thy name forever and ever; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord.

41

IN TIME OF UNSEASONABLE WEATHER

O LORD GOD, heavenly Father, who art gracious and merciful and hast promised that Thou wilt hear us when we call upon Thee in our troubles, we beseech Thee, look not upon our sins and evil-doings, but upon our necessities, and according to Thy mercy send us such seasonable weather that the earth may in due time yield her increase, that by Thy goodness we may receive our daily bread and learn to know Thee as a merciful God and evermore give thanks to Thee for Thy goodness; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord.

THANKSGIVING

42

O LORD GOD, heavenly Father, from whom without ceasing we receive exceeding abundantly all good gifts and who daily of Thy pure grace guardest us against all evil, grant us, we beseech Thee, Thy Holy Spirit that, acknowledging with our whole heart all this Thy goodness, we may now and evermore thank and praise Thy loving-kindness and tender mercy; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord.

43

ALMIGHTY GOD, our heavenly Father, whose mercies are new unto us every morning and who, though we have in no wise deserved Thy goodness, dost abundantly provide for all our wants of body and soul, give us, we pray Thee, Thy Holy Spirit that we may heartily acknowledge Thy merciful goodness toward us, give thanks for all Thy benefits, and serve Thee in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord.

44

ALMIGHTY AND MOST MERCIFUL GOD, who in Thy fatherly wisdom hast chastened us on account of our sins that we might not continue in impenitence and vain confidence and thus perish with the ungodly, in the midst of wrath Thou hast remembered mercy and hast graciously delivered us out of our affliction. We give Thee therefore most hearty thanks and praise that Thou hast turned away from us Thy just anger and shown Thyself favorable toward us, Thine unworthy servants. Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all that is within me, bless His holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits. Thou, Lord, art merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy. Glory be to Thee, O God, forever; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord.

45

GLORY BE TO THEE, O God most holy. Glory be to Thee, O God most high. Glory be to Thee, O King of heaven and earth, who, as a father pitieth his children, pitiest us. Fill us with joy and gladness in the Holy Ghost that, when Thou shalt render to every man according to his works, we may be found acceptable before Thee; through Him who hath redeemed us from the shame and curse of sin, even Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord.

FOR SPECIAL GIFTS AND GRACES

46

FOR PROTECTION DURING THE DAY

O LORD, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day, defend us in the same with Thy mighty power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings, being ordered by Thy governance, may be righteous in Thy sight; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord.

47

FOR PROTECTION DURING THE NIGHT

LIGHTEN OUR DARKNESS, we beseech Thee, O Lord; and by Thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of Thine only Son, our Savior Jesus Christ.

48

FOR GRACE TO USE OUR GIFTS

O LORD GOD ALMIGHTY, who dost endue Thy servants with divers and singular gifts of the Holy Ghost, leave us not, we beseech Thee, destitute of Thy manifold gifts nor yet of grace to use them always to Thine honor and glory; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord.

49

FOR GRACE TO RECEIVE THE WORD

BLESSED LORD, who hast caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that by patience and comfort of Thy holy Word we may embrace, and ever hold fast, the blessed hope of everlasting life, which Thou hast given us in our Savior Jesus Christ.

50

FOR GRACE TO BE LED INTO ALL TRUTH

ENLIGHTEN OUR MINDS, we beseech Thee, O God, by the Spirit which proceedeth from Thee, that, as Thy Son hath promised, we may be led into all truth; through the same Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord.

51

FOR SPIRITUAL RENEWAL

ALMIGHTY GOD, who hast given us Thine only-begotten Son to take our nature upon Him, grant that we, being regenerate and made Thy children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by Thy Holy Spirit; through the same Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord.

52

FOR PENITENCE

MERCIFUL FATHER, give us grace that we may never presume to sin; but if at any time we offend Thy divine majesty, may we truly repent and lament our offense and by a lively faith obtain remission of all our sins, solely through the merits of Thy Son, our Savior Jesus Christ.

53

FOR PARDON

HEAR, we beseech Thee, O Lord, the prayer of Thy suppliants and spare those who confess their sins unto Thee that Thou mayest bestow upon us both pardon and peace; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord.

54

FOR DELIVERANCE FROM SIN

WE BESEECH THEE, O Lord, in Thy clemency to show us Thine unspeakable mercy that Thou mayest both set us free from our sins and rescue us from the punishments which for our sins we deserve; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord.

55

FOR GRACE TO DO GOD'S WILL

ALMIGHTY GOD, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness and put upon ourselves the armor of light now, in the time of this mortal life, in which Thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility, that in the Last Day, when He shall come again in His glorious majesty to judge both the quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord.

56

FOR GRACE TO LOVE AND SERVE GOD

O GOD, who, through the grace of Thy Holy Spirit, dost pour the gifts of charity into the hearts of Thy faithful people, grant unto Thy servants health both of mind and body that they may love Thee with their whole strength and with their whole heart perform those things which are pleasing unto Thee; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord.

57

FOR AID AGAINST TEMPTATION

O GOD, who justifiest the ungodly and who desirest not the death of the sinner, we humbly implore Thy majesty that Thou wouldest graciously assist by Thy heavenly aid, and evermore shield with Thy protection, Thy servants who trust in Thy mercy, that they may be separated by no temptations from Thee and without ceasing may serve Thee; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord.

58

FOR FAITH

ALMIGHTY AND EVERLIVING GOD, who hast given to them that believe exceeding great and precious promises, grant us so perfectly and without all doubt to believe in Thy Son Jesus Christ that our faith in Thy sight may never be reproved. Hear us, O Lord, through the same Savior, Thy Son Jesus Christ.

59

FOR DIVINE GUIDANCE AND HELP

DIRECT US, O Lord, in all our doings with Thy most gracious favor and further us with Thy continual help, that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in Thee we may glorify Thy holy name and finally, by Thy mercy, obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

60

O ALMIGHTY AND EVERLASTING GOD, vouchsafe, we beseech Thee, to direct, sanctify, and govern both our hearts and bodies in the ways of Thy laws and in the works of Thy Commandments, that through Thy most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and in soul; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

61

FOR SPIRITUAL ILLUMINATION

GRANT, we beseech Thee, Almighty God, that the brightness of Thy glory may shine forth upon us and that the light of Thy light, by the illumination of the Holy Spirit, may stablish the hearts of all that have been born anew by Thy grace; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord.

62

FOR LIKENESS TO CHRIST

ALMIGHTY GOD, who hast given Thine only Son to be unto us both a Sacrifice for sin and also an Ensample of godly life, give us grace that we may always most thankfully receive this His inestimable benefit and also daily endeavor ourselves to follow the blessed steps of His most holy life; through the same Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord.

63

FOR A RIGHT KNOWLEDGE OF CHRIST

O ALMIGHTY GOD, whom to know is everlasting life, grant us perfectly to know Thy Son Jesus Christ to be the Way, the Truth, and the Life, that, following His steps, we may steadfastly walk in the way that leadeth to eternal life; through the same Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord.

64

FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT

O LORD GOD, heavenly Father, who by the blessed light of Thy divine Word hast led us to the knowledge of Thy Son, we most heartily beseech Thee so to replenish us with the grace of Thy Holy Spirit that we may ever walk in the light of Thy truth and, rejoicing with sure confidence in Christ, our Savior, may in the end be brought unto everlasting salvation; through the same Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord.

65

ALMIGHTY AND EVERLASTING GOD, who of Thy great mercy in Jesus Christ, Thy Son, dost grant us forgiveness of sin and all things pertaining to life and godliness, grant us, we beseech Thee, Thy Holy Spirit that He may so rule our hearts, that we, being ever mindful of Thy fatherly mercy, may strive to mortify the flesh and to overcome the world and, serving Thee in holiness and pureness of living, may give Thee continual thanks for all Thy goodness; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord.

66

FOR PURITY

ALMIGHTY GOD, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid, cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Thy Holy Spirit that we may perfectly love Thee and worthily magnify Thy holy name; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord.

67

FOR INNOCENCY OF LIFE

O GOD, whose strength is made perfect in weakness, mortify and kill all vices in us and so strengthen us by Thy grace that by the innocency of our lives and the constancy of our faith, even unto death, we may glorify Thy holy name; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord.

68

FOR LOVE TO GOD

O GOD, who makest all things to work together for good to them that love Thee, pour into our hearts such steadfast love toward Thee that the pure desires which by Thy Spirit have been stirred up in us may not be turned aside by any temptation; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord.

69

FOR CHARITY

O LORD, who hast taught us that all our doings without charity are worth nothing, send Thy Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of charity, the very bond of peace, and all virtues, without which whosoever liveth is counted dead before Thee. Grant this for Thine only Son Jesus Christ's sake.

70

FOR HUMILITY

O GOD, who resistest the proud and givest grace to the humble, grant unto us true humility, after the likeness in which Thine only Son hath revealed it in Himself, that we may never be lifted up and provoke Thy wrath, but in all lowliness be made partakers of the gifts of Thy grace; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord.

71

FOR PATIENCE

O GOD, who by the meek endurance of Thine only-begotten Son didst beat down the pride of the old Enemy, help us, we beseech Thee, rightly to treasure in our hearts what our Lord hath of His goodness borne for our sakes, that after His example we may bear with patience whatsoever things are adverse to us; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord.

72

FOR A HAPPY DEATH

CONFIRM, we beseech Thee, Almighty God, Thine unworthy servants in Thy grace that in the hour of our death the Adversary may not prevail against us but that we may be found worthy of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord.

73

FOR THE BLESSEDNESS OF HEAVEN

ALMIGHTY, EVERLASTING GOD, who didst give Thine only Son to be a High Priest of good things to come, hereafter grant unto us, Thine unworthy servants, to have our share in the company of the blessed; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord.

74

FOR PEACE

And **O** GOD, who art the Author of peace and Lover of concord, in knowledge of whom standeth our eternal life, whose service is perfect freedom, defend us, Thy humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies, that we, surely trusting in Thy defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord.

FOR AN ANSWER TO PRAYER

75

ALMIGHTY GOD, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto Thee and dost promise that, when two or three are gathered together in Thy name, Thou wilt grant their requests, fulfill now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of Thy servants as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of Thy truth and in the world to come life everlasting; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord.

76

ALMIGHTY GOD, the Fountain of all wisdom, who knowest our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking, we beseech Thee to have compassion upon our infirmities; and those things which for our unworthiness we dare not ask, and for our blindness we cannot ask, grant us for the worthiness of Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord.

77

ALMIGHTY GOD, who hast promised to hear the petitions of those who ask in Thy Son's name, we beseech Thee mercifully to incline Thine ears to us who have now made our prayers and supplications unto Thee; and grant that those things which we have faithfully asked according to Thy will may effectually be obtained to the relief of our necessity and to the setting forth of Thy glory; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord.

GENERAL PRAYERS

1

ALMIGHTY GOD, our heavenly Father, we, Thine unworthy servants, do give Thee most humble and hearty thanks for all Thy goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all men. We praise Thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life, but above all for Thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And we beseech Thee, give us that due sense of all Thy mercies that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful and that we may show forth Thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives; that, walking before Thee in holiness and righteousness all our days, we may enjoy the testimony of a good conscience and the hope of Thy favor, be sustained and comforted under the troubles of this life, and finally be received into Thine everlasting kingdom; through Thine infinite mercy in Jesus Christ, our Lord.

We offer unto Thee our common supplications for the good estate of Thy Church throughout the world, that it may be so guided and governed by Thy good Spirit that all who profess themselves Christians may be led into the way of truth and hold the faith in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace, and in righteousness of life. Send down upon all ministers of the Gospel and upon all congregations committed to their charge the healthful spirit of Thy grace, and that they may truly please Thee, pour upon them the continual dew of Thy blessing.

Most heartily we beseech Thee with Thy favor to behold
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and so to replenish them with Thy grace that they may always incline to Thy will and walk in Thy way. Prosper all good counsels and all just works that peace and happiness, truth and righteousness, religion and piety, may be established among us throughout all generations.

We humbly entreat Thee also for all sorts and conditions of men, that Thou wouldst be pleased to make Thy ways known unto them, Thy saving health unto all nations.

May it please Thee to preserve all that travel by land or water, to succor all that are in peril or need, and to satisfy the wants of all Thy creatures.

We also commend to Thy fatherly goodness all those who are in any way afflicted or distressed in mind, body, or estate, that it may please Thee to comfort and relieve them according to their several necessities, giving them patience under their sufferings and a happy issue out of all their afflictions.

Here special Supplications, Intercessions, and Prayers may be made

Hear us, most merciful God, in these our humble requests, which we offer up unto Thee in the name of Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, to whom, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end.

2

O THOU LIVING GOD, eternal Father in heaven, we give Thee hearty thanks for the multitude of Thy tender mercies and Thy loving-kindness, which have been ever of old, for creating us unto everlasting life, redeeming us through Jesus Christ from sin and destruction, and sanctifying and calling us by the Holy Spirit to the knowledge of Thy glory. O Lord, we are not worthy of the least of all the mercies and of all the truth which daily Thou showest unto us. It is of Thy mercies that we are not consumed, because Thy compassions fail not. They are new every morning; great

is Thy faithfulness. May we day by day have an increasing sense of Thy bountiful goodness and, being drawn to Thee by love, surrender and consecrate to Thee our own selves and all we possess, to the glory of Thy holy name. And as no unclean person shall stand in Thy sight, blot out our transgressions by the merits of Jesus Christ, the Righteous, and grant us Thy grace that we may not deceive ourselves and devise excuses for our sin, but, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, take up our cross and follow our Lord Jesus Christ.

Suffer not Thy Word to return unto Thee void; instruct both old and young in the truths of Thy Gospel; enlighten and sanctify the ministers of the Word; and cause all hearers to receive the Word, not with ears only, but with their hearts. Encompass with Thy perpetual mercy the whole Christian Church on earth and also this congregation; stretch forth Thy right hand and Thy holy arm, and prevent the Wicked One from disquieting Thy children by his malicious devices. May it please Thee to bless, cherish, and preserve the vine which Thy right hand hath planted, that Thy name may be glorified.

Look with favor upon all civil rulers and those under their jurisdiction; upon churches and schools, parents and children, masters and servants, that they may faithfully discharge their several duties according to Thy will. Direct by Thy Holy Spirit the hearts of all who are invested with authority * in our national and state governments,

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in our Empire and Dominion,

that they may truly and impartially administer justice, for the punishment of wickedness and vice, and for the maintenance of righteousness and order. Grant us peace, bless our daily bread, and deliver us from evil all our days.

Have mercy upon those nations that are still living in heathen

darkness, and bring them to the knowledge of Thy dear Son. O Thou, who didst not create man in vain, send faithful laborers into Thy harvest, and strengthen those whom Thou hast sent, that they may proclaim Thy truth with boldness. Let them not be ashamed of tribulations for the sake of the Gospel, but consider them an honor and precious adornment.

O faithful Father, we commend to Thy care all Thy children throughout the whole earth; and as Thou lovest Christ, the Head, even so do Thou bless and increase His members according to Thy great goodness.

Let our prayer be a sweet incense and our faith a victory, that we may go forth in Thy power and knowledge, and overcome all evil. And when Thou art pleased to try us in the furnace of affliction, comfort us again, that we may behold Thy glory and praise Thee.

O Lord, we beseech Thee, hear our prayer, and do not let our petition fail, for the sake of the perfect redemption and powerful intercession of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

THE LITANY

¶ The Litany may be used at Vespers on Sundays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, on Days of Humiliation and Prayer, and at Matins on Sundays when there is no Communion.

¶ The Responses should be sung or said by the Congregation. They may be repeated after each phrase or only at the end of each group, as here follows:

O LORD,

Have mercy upon us.

O Christ,

Have mercy upon us.

O Lord,

Have mercy upon us.

O Christ,

Hear Thou us.

O GOD the Father in heaven,

Have mercy upon us.

O God the Son, Redeemer of the world,

Have mercy upon us.

O God the Holy Ghost,

Have mercy upon us.

BE GRACIOUS unto us.

Spare us, good Lord.

Be gracious unto us.

Help us, good Lord.

FROM all sin;

From all error;

From all evil:

Good Lord, deliver us.

FROM THE CRAFTS and assaults of the devil;

From sudden and evil death;

From pestilence and famine;

From war and bloodshed;

From sedition and rebellion;

From lightning and tempest;

From all calamity by fire and water;

And from everlasting death:

Good Lord, deliver us.

BY THE MYSTERY of Thy holy incarnation;

By Thy holy nativity;

By Thy baptism, fasting, and temptation;

By Thine agony and bloody sweat;

By Thy cross and passion;

By Thy precious death and burial;

By Thy glorious resurrection and ascension;

And by the coming of the Holy Ghost, the Comforter:

Help us, good Lord.

IN ALL TIME of our tribulation;
In all time of our prosperity;
In the hour of death;
And in the day of Judgment:

Help us, good Lord.

WE POOR SINNERS do beseech Thee

To hear us, O Lord God,

AND TO RULE and govern Thy holy Christian Church;
To preserve all pastors and ministers of Thy Church in the
true knowledge and understanding of Thy Word and in
holiness of life;

To put an end to all schisms and causes of offense;

To bring into the way of truth all such as have erred and
are deceived;

To beat down Satan under our feet;

To send faithful laborers into Thy harvest;

To accompany Thy Word with Thy Spirit and grace;

To raise up them that fall and to strengthen such as do
stand;

And to comfort and help the weakhearted and the distressed:

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

TO GIVE to all nations peace and concord;
To preserve our country from discord and contention;
To give to our nation perpetual victory over all its enemies;
To direct and defend our President and all in authority;
And to bless and keep our magistrates and all our people:

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

TO BEHOLD and succor all who are in danger, necessity, and tribulation;

To protect all who travel by land or water;

To preserve all women in the perils of childbirth;

To strengthen and keep all sick persons and young children;

To set free all who are innocently imprisoned;

To defend and provide for all fatherless children and widows;

And to have mercy upon all men:

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

TO FORGIVE our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers, and to turn their hearts;

To give and preserve to our use the fruits of the earth;

And graciously to hear our prayers:

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

O LORD JESUS CHRIST, Son of God,

We beseech Thee to hear us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,

Have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,

Have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,

Grant us Thy peace.

O CHRIST,
Hear Thou us.

O Lord,
Have mercy upon us.

O Christ,
Have mercy upon us.

☩ Minister and Congregation:

Lord, have mercy upon us. Amen.

☩ Then shall the Minister, and the Congregation with him, say the Lord's Prayer, after which may be said one or more of the Litany Collects here following.

Our Father who art in heaven. Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation. But deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

LITANY COLLECTS

1

O LORD, deal not with us after our sins.

Neither reward us according to our iniquities.

ALMIGHTY GOD, our heavenly Father, who desirest not the death of a sinner, but rather that he should turn from his evil way and live, we beseech Thee graciously to turn from us those punishments which we by our sins have deserved and to grant us grace ever hereafter to serve Thee in holiness and pureness of living; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord.

2

HELP US, O God of our salvation, for the glory of Thy name.
Deliver us and purge away our sins for Thy name's sake.

ALMIGHTY AND EVERLASTING GOD, who by Thy Holy Spirit dost govern and sanctify the whole Christian Church, hear our prayers for all members of the same and mercifully grant that by Thy grace they may serve Thee in true faith; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord.

3

O LORD, deal not with us after our sins.
Neither reward us according to our iniquities.

O GOD, merciful Father, who despisest not the sighing of a contrite heart nor the desire of such as are sorrowful, mercifully assist our prayers which we make before Thee in all our troubles and adversities whensoever they oppress us, and graciously hear us that those evils which the craft and subtlety of the devil or man worketh against us may by Thy good providence be brought to naught, that we, Thy servants, being hurt by no persecutions, may evermore give thanks unto Thee in Thy holy Church; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord.

4

O LORD, enter not into judgment with Thy servant.
For in Thy sight shall no man living be justified.

ALMIGHTY GOD, who knowest us to be set in the midst of so many and great dangers that by reason of the frailty of our nature we cannot always stand upright, grant us such strength and protection as may support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord.

5

CALL UPON ME in the day of trouble.
I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify Me.

SPARE US, O Lord, and mercifully forgive us our sins, and though by our continual transgressions we have merited Thy punishments, be gracious unto us and grant that all those evils which we have deserved may be turned from us and overruled to our everlasting good; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord.

6

FOR PEACE

THE LORD will give strength unto His people.
The Lord will bless His people with peace.

O GOD, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed, give unto Thy servants that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Thy Commandments, and also that we, being defended by Thee from the fear of our enemies, may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ, our Savior.

THE SUFFRAGES

☪ The Suffrages may be used at Matins or Vespers in the same manner as the Litany.

O LORD,

Have mercy upon us.

O Christ,

Have mercy upon us.

O Lord,

Have mercy upon us.

OUR FATHER who art in heaven. Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation.

But deliver us from evil.

I SAID, O Lord, be merciful unto me;

Heal my soul; for I have sinned against Thee.

Return, O Lord, how long?

And let it repent Thee concerning Thy servants.

Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us,

According as we hope in Thee.

Let Thy priests be clothed with righteousness,
And let Thy saints shout for joy.

O Lord, save our rulers;
Let the King hear us when we call.

Save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance;
Feed them also and lift them up forever.

Remember Thy congregation,
Which Thou hast purchased of old.

Peace be within thy walls
And prosperity within thy palaces.

LET US PRAY for our absent brethren.

O Thou, our God, save Thy servants that trust in Thee.

Let us pray for the brokenhearted and the captives.
Redeem Israel, O God, out of all his troubles.

Send them help from the Sanctuary
And strengthen them out of Zion.

Hear my prayer, O Lord;
And let my cry come unto Thee.

☉ Then may be said responsively, by the Minister and Congregation,
 the Psalm De Profundis at Matins, and at Vespers the Psalm Miserere Mei.

PS. 130. DE PROFUNDIS

OUT OF THE DEPTHS have I cried:

Unto Thee, O Lord.

Lord, hear my voice:

Let Thine ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications.

If Thou, Lord, shouldest mark iniquities:
O Lord, who shall stand?

But there is forgiveness with Thee:
That Thou mayest be feared.

I wait for the Lord, my soul doth wait:
And in His Word do I hope.

My soul waiteth for the Lord more than they that watch
 for the morning:
I say, more than they that watch for the morning.

Let Israel hope in the Lord:
For with the Lord there is mercy, and with Him is plenteous redemption.

And He shall redeem Israel:
From all his iniquities.

GLORY BE to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost:
*As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without
 end. Amen.*

¶ Or at Vespers

PS. 51. MISERERE MEI

HAVE MERCY upon me, O God, according to Thy loving-
 kindness:

*According unto the multitude of Thy tender mercies, blot out my trans-
 gressions.*

Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity:
And cleanse me from my sin.

For I acknowledge my transgressions:

And my sin is ever before me.

Against Thee, Thee only, have I sinned and done this evil
in Thy sight:

*That Thou mightest be justified when Thou speakest and be clear when
Thou judgest.*

Behold, I was shapen in iniquity:

And in sin did my mother conceive me.

Behold, Thou desirest truth in the inward parts:

And in the hidden part shalt Thou make me to know wisdom.

Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean:

Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

Make me to hear joy and gladness:

That the bones which Thou hast broken may rejoice.

Hide Thy face from my sins:

And blot out all mine iniquities.

Create in me a clean heart, O God:

And renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from Thy presence:

And take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.

Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation:

And uphold me with Thy free Spirit.

Then will I teach transgressors Thy ways:

And sinners shall be converted unto Thee.

Deliver me from blood guiltiness, O God, Thou God of my salvation:

And my tongue shall sing aloud of Thy righteousness.

O Lord, open Thou my lips:

And my mouth shall show forth Thy praise.

For Thou desirest not sacrifice, else would I give it:

Thou delightest not in burnt offering.

The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit:

A broken and a contrite heart, O God, Thou wilt not despise.

Do good in Thy good pleasure unto Zion:

Build Thou the walls of Jerusalem.

Then shalt Thou be pleased with the sacrifices of righteousness, with burnt offering and whole burnt offering:

Then shall they offer bullocks upon Thine altar.

GLORY BE to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost:

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

¶ Then shall be said:

TURN US AGAIN, O God of hosts,

Cause Thy face to shine, and we shall be saved.

Arise, O Christ, for our help

And redeem us for Thy mercy's sake.

Hear my prayer, O Lord,

And let my cry come unto Thee.

THE LORD be with you.
And with thy spirit.

LET us pray.

☩ Then may the Minister say a Collect for the Season and any other suitable Collects, and after that may be said this Collect for Peace:

GIVE PEACE in our days, O Lord:

Because there is none other that fighteth for us except Thou, our God.

O Lord, let there be peace in Thy strength:

And abundance in Thy towers.

LET us pray:

O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed, give unto Thy servants that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Thy Commandments, and also that we, being defended by Thee from the fear of our enemies, may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

☩ Then may be said or chanted the

BENEDICAMUS

BLESS we the Lord:

Thanks be to God.

THE MORNING SUFFRAGES

☩ To be said at Matins or at the Morning Prayer of the Household.

O LORD,
Have mercy upon us.

O Christ,
Have mercy upon us.

O Lord,
Have mercy upon us.

☩ Then shall all say:

Our Father who art in heaven. Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation. But deliver us from evil. Amen.

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary; Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; The holy Christian Church, the communion of saints; The forgiveness of sins; The resurrection of the body; And the life everlasting. Amen.

UNTO THEE have I cried, O Lord:

And in the morning shall my prayer prevent Thee.

Let my mouth be filled with Thy praise:

And with Thy honor all the day.

O Lord, hide Thy face from my sins:

And blot out all mine iniquities.

CREATE IN ME, O God, a clean heart:

And renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from Thy presence:

And take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.

Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation:

And uphold me with Thy free Spirit.

VOUCHSAFE, O Lord, this day:

To keep us without sin.

Have mercy upon us, O Lord:

Have mercy upon us.

O Lord, let Thy mercy be upon us:

As our trust is in Thee.

Hear my prayer, O Lord:

And let my cry come unto Thee.

THE LORD be with you:

And with thy spirit.

LET us pray.

¶ Then shall be said the Prayer here following or No. 46 or No. 60 of the Collects or any other suitable Prayer.

WE GIVE THANKS unto Thee, heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Thy dear Son, that Thou hast kept us this night from all harm and danger; and we pray Thee that Thou wouldst keep us this day also from sin and every evil, that all our doings and life may please Thee. For into Thy hands we commend ourselves, our bodies and souls and all things. Let Thy holy angel be with us that the wicked Foe may have no power over us.

Amen.

¶ Then may be said or chanted the

BENEDICAMUS

BLESS we the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE EVENING SUFFRAGES

☩ To be used at Vespers or at the Evening Prayer of the Household.

O LORD,

Have mercy upon us.

O Christ,

Have mercy upon us.

O Lord,

Have mercy upon us.

☩ Then shall all say:

Our Father who art in heaven. Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation. But deliver us from evil. Amen.

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary; Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; The holy Christian Church, the communion of saints; The forgiveness of sins; The resurrection of the body; And the life everlasting. Amen.

BLESSED ART THOU, O Lord God of our fathers:

And greatly to be praised and glorified forever.

Bless we the Father and the Son and the Holy Ghost:

We praise and magnify Him forever.

Blessed art Thou, O Lord, in the firmament of heaven:

And greatly to be praised and glorified and highly exalted forever.

The almighty and merciful Lord bless and preserve us.

Amen.

VOUCHSAFE, O Lord, this night:

To keep us without sin.

O Lord, have mercy upon us:

Have mercy upon us.

O Lord, let Thy mercy be upon us:

As our trust is in Thee.

Hear my prayer, O Lord:

And let my cry come unto Thee.

THE LORD be with you:

And with thy spirit.

LET us pray.

Then shall be said the Prayer here following or No. 47 of the Collects or any other suitable Prayer.

WE THANK THEE, heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Thy dear Son, that Thou hast kept us this day; and we pray Thee that Thou wouldst graciously forgive us all our sins where we have done wrong, and graciously keep us this night. For into Thy hands we commend ourselves, our bodies and souls, and all things. Let Thy holy angel be with us that the wicked Foe may have no power over us.

Amen.

Then may be said or chanted the

BENEDICAMUS

BLESS we the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE BIDDING PRAYER

By ancient usage this prayer was specially appointed for Good Friday

BRETHREN, let us pray for the whole *Christian Church*, that our Lord God would vouchsafe to defend it against all the assaults and temptations of the Adversary and to keep it perpetually upon the true foundation, Jesus Christ:

Almighty and everlasting God, who hast revealed Thy glory to all nations in Jesus Christ and the Word of His truth, keep, we beseech Thee, in safety the works of Thy mercy that so Thy Church, spread throughout all nations, may serve Thee in true faith and persevere in the confession of Thy name; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

LET US PRAY for the *Ministers* of the Word, for all *Estates* of men in the Church, and for all the *People of God*:

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified, receive the supplications and prayers which we offer before Thee for all Estates of men in Thy holy Church, that every member of the same, in his vocation and ministry, may truly and godly serve Thee; through Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

LET US PRAY for our *Catechumens*, that our Lord God would open their hearts and the door of His mercy, that, having received the remission of all their sins by the washing of regeneration, they may be mindful of their baptismal covenant and evermore be found in Christ Jesus, our Lord:

Almighty and everlasting God, who dost always multiply Thy Church and with Thy light and grace dost strengthen the hearts of those whom Thou hast regenerated, confirming unto them Thy covenant and faithfulness, grant unto our Catechumens increase both of faith and knowledge that they may rejoice in their Baptism and really and heartily renew their covenant with Thee.

Amen.

LET US PRAY for *All in Authority*, and especially for the Government * of the United States,

* For Use
in the
British Empire { of the British Empire,

that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty:

O merciful Father in heaven, who holdest in Thy hand all the might of man and who hast ordained the powers that be for the punishment of evildoers and for the praise of them that do well, and of whom is all rule and authority in the kingdoms of the world, we humbly beseech Thee, graciously regard Thy servants, * the President of the United States,

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British Empire { Her Majesty the Queen of the British Commonwealth and the Parliaments in the Empire,

the Governor of this Commonwealth, our judges and magistrates, and all the rulers of the earth, that all who receive the sword as Thy ministers may bear it according to Thy Commandment; through Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

LET US PRAY our Lord God Almighty that He would deliver the world from all *error*, take away *disease*, ward off *famine*, open the *prisons*, set free *those in bondage*, grant a safe return to the *wayfarers*, health to the *sick*, and to our *mariners* a harbor of security:

Almighty and everlasting God, the Consolation of the sorrowful and the Strength of the weak, may the prayers of them that in any tribulation or distress cry unto Thee graciously come before Thee, so that in all their necessities they may mark and receive Thy manifold help and comfort; through Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

Here may be offered prayers for schismatics, Jews, and heathen. See Collects 19—24

LET US PRAY for *peace*, that we may come to the knowledge of God's holy Word and walk before Him as becometh Christians:

Almighty and everlasting God, King of Glory, and Lord of heaven and earth, by whose Spirit all things are governed, by whose providence all things are ordered, who art the God of peace and the Author of all concord, grant us, we beseech Thee, Thy heavenly peace and concord that we may serve Thee in true fear, to the praise and glory of Thy name; through Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

LET US PRAY for our *enemies*, that God would remember them in mercy and graciously vouchsafe unto them such things as are both needful for them and profitable unto their salvation:

O almighty, everlasting God, who through Thine only Son, our blessed Lord, hast commanded us to love our enemies, to do

good to them that hate us, and to pray for them that persecute us, we earnestly beseech Thee that by Thy gracious visitation all our enemies may be led to true repentance and may have the same love and be of one accord and of one mind and heart with us and with Thy whole Christian Church; through Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

LET US PRAY for the *fruits of the earth*, that God would send down His blessing upon them and graciously dispose our hearts to enjoy them in submission to His holy will:

O Lord, Father Almighty, who by Thy Word hast created, and dost bless and uphold, all things, we pray Thee so to reveal unto us Thy Word, our Lord Jesus Christ, that, He dwelling in our hearts, we may by Thy grace be made meet to receive Thy blessing on all the fruits of the earth and whatsoever pertains to our bodily need; through Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

FINALLY, let us pray for *all those things for which our Lord would have us ask*, saying:

Our Father who art in heaven. Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation. But deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever.

Amen.

A BIDDING PRAYER FOR THE TIME OF WAR

LET US CONFESS our sins to Almighty God:

O almighty God, merciful Father, in all humility we confess our sins before Thee. We do earnestly repent and are heartily sorry for all our offenses. Have mercy upon us, we beseech Thee, and turn not Thy countenance from us. According to the multitude of Thy tender mercies blot out our transgressions. Wash us thoroughly from our iniquity and cleanse us from our sins; enable us by Thy Holy Spirit to serve Thee with a better life; through the merits and mediation of Thy Son Jesus Christ, our Lord.

LET US PRAY for all in authority:

Almighty and everlasting God, we beseech Thee graciously to regard * the President of the United States, his counselors,

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British Empire { our Sovereign, her counselors,

and all others to whom Thou hast committed the government of our nation; guide them by Thy Holy Spirit in these trying times. Grant that they may be high in purpose, wise in counsel, unwavering in duty. Touch their hearts with the keen and mighty sword of Thy Word, that, fostering what is right and following what is true, they may obey Thy holy will, uphold the honor of our nation, secure the protection of our people, and fulfill Thy divine purpose; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

LET US PRAY for all those in the armed service of our nation:

O Lord God Almighty, whose arm is powerful to defend and protect all that put their trust in Thee, we commend to Thy fatherly care the men who are bearing arms in the defense of our country at home and abroad. We pray Thee, keep them under the shadow of Thy wings; be Thou their Strength in all danger, in distress, and in temptations. Give them courage, boldness, and faithfulness in the performance of their duty. In life and death may they put their trust in Thee, who art the only Giver of victory; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

LET US PRAY for the sick, the imprisoned, the wounded, the dying, whether our own or of the enemy, and for all who minister to them:

O Father of mercies and God of all comfort, a very present Help in trouble, we humbly beseech Thee on behalf of the sick, the prisoners of war, the wounded, and the dying. Look upon each one of them with the eyes of Thy mercy; comfort each one in his sufferings with a sense of Thy goodness and with the assurance of the forgiveness of his sins; grant him strength in spirit and in body, according to his need; give him patience in his affliction; and in Thy redeeming love have mercy on him in the hour of death. As Thy Son did bear our sicknesses and sorrows, for His sake deal compassionately with all Thy servants. Uphold with Thy grace and power all those who are ministering to the sick and wounded, the imprisoned, and the dying; fill the hearts of Thy ministers of the Gospel with a deep devotion and love; grant to the physicians and surgeons wisdom and skill and to the nurses sympathy and patience; protect them and bless them in all dangers, anxieties, and labors. All this we ask through the merits and mediation of Thy Son Jesus Christ, our Lord.

LET US PRAY for all who are anxious and troubled:

Almighty and most merciful God, the Consolation of the troubled and the Hope of all who cast their cares on Thee, may the hearts that cry unto Thee in their anxiety, distress, and tribulation find rest in Thy grace and mercy, knowing that all things must work together for good to them that love Thee. Grant unto us all that peace which passeth understanding, so that with a quiet mind we may view the storms and troubles of life, the cloud and the thick darkness, ever rejoicing to know that the darkness and the light are both alike to Thee; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

LET US PRAY for those engaged in warfare against us:

O Lord God Almighty, Ruler and Governor of all things, who stillest the roarings of the deep and the unrest of nations, who makest wars to cease unto the end of the earth, breakest the bow, cuttest the spear in sunder, and burnest the chariot in the fire, protect Thy Church and all the members of the household of faith wherever they may be. Scatter the counsel of them that devise mischief against our nation, cause their plans to be confounded, and bring their dealings to naught. Disperse the people that love war; cast down the unjust from high places; put down all envious and malicious passions, so that peace may again prevail and the arts of peace flourish, that the whole world may have rest before Thee, and that all nations may freely serve Thee; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

LET US PRAY that a just peace may follow the present conflict and that the work of the Church may go forward:

Lord God, heavenly Father, who art the very God of peace, abate the pride, check the malice, and confound the devices of all who are not lovers of peace. Arise and with Thy good right

hand help all the oppressed and miserable of the earth. Grant grace that the dissensions and bitternesses that now prevail may finally be put aside, and set thereon the seal of permanence and of blessing that Thy Word may again have free course everywhere and that the vineyard which Thou hast planted among the nations may flourish. Give peace in our time, O God; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

LET US PRAY unto God for future mercies:

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, as we look to Thee for future mercies, we offer Thee our praise and thanksgiving for Thy goodness and loving-kindness toward us in the past: for the many favors showered upon our land, for the freedoms we have so long enjoyed, for the present unity among our people in this time of national danger, for the courage and loyalty of our men in the armed service of our country, and for many other unmerited blessings. We thank Thee above all for Thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And we beseech Thee that we, and all those for whom we have now made our common supplications, may serve Thee in true faith and walk before Thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of our life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

OUR FATHER who art in heaven. Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation. But deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

CANTICLES

BENEDICITE OMNIA OPERA

(The Song of the Three Children)

O ALL YE WORKS of the Lord, bless ye the Lord: praise Him and magnify Him forever.

O ye angels of the Lord, bless ye the Lord: O ye heavens, bless ye the Lord.

O ye waters that are above the firmament, bless ye the Lord: O ye powers of the Lord, bless ye the Lord.

O ye sun and moon, bless ye the Lord: O ye stars of heaven, bless ye the Lord.

O ye showers and dew, bless ye the Lord: O ye winds of God, bless ye the Lord.

O ye fire and heat, bless ye the Lord: O ye winter and summer, bless ye the Lord.

O ye dews and frost, bless ye the Lord: O ye frost and cold, bless ye the Lord.

O ye ice and snow, bless ye the Lord: O ye nights and days, bless ye the Lord.

O ye light and darkness, bless ye the Lord: O ye lightnings and clouds, bless ye the Lord.

Oh, let the earth bless the Lord: yea, let it praise Him and magnify Him forever.

O ye mountains and hills, bless ye the Lord: O all ye green things upon the earth, bless ye the Lord.

O ye wells, bless ye the Lord: O ye seas and floods, bless ye the Lord.

O ye whales and all that move in the waters, bless ye the Lord: O all ye fowls of the air, bless ye the Lord.

O all ye beasts and cattle, bless ye the Lord: O ye children of men, bless ye the Lord.

Oh, let Israel bless the Lord: praise Him and magnify Him forever.

O ye priests of the Lord, bless ye the Lord: O ye servants of the Lord, bless ye the Lord.

O ye spirits and souls of the righteous, bless ye the Lord: O ye holy and humble men of heart, bless ye the Lord.

Bless we the Father and the Son and the Holy Ghost: let us praise Him and magnify Him forever.

CONFITEBOR TIBI

O LORD, I will praise Thee: though Thou wast angry with me, Thine anger is turned away, and Thou comfortedst me.

Behold, God is my Salvation: I will trust and not be afraid.

For the Lord Jehovah is my Strength and my Song: He also is become my Salvation.

Therefore with joy shall ye draw water: out of the wells of salvation.

Praise the Lord, call upon His name, declare His doings among the people: make mention that His name is exalted.

Sing unto the Lord, for He hath done excellent things: this is known in all the earth.

Cry out and shout, thou inhabitant of Zion: for great is the Holy One of Israel in the midst of Thee.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end.

EXULTAVIT COR MEUM

MY HEART rejoiceth in the Lord: mine horn is exalted in the Lord.

My mouth is enlarged over mine enemies: because I rejoice in Thy salvation.

There is none holy as the Lord, for there is none beside Thee: neither is there any Rock like our God.

Talk no more so exceedingly proudly: let not arrogancy come out of your mouth.

For the Lord is a God of knowledge: and by Him actions are weighed.

The bows of the mighty men are broken: and they that stumbled are girded with strength.

The Lord killeth and maketh alive: He bringeth down to the grave and bringeth up.

The Lord maketh poor and maketh rich: He bringeth low and lifteth up.

He raiseth up the poor out of the dust and lifteth up the beggar from the dunghill: to set them among princes and to make them inherit the throne of glory.

For the pillars of the earth are the Lord's: and He hath set the world upon them.

He will keep the feet of His saints, and the wicked shall be silent in darkness: for by strength shall no man prevail.

The adversaries of the Lord shall be broken to pieces: out of heaven shall He thunder upon them.

The Lord shall judge the ends of the earth: and He shall give strength unto His King and exalt the horn of His Anointed.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end.

CANTEMUS DOMINO

I WILL SING unto the Lord, for He hath triumphed gloriously: the horse and his rider hath He thrown into the sea.

The Lord is my Strength and Song: and He is become my Salvation.

He is my God, and I will prepare Him an habitation: my father's God, and I will exalt Him.

Thy right hand, O Lord, is become glorious in power: Thy right hand, O Lord, hath dashed in pieces the enemy.

Who is like unto Thee, O Lord, among the gods?: who is like Thee, glorious in holiness, fearful in praises, doing wonders?

Thou in mercy hast led forth the people which Thou hast redeemed: Thou hast guided them in Thy strength unto Thy holy habitation.

Thou shalt bring them in and plant them in the mountain of Thine inheritance: in the place, O Lord, which Thou hast made for Thee to dwell in, in the Sanctuary, O Lord, which Thy hands have established.

The Lord shall reign: forever and ever.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end.

DOMINE, AUDIVI

O LORD, I have heard Thy speech and was afraid: O Lord, revive Thy work in the midst of the years.

In the midst of the years make known: in wrath remember mercy.

God came from Teman: and the Holy One from Mount Paran.

His glory covered the heavens: and the earth was full of His praise.

His brightness was as the light; He had horns coming out of His hand: and there was the hiding of His power.

Before Him went the pestilence: and burning coals went forth at His feet.

He stood and measured the earth: He beheld and drove asunder the nations.

And the everlasting mountains were scattered, the perpetual hills did bow: His ways are everlasting.

Thou wentest forth for the salvation of Thy people: even for salvation with Thine Anointed.

Thou woundedst the head out of the house of the wicked: by discovering the foundation unto the neck.

I will rejoice in the Lord: I will joy in the God of my salvation.

The Lord is my Strength: and He will make me to walk upon mine high places.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end.

AUDITE, COELI

GIVE EAR, O ye heavens, and I will speak: and hear, O earth, the words of my mouth.

My doctrine shall drop as the rain, my speech shall distill as the dew: as the small rain upon the tender herb and as the showers upon the grass.

Because I will publish the name of the Lord: ascribe ye greatness unto our God.

He is the Rock, His work is perfect: for all His ways are judgment.

A God of truth and without iniquity: just and right is He.

The Lord's portion is His people: Jacob is the lot of His inheritance.

For the Lord shall judge His people and repent Himself for His servants: when He seeth that their power is gone and there is none shut up or left.

And He shall say, I lift up My hand to heaven: and say, I live forever.

Rejoice, O ye nations, with His people: for He will avenge the blood of His servants.

He will render vengeance to His adversaries: and will be merciful unto His land and to His people.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end.

EGO DIXI

I SAID in the cutting off of my days, I shall go to the gates of the grave: I am deprived of the residue of my years.

I said, I shall not see the Lord, even the Lord, in the land of the living: I shall behold man no more with the inhabitants of the world.

Mine age is departed and is removed from me as a shepherd's tent: I have cut off like a weaver my life; from day even to night wilt Thou make an end of me.

I reckoned till morning that, as a lion, so will He break all my bones: from day even to night wilt Thou make an end of me.

Like a crane or a swallow, so did I chatter; I did mourn as a dove: mine eyes fail with looking upward. O Lord, I am oppressed; undertake for me.

What shall I say? He hath both spoken unto me and Himself hath done it: I shall go softly all my years in the bitterness of my soul.

O Lord, by these things men live, and in all these things is the life of my spirit: so wilt Thou recover me and make me to live.

Behold, for peace I had great bitterness, but Thou hast in love to my soul delivered it from the pit of corruption: for Thou hast cast all my sins behind Thy back.

For the grave cannot praise Thee, death cannot celebrate Thee: they that go down into the pit cannot hope for Thy truth.

The living, the living, he shall praise Thee, as I do this day: the father to the children shall make known Thy truth.

The Lord was ready to save me: therefore we will sing my songs to the stringed instruments all the days of our life in the house of the Lord.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end.

BEATI PAUPERES

(The Beatitudes)

BLESSED ARE THE POOR in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.

Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.

Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are ye when men shall revile you and persecute you and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely for My sake: rejoice and be exceeding glad, for great is your reward in heaven.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end.

DIGNUS EST AGNUS

WORTHY IS THE LAMB that was slain to receive power and riches and wisdom: and strength and honor and glory and blessing.

Blessing and honor and glory and power be unto Him that sitteth upon the throne: and unto the Lamb forever and ever.

Great and marvelous are Thy works, Lord God Almighty: just and true are Thy ways, Thou King of saints.

Who shall not fear Thee, O Lord, and glorify Thy name?: for Thou only art holy.

Praise our God, all ye His servants: and ye that fear Him, both small and great.

Alleluia! for the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth: Alleluia, Alleluia! Amen.

SPECIAL INTERCESSIONS AND THANKSGIVINGS
FOR THE COMMUNICANTS

LET US PRAY for our communicants:

Lord Jesus, who callest unto Thee all that labor and are heavy laden, to refresh them and to give rest unto their souls, we pray Thee, let these guests experience Thy love at the heavenly feast which Thou hast prepared for Thy children on earth. Keep them from impenitence and unbelief, that no one may partake of this holy Sacrament to his damnation. Take off from them the spotted garment of the flesh and of their own righteousness, and adorn them with the garment of the righteousness purchased with Thy blood. Strengthen their faith, increase their love and hope, and after this life grant them a place at Thy heavenly table, where they shall eat of the eternal manna and drink of the river of Thy pleasure forevermore. Hear us for Thine own sake.

FOR A WOMAN AFTER CHILDBIRTH

A PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING has been requested for ———, the wife of ———, whom the Lord hath on ——— blessed with the gift of a child (twins, etc.).

Blessed art Thou, O God, that Thou hast graciously sustained this mother in her peril and pain, and gladdened her heart with the gift of a child (children). And we pray Thee, keep both mother and child (children) in Thy protection, give them strength and health, and avert whatever might prove hurtful to them in body or soul. And as Thou wilt be (hast been) pleased to receive the child (children) into the kingdom of Thy grace by the washing of Holy Baptism, grant unto it (them) Thy continual blessing; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

FOR PARENTS OF A STILLBORN CHILD

LET US PRAY for our brother, —, and his wife, —, whose hearts have been grieved by the birth of a stillborn child:

O Lord, Thou art unsearchable, and Thy ways are often dark and past finding out. Thou sayest: What I do, thou knowest not now, but thou shalt know hereafter. Thou hast turned the joyful hopes of these parents into sadness. In reverent humility we bow before the dispensations of Thy providence. Thou art the Lord; do what seemeth good to Thee. We pray Thee, hasten the recovery of the mother, and comfort these parents in the hours of sorrow with Thy quickening Word; for the sake of Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord.

FOR THE CHURCHING OF WOMEN

LET US PRAY for —, the wife of —, who this day appears in the house of God to give thanks for her delivery:

Gracious God, we praise Thee for the great mercy which Thou hast shown to this mother and her child (children), and we humbly beseech Thee to keep them always in Thy fatherly care. Hear, O Lord, the supplications of the mother, and compass her with Thy favor as with a shield. Grant that the child (children) may be brought up to love and fear Thee, to Thine honor and to the joy of all true believers. We ask this in Jesus' name.

FOR THE CATECHUMENS

LET US PRAY for our catechumens, that they may be thoroughly grounded in the knowledge of the saving truth:

O Lord, our heavenly Father, who in Holy Baptism didst begin Thy good work in these catechumens and hast given Thy blessing to their training, that, being instructed in the Word of

Truth, they now look forward to their confirmation and to communing at Thy Table, we beseech Thee, cause the last days of their catechetical instruction to abound in blessings for their hearts and minds, that in the power of Thy Holy Spirit they may confess their faith with joy and boldness and praise and glorify Thee as their faithful God and Lord, for the sake of Jesus Christ, Thy dear Son, our Savior.

FOR PERSONS BETROTHED

LET US PRAY for —— and ——, who desire to enter the estate of matrimony. (Or: I publish the banns of marriage between N. of —— and N. of ——.) If anyone can show just cause why they may not be joined together, let him now speak or ever after hold his peace. (This is the *first* time of asking.) Let us pray:

O Lord, bless, and it shall be blessed forever. We beseech Thee, grant unto these betrothed persons the rich blessings of Thy fatherly hand. Make them pure in heart, and give them grace to love and fear Thee, that they may together walk in the ways of Thy holy Word and receive Thy gifts with thanksgiving. Above all, enable them to attain the prize of their high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

Or:

Everlasting and living God, the estate of matrimony ordained by Thee is a holy estate and is to be kept holy by us. We therefore pray Thee, anoint these betrothed persons with Thy Spirit, that they may enter into this estate in Thy name, continue in it to Thine honor and their own welfare, and conclude it, with Thy help, in joy and bliss. Even in life and death be Thou their God, for the sake of Jesus Christ, their Savior.

Or:

O most holy God, who art the Author of the marriage covenant and desirest us to keep it holy, we beseech Thee, behold with favor these Thy servants who intend to have their union sanctified by Thy Word. Do Thou consecrate and sanctify them, O God, that they may begin their wedded life with Thee; and grant them grace ever to remember with gladness that Thou hast united them. Enter into their hearts with Thy fear and into their home with Thy blessing. Hear us for Jesus' sake.

FOR THE SICK

LET US PRAY for our brother (sister) ——— for whom, in *his* sickness, our intercession is desired:

O Lord, Thou great Physician of soul and body, Thou dost chasten, and Thou dost heal. We beseech Thee mercifully to regard Thy servant. We pray Thee spare ^{her} *his* life, and restore ^{her} *his* strength. O Thou, who didst give Thy Son to bear our infirmities and sicknesses, deal compassionately with Thy servant, and visit ^{her} *him* with Thy virtue and power. Into Thy hands we commit ^{her} *him*; unto Thy gracious mercy and protection we commend ^{her} *him* as unto a faithful and merciful God, for Jesus' sake.

Or:

O Father of mercies and God of all comfort, our only Help in time of need, look down from heaven, we humbly beseech Thee, behold, visit, and relieve Thy servant, for whom our prayers are desired. Look upon *him* with the eyes of Thy mercy, comfort *him* with a sense of Thy goodness, preserve *him* from the temptations of the enemy, give *him* patience under *his* affliction. If it please Thee, restore *him* to health, or give *him* grace so to receive Thy visitation, that, after this life is ended, *he* may dwell with Thee in life everlasting; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

FOR A SICK CHILD

O ALMIGHTY GOD, our Father in heaven, have pity upon the young child, [N.], now lying upon the bed of sickness. Spare the life which Thou hast given, and relieve the pains of the helpless; direct the ministry of healing for *his* recovery, and revive *his* spirit, that the frailty of the body may pass away; renew *his* strength both inwardly and outwardly, and grant unto *him* many years on earth, to serve Thee faithfully by doing good in *his* generation. Nevertheless, O Father, whatsoever Thy will be concerning this child, we know that *he* is in Thy keeping, and we pray that *his* soul may be Thine forever and ever, in Jesus Christ, our Lord.

AL MIGHTY GOD AND MERCIFUL FATHER, to whom alone belong the issues of life and death, look down from heaven, we humbly beseech Thee, with the eyes of Thy mercy upon the sick child for whom our prayers are desired. Deliver *him*, O Lord, in Thy good, appointed time, from *his* bodily pain, and visit *him* with Thy salvation, that, if it should be Thy good pleasure to prolong *his* days here on earth, *he* may live to Thee and be an instrument of Thy glory by serving Thee faithfully and doing good in *his* generation. Or else receive *him* into those heavenly habitations where the souls of those who sleep in the Lord Jesus enjoy eternal rest and happiness. Grant this, O Lord, for the love of Thy Son, our Savior Jesus Christ.

AFTER RECOVERY OF A SICK CHILD

AL MIGHTY GOD, heavenly Father, we give Thee hearty thanks that it hath pleased Thee to deliver this child from sickness and pain and to restore it to a measure of bodily health. We beseech Thee, keep it henceforth in Thy grace and mercy, strengthen it in soul and body, that, after the example of the Child Jesus, it may wax strong and grow and increase in favor with Thee and all men, to the praise and glory of Thy holy name.

AFTER RECOVERY OF A SICK PERSON

LET US PRAY for our brother (sister) ———, who by the grace of God has been restored to health:

O God, who art the Giver of life, of health, and of safety, we bless Thy name that it hath pleased Thee to deliver Thy servant from *his* bodily sickness. Gracious art Thou, O Lord, and full of compassion. May *his* heart be daily impressed with a sense of Thy merciful goodness, and may *he* devote the rest of *his* days to a humble, holy, and obedient life before Thee; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

FOR ONE WHO IS NEAR DEATH

ETERNAL GOD, to whom belong the issues of life and death, we implore Thy mercy for Thy servant, whose time of departure seemeth near at hand. With Thee there is nothing impossible, and Thou canst even yet raise *him* up and prolong *his* earthly pilgrimage, if it be Thy will; but if not, O God, be gracious unto *him*, and prepare *him* to yield *his* soul unto Thee. Give *him* sincere repentance, true faith, abundant forgiveness, and a heavenly hope; suffer *him* not, in the last hour, for any pain or fear of death, to fall away from Thee, but let Thine everlasting arms be underneath *him*, and grant *him* a peaceful departure and a happy entrance into eternal rest; through the merits and intercession of Jesus Christ, our Savior.

AT THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF A DEATH

IT HATH PLEASSED Almighty God to summon out of this vale of tears to our eternal home the soul of ———, who departed this life on the ———, at the age of ———; his (her) mortal remains will be (have been) committed to the ground ———, the service being (having been) held at ———. Let us pray:

FOR AN ADULT

O Lord God, Thou Lord of life and death, who turnest man to destruction and sayest, Return, ye children of men, we give Thee thanks for all the mercies which during *his* life Thou didst bestow upon this our beloved *brother* now fallen asleep; and especially do we bless Thee for having brought *him* to the knowledge of Thy dear Son Jesus Christ. We pray Thee, comfort the survivors with Thine everlasting comfort, and cheer them with the sweet hope of a blessed reunion in heaven. Grant to the lifeless body rest in the bosom of the earth and hereafter, together with us all, a joyful resurrection to life everlasting. Teach us all to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom and finally be saved; through Jesus Christ, Thy beloved Son, our Lord and Savior.

FOR A YOUNG CHILD

O Thou living and everlasting God, who turnest man to destruction and sayest, Return, ye children of men, we thank Thee for all the mercies which, during *his* short life upon earth, Thou hast shown unto this child now taken into Thine everlasting rest. We pray Thee, grant *his* body sweet sleep in the grave, but on the Last Day awaken *him* to appear with joy before Thy presence. Cause *his* parents to know Thy will, that they may be comforted and that the wounds which Thou hast inflicted may be healed. Let them call to mind the power of Holy Baptism, by which their beloved child is now delivered from sin and from the perils and miseries of this present world, and has been received among Thy saints perfected. And we, who still live in the body, beseech Thee to strengthen and keep us in Thy grace, that, when our last hour shall come, we may depart in peace; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord and Savior.

AT A SUDDEN DEATH

O Lord God, Thou Lord of life and death, who turnest man to destruction and sayest, Return, ye children of men, we humbly give Thee thanks for all the benefits of body and soul which during *his* life Thou hast bestowed upon the deceased, who hath been so suddenly called away. We pray Thee, comfort all the survivors, who mourn *his* death, and awaken in us all sincere repentance and true faith, that we may ever be ready when Thy summons comes, and that in the hour of our departure we may commit our souls and bodies into Thy hands, fall asleep with joy unto eternal life, and finally rise again on the Last Day in bliss and glory; through Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Redeemer.

AT THE BURIAL OF A SUICIDE

When the circumstances are such as to make it possible for a Christian minister to officiate

MERCIFUL GOD AND FATHER, how unsearchable are Thy judgments, and Thy ways past finding out. We are troubled, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; cast down, but not destroyed. Thou, O Lord, knowest our frame; Thou rememberest that we are but dust. The foolish things of this world and the weak and the base things which are despised hast Thou chosen; that no flesh may glory in Thy sight. Thy strength is made perfect in weakness, and Thy grace in Christ Jesus is sufficient unto us. We pray Thee, grant us grace to make diligent use of Thy Word and Sacrament that we may have the needful strength to resist the wiles of the evil Foe, who seeks to destroy our souls and minds and bodies. Let us never boast of our strength, but ever be mindful of Thy Word. Let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall. With deep humility we bow before Thee in this hour in which our hearts are burdened with sorrow and grief. We yield ourselves to Thy fatherly guidance with childlike confidence. Thou wilt lead us with Thy right hand and finally receive us into glory for the sake of Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Redeemer.

AT THE DEATH OF A PASTOR

O LORD JESUS CHRIST, Thou Son of God and Savior of the world, who art the Head of Thy Church and Chief Shepherd of Thy flock, it hath pleased Thee to call out of this life the pastor of this congregation. Thou givest, and Thou takest away according to Thy wisdom and pleasure. Thou art the Lord, and Thou hast here caused Thy sovereign power to be felt. In all humility we submit to Thy holy will, and we reverence Thy ways even when Thy judgments are unsearchable and Thy ways past finding out. We thank Thee for all the goodness and mercy which during his earthly pilgrimage Thou didst show unto Thy departed servant, especially that Thou didst permit him for so many years to be a steward of Thy mysteries, to preach the saving Gospel in its fullness and purity, and to administer the Sacraments according to Thy institution; to lead the tender lambs to Thee, to instruct the ignorant, to comfort the sorrowing, to visit the sick, to raise up the fallen, to bring back the erring, and to preach peace and liberty to those captive in sin. We praise Thy holy name for having given him steadfastness amid all temptations and for having kept him faithful in the face of all trials and difficulties; for having given success to Thy Word as it was proclaimed by him; for having built Thy temple in the hearts of many through his ministry; and for having given him grace to be translated by a blessed end out of the Church Militant into the Church Triumphant. We pray Thee to comfort with the assuring consolations of Thy holy Word all those who mourn his departure; take them all under the protecting shadow of Thine everlasting arms, and heal their stricken hearts with the balm of Thy love. Thou art the Helper of the widows and the fatherless. According to Thy good pleasure do Thou give unto this orphaned flock another shepherd who will faithfully minister unto its needs. May the death of Thy servant remind us all of the frailty of this life and that we, too, must die. Teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts unto

wisdom. Make us realize that we best remember those who have spoken to us the Word of God by being faithful to their teaching and by following their example in a godly life, so that, when Thou, the Chief Shepherd, shalt return, we may appear before Thee without fear. While we live, may we live unto Thee, and when we die, may we die unto Thee. Keep us ever near to Thee through the sanctifying influences of Thy Holy Spirit, who with Thee and the Father liveth and reigneth, ever one God, world without end.

AT THE DEATH OF A TEACHER

ALMIGHTY GOD, Thou everliving Fountain of all wisdom, forasmuch as it hath pleased Thee to call out of this vale of tears the soul of our brother, a teacher of the lambs of Thy flock, we thank Thee for having given him the grace to devote his life and talents to the care and instruction of Thy little ones in the Kingdom of God and that Thou didst permit him to serve Thee faithfully to the end. We praise Thee that Thou didst bless his labors by showing the power of Thy Word in the hearts of our children and that Thou didst give him strength to be an example of simple faith and holy living to our people. We pray Thee to comfort those who are bowed down by his death. Let Thy grace abound in them lest they sorrow beyond what is meet and right. Reveal Thyself to them as a very present Help in trouble. In Thy good time and according to Thy good pleasure grant to our school another faithful teacher, so that the blessed work of teaching and training our children through Thy Word may not suffer unduly. May the departure of this our brother serve to direct our thoughts and affections heavenward, that we may turn our hearts from vanity and seek the one thing needful, the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, through whom alone we have remission of all our sins; and when our last hour shall come, take Thou our hand, and lead us into Thy heavenly kingdom, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who with Thee and the Holy Ghost liveth and reigneth, ever one God, forever and ever.

IN TIMES OF DISTRESS AND SPECIAL VISITATIONS

IN TIME OF DROUGHT AND FAMINE

O GOD, most merciful Father, we beseech Thee to open the windows of heaven and to send a fruitful rain upon us, to revive the earth, and to refresh the fruits thereof, for all things droop and wither. Graciously hear our prayer in this our necessity, that we may praise and glorify Thy name forever and ever; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord.

IN TIME OF UNSEASONABLE WEATHER

O LORD GOD, heavenly Father, who art gracious and merciful and hast promised that Thou wilt hear us when we call upon Thee in our troubles, we beseech Thee, look not upon our sins and evil-doings, but upon our necessities, and according to Thy mercy send us such seasonable weather that the earth may in due time yield her increase, that by Thy goodness we may receive our daily bread and learn to know Thee as a merciful God and evermore give thanks to Thee for Thy goodness; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord.

IN TIME OF PESTILENCE

HOLY AND MIGHTY LORD, who hast promised, There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling, we beseech Thee to hear our cry for those who are suffering and dying in — under the visitation of disease. Mercifully bless the means which are used to stay the spread of sickness, strengthen those who labor to heal and comfort the afflicted, support those who are in pain and distress, speedily restore those who have been brought low, and unto all who are beyond healing grant Thy heavenly consolation and Thy saving grace; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

AFTER A GREAT DISASTER

ALMIGHTY GOD, who art a very present Help in time of trouble, let not the heart of Thy people fail when fear cometh, but do Thou sustain and comfort them until these calamities be overpassed; and since Thou knowest the cause and reason why this grievous disaster (of fire, flood, earthquake, shipwreck, storm, or other trouble) hath fallen upon men, so do Thou forgive our sins, heal the hurt and wounded, console the bereaved and afflicted, protect the innocent and helpless, and deliver any who are still in peril; for the sake of Thy great mercy in Jesus Christ, our Lord.

IN TIME OF INSURRECTIONS AND TUMULTS

O ALMIGHTY LORD GOD, who breakest the power of the oppressor and stillest the noise and tumult of the rabble, stir up Thy great strength, we beseech Thee, and come to help us; scatter the counsels of them that secretly devise mischief, and do Thou bring the dealings of the violent to naught; cast down the unjust from high places, and cause the unruly to cease from troubling; allay all envious and malicious passions, and subdue the haters and evildoers, that our land may have rest before Thee and that all the people may praise Thee, our Help and our Shield, both now and evermore.

IN TIME OF WAR

O ALMIGHTY GOD, Thou supreme Ruler and Governor of all things, who art a strong Tower of defense to them that fear Thee, and whose power no creature is able to resist, unto Thee do we cry in the hour of our country's need. To Thee it belongeth justly to punish sinners and to be merciful to those who repent. Save and deliver us, we humbly beseech Thee, from the hands of our enemies; abate their pride, check their malice, and confound their devices, that we, being armed with Thy defense, may be preserved evermore from all perils, to glorify Thee, who art the only Giver of all victory; through the merits of Thy Son Jesus Christ, our Lord.

O LORD GOD OF INFINITE MERCY, we humbly beseech Thee to look down upon the nations now engaged in war. Reckon not against Thy people their many iniquities, for from the lusts of our own hearts come wars and fighting amongst us. Look in mercy on those immediately exposed to peril, conflict, sickness, and death; comfort the prisoners, relieve the sufferings of the wounded, and show mercy to the dying. Remove in Thy good providence all causes and occasions of war, dispose the hearts of those engaged therein to moderation, and of Thy great goodness restore peace among the nations; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

IN TIME OF PEACE RESTORED

WE THANK THEE, most gracious God and Father, who hast put an end to the horrors of war and delivered us from the hand of our enemies; we thank Thee for Thy mercy and truth, and we glorify Thy name, and our lips do greatly rejoice; for Thou hast not regarded our sin and our iniquity, but hast dealt with us according to Thine unmerited grace and hast heard our humble requests. Bind up, we heartily beseech Thee, and heal the wounds which war hath inflicted on our country. Plant and build again what hath been laid waste and made desolate. Especially do we beseech Thee, of Thy mercy, to remember those who have been stricken by the havoc of war, and let them find Thy fatherly heart and Thy bountiful hand open towards them. Preserve and keep unto us the blessing of peace. Restrain the evil counsel of those who devise mischief continually and sow discord; bring to naught their crafty counsel, and turn their knowledge into foolishness. Scatter Thou the people that delight in war; break the bow, and cut the spear in sunder; break the sword, and stem the battle by Thy strong arm, that men, overwhelmed with Thy fear, may desist from the ways of violence and oppression. Unite the hearts of the mighty ones on earth, and establish peace and concord between them, and by the Spirit of Thy grace set thereon the seal of perma-

nence and of blessing. Grant that we all may dwell together in unity and peace, and let all mutual offenses and hatred and ill will be removed. But, above all, grant us that peace which the world can neither give nor take away, and grant us grace that we, delivered from every conflict and strife, may dwell in the tabernacles of peace and, finally, having attained the rest of the saints, praise, bless, worship, and glorify Thee forever; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

THANKSGIVING FOR RAIN

O ALMIGHTY GOD and gracious Father in heaven, we praise Thee and glorify Thy name that Thou hast again shown Thyself a faithful God whose promises are yea and amen in Thee. Thou hast again watered the earth that seedtime and harvest shall not fail. We bless Thee for the recent rain, and we pray Thee to cause the earth to be fruitful and to bring forth food for man and beast. Teach us also to remember that man does not live by bread alone, that we may above all desire and feed on Him who is the Bread of Life, even Jesus Christ, our Lord, to whom with Thee and the Holy Ghost be honor and glory, world without end.

DURING UNEMPLOYMENT

O GOD, who hast been the Help and Stay of Thy people in days past, turn not from them in the day of trouble and distress. Behold, many are now discouraged and disheartened because of a lack of employment. We beseech Thee, leave not Thyself without witness that Thou art their Father who doth not forget nor forsake them. Grant them faith to cast their care upon Thee, who carest for them. Preserve them from all resentment and bitterness of heart, and make them hopeful, cheerful, and courageous. Teach them to trust in Thee and to wait patiently for Thee. In Thy mercy raise up opportunity for their employment, that in peace and thankfulness they may earn and eat the bread of contentment.

Grant unto us the spirit of brotherly love and charity, and make Thy people everywhere willing to bear the burdens of their brethren who are in need. Make us mindful of Thy word, Deal thy bread to the hungry. Help us, as we therefore have opportunity, to do good unto all men and especially unto them who are of the household of faith. Make us merciful, even as Thou, our Father, art merciful for Jesus' sake.

DURING VACANCIES IN THE CHURCH

AFTER A CALL HAS BEEN EXTENDED TO A PASTOR,
BUT NOT YET ACCEPTED

LORD JESUS CHRIST, who hast instituted the office of the holy ministry and wouldst have Thy congregations call ministers of Thy Word, at Thy behest and in Thy name we have called a pastor who is to proclaim Thy saving Gospel to us. Thou, Lord, knowest our needs and wants; we pray Thee, incline the heart of Thy servant, whom we have called, to recognize our needs and the welfare of Thy kingdom. And if it be Thy will, move him to accept the pastorate of this congregation. Hear us for Thine own sake, who hast said: Pray ye the Lord of the harvest that He would send forth laborers into His harvest.

AFTER A CALL HAS BEEN ISSUED TO A PASTOR OR A TEACHER

LORD GOD, heavenly Father, in Thy fear, and looking unto Thee for guidance, we have extended a call to —— to become the shepherd of this flock (a teacher in our school). May the choice of Thy people please Thee, and, since Thou alone dost turn the hearts of men to do that which is acceptable in Thy sight, we humbly pray Thee to make our pastor-elect (teacher-elect) willing to accept our call. Guide him in his deliberations by Thy Holy Spirit, so that he may desire to do Thy will and be ready to serve the best interests of Thy kingdom. Hear our prayer for the sake of the great Shepherd of the sheep, Thy Son Jesus Christ, our Lord.

AFTER A CALL HAS BEEN ISSUED TO A TEACHER

O LORD JESUS CHRIST, who art the eternal Wisdom of the Father, we, Thy flock, being without a teacher for Thy lambs, entreat Thee graciously to regard our need. In Thine own good time send us a faithful teacher, who, holding fast the confession of truth without wavering, shall feed Thy lambs in singleness of mind, that our children may attain the knowledge of Thee, whom to know is life eternal, and that, according to the example of Thy holy childhood, as they grow in years, they may grow in wisdom and in favor with God and man. Hear us, Lord Jesus Christ, for Thy love's sake.

AFTER A CALL HAS BEEN ACCEPTED, PASTOR

WE THANK THEE, our heavenly Father, that Thou hast heard the earnest supplication of Thy people and hast granted us another shepherd to lead us in green pastures and to guide us in the paths of righteousness for Thy name's sake. Grant us grace to await our new pastor's arrival in patience, and protect him, that there may be no delay in his coming to us. Bless the ministry which he is about to assume among us, and grant that we, Thy people, may ever be willing to hearken unto the voice of Thy servant speaking in Thy name and that he may carry on his work here with joy to Thy glory and our welfare. Hear us for Jesus' sake.

AFTER A CALL HAS BEEN ACCEPTED, PASTOR OR TEACHER

LORD JESUS CHRIST, Thou Shepherd and Bishop of our souls, we thank Thee that Thou hast heard our prayers and hast led our pastor-elect (teacher-elect) to accept our call. We pray Thee, grant that he may come to us without mishap. Let Thy holy angels protect him on his way. Keep him in health and strength, and grant him wisdom so that he may begin and carry on his blessed work among us to Thy glory and to the upbuilding of Thy kingdom. Hear us for Thy love's sake.

PRAYERS FOR TEMPORAL AND SPIRITUAL GIFTS AND GRACES

FOR SUCCESS OF THE WORD AND OF THE SACRAMENTS

ALMIGHTY GOD, our heavenly Father, we give Thee hearty thanks that Thou hast permitted us once more to enter the courts of Thy sanctuary, to hear Thy Word, to sing Thy praise, to enjoy the communion of saints, and to be built up in our most holy faith on the foundation of the Apostles and Prophets. We beseech Thee, accompany with Thy heavenly benediction the truth which has been preached unto us this day, that, as good seed in good ground, it may take root, grow up, and bring forth fruit in due season to the honor of Thy great name. Continue to us the use of the precious means of grace, and grant that all who are now assembled in Thy sanctuary on earth may be numbered with the saints in glory everlasting and render praises unto Thee, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, blessed forevermore.

FOR BLESSING ON THE WORD

O LORD GOD, we beseech Thee to bless Thy Word wherever spoken throughout the entire Church. Make it a word of power and peace to convert those who are not yet Thine and to confirm those that are. Oh, let not our foolish and unworthy hearts rob us of the continuance of Thy sweet love, but pardon our sins, and perfect what Thou hast begun. Make Thy Word a swift word, passing from the ear to the heart, from the heart to the lip and conversation, that, as the rain returns not void, so neither may Thy Word, but accomplish that for which it is given; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

FOR PROFITABLE USE OF THE WORD

O MOST MERCIFUL GOD, who wilt have all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth, grant, we beseech Thee, that by the preaching of Thy Gospel we may be made wise unto salvation. Keep us mindful, by Thy Holy Spirit, of all the salutary doctrines here set forth. Enlighten our understandings, control our wills, and sanctify our affections. Let Thy Word be a light unto our path, that neither the pleasures nor the cares nor the honors of this life turn away our thoughts from the life which is to come; and enable us with pure hearts and minds to follow Thee, the only true God. Grant that all who are in error, or in doubt, or in temptation may be enlightened by Thy holy Word with the sure and certain knowledge of Thy truth, and that all who live in sin may be led to repentance. Regard in tender compassion those called to suffer heavy affliction, those who are sick, and those departing this life, and let them experience the rich comfort of Thy quick and powerful Word. We commit ourselves and all our fellow men to Thy fatherly care and benediction. Be gracious unto us, and do not withdraw Thy saving health from us. Defend us by Thy power, and direct us by Thy Spirit, that we may daily increase in grace and in the knowledge of our only Redeemer, until we shall have our perfect bliss and consummation in Thine eternal and everlasting glory; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

FOR SUCCESS OF THE WORD

O LORD JESUS CHRIST, the Author and Finisher of our faith, we most heartily thank Thee that Thou hast continued among us the preaching of Thy Gospel for the edification of our souls. And we humbly beseech Thee, send a blessing upon the Word which has been spoken to us and by Thy Holy Spirit increase in us the saving knowledge of Thee, that we may be confirmed day by day in the divine truth and remain steadfast and immovable in Thy

grace. Give us strength to fight the good fight and by faith to overcome all the temptations of Satan, the flesh, and the world, that we may finally receive the salvation of our souls.

FOR PROFITABLE USE OF THE MEANS OF GRACE

O LORD, our God, Thou art the Good Shepherd, who makest us to lie down in green pastures and leadest us beside the still waters. Thou restorest our souls, Thou leadest us in the paths of righteousness for Thy name's sake. Thou hast again revealed Thyself to us as the Father of all mercies and the God of all comfort, and we praise Thee for Thy wonderful works and Thy loving-kindness towards the children of men. Especially do we praise Thee for the knowledge of Thy dear Son Jesus Christ, for Thy holy Word and blessed Sacraments, and the gracious influence of Thy Holy Spirit. — Grant that the Word spoken to us may fall as good seed into good ground and bring forth much fruit to the glory of Thy name. Forgive us all our sins and shortcomings, the coldness of our devotions, the dullness of our prayers, the distractions of our thoughts, on account of the all-sufficient sacrifice and merits of Thy Son Jesus Christ, who was delivered for our offenses and was raised again for our justification and now sitteth on Thy right hand as our merciful High Priest, making intercession for us. Make us day by day more diligent in the use of the means of grace, more zealous in the performance of our duties, more frequent and fervent in our prayers and thanksgivings, and more holy and exemplary in our lives. To Thy fatherly care and keeping we commit ourselves. Spread over us the wings of Thy protection, and keep us from sin and harm. Bless us and all our fellow men, especially all widows and orphans, the poor and needy, and all that are in difficulty and distress. Make us ever mindful of the day when we shall repose in the dust of the earth. Make us to die the death of the righteous, and bring us at last to that rest which remaineth for the people of God; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

FOR OBEDIENCE TO THE WORD

O HOLY AND MOST MERCIFUL GOD, who by Thy Word hast taught us the way of Thy Commandments, we beseech Thee, pour Thy grace into our hearts, and cause it to abound in us, that, being ever mindful of Thy mercies and of Thy laws, we may always incline to Thy will and daily increase in love toward Thee and toward one another. Enable us to flee all ungodliness and to live soberly, righteously, and godly in this present world. Grant that in all things we may follow the example of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and walk in His steps, until we shall inherit the kingdom which He hath prepared for us in heaven, through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord.

FOR PARDON, GROWTH IN GRACE, AND DIVINE PROTECTION

O LORD, our heavenly Father, we acknowledge Thy great goodness toward us and praise Thee for Thy mercy and grace, which our eyes have seen, our ears have heard, and our hearts have felt. We are truly sorry for the sins and errors of this day and of our past lives. Merciful God, pardon our offenses, correct and amend what is amiss in us, and help us to grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Write Thy Law in our hearts, and enable us more and more to serve Thee by holy, useful, and unblamable lives. Let every passing day remind us of the near approach of the night of death, when no man can work. Amid all the vanity of this present world keep us united, by a living faith and by the power of the eternal Spirit, unto Him who is the Resurrection and the Life, that we may escape death and the bitter pains of eternal misery. Accompany the preaching of Thy Word and the administration of Thy Sacraments with the gracious operation of Thy Holy Spirit, and preserve to us and to all Christians the means of grace and salvation. Evermore keep and preserve us in the midst of all dangers to which we are exposed either in body

or in soul; and prepare us, with meek cheerfulness and Christian resignation, to receive our sorrows as well as our joys from Thee, knowing that health and sickness, riches and poverty, yea, all things, come not by chance, but by Thy fatherly hand. Keep us this day as under the shadow of Thy wings, that we may be quiet from all fear of evil, and be brought in peace to see the light of another day, invigorated and rightly prepared for its work; for the sake of Thy Son Jesus Christ, our Lord.

FOR PEACE

○ ALMIGHTY GOD, heavenly Father, who art a God of peace, a Lover of concord and harmony, Thou wouldst have Thy children on earth live together in peace and quietness; we pray Thee, put to naught the counsel of all evil men who would bring about discord and violence; break the bow and cut asunder the spear of those who delight in war and bloodshed, quell their pride, abate their malice, and confound their devices. According to Thy will make all wars to cease unto the ends of the earth. Teach us to search the depths of our own hearts, so that we, too, may realize how depraved our natural hearts are and how inclined toward envy, malice, hatred, and enmity; and that from the lusts of our own hearts come wars and fightings amongst us. Help us by Thy Word and Spirit to crucify our flesh and to root out the evil that would lead to strife and discord, so that, as much as in us lies, we may be at peace with all men. Above all, we beseech Thee to fill our hearts with zeal for the work of Thy Church and the preaching of the Gospel of Christ, which alone can give to sinful men that peace which passeth all understanding and which alone can make them lovers of peace and concord. Keep us ever mindful of the word of our Savior: Blessed are the peacemakers; for they shall be called the children of God. O Thou who hearest prayer, hear us for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

THANKSGIVING AND PRAISE

O LORD GOD, Father and Governor of our whole life, whose mercy is everlasting and whose truth endureth to all generations, who art merciful and gracious, long-suffering, and abundant in goodness and truth, keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, we come before Thy presence with thanksgiving. Thou hast granted us life and favor, and Thy visitation hath preserved our spirit. Thou hast kept us and hidden us under the shadow of Thy wings. Thy compassions are new every morning; great is Thy faithfulness. Let our mouth be filled with Thy praise and with Thine honor all the day, and forgive us all our sins. Do good unto us in Thy good pleasure, and let Thy grace and mercy abound unto us. Teach us to know the way wherein we should walk, and lead us in right paths and in the way everlasting. Keep us in Thy truth, compass us with favor as with a shield, save Thy people, and bless Thine inheritance, grant peace to the whole world, and especially unto Thy Church. Bless our government and all the inhabitants of our land, establish the bonds of civil concord, and grant us prosperity and health. For all these Thy mercies we praise and magnify Thy holy name now and forever, world without end, through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

PRAISE AND SUPPLICATION

O LORD GOD, Creator of heaven and earth and the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we praise and bless Thee that of Thine abundant mercy Thou hast again this day richly provided us, not only with daily bread for the body, but also with heavenly food for our souls. Grant that Thy quick and powerful Word may abide in our hearts, working in us mightily to Thy glory and our salvation. We commit ourselves to Thy divine protection and

fatherly care. Let Thy holy angels pitch their tents about us, that the wicked Foe may have no power over us. Look in mercy upon all Christendom, and deliver Thy Church from all perils and adversities. Comfort by Thy Holy Spirit all those in affliction and distress, and grant Thy peace to us all; through Jesus Christ, our only Mediator.

ADORATION, PRAISE, AND SUPPLICATION

ALMIGHTY AND ETERNAL GOD, we adore Thee as the God and Father of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, and unite with angels and archangels around Thy throne, with the glorious company of the patriarchs, Prophets, Apostles, martyrs, and saints in heaven, as well as with Thy Church Militant on earth, in ascribing unto Thee honor and blessing, thanksgiving and praise. Holy, holy, holy, art Thou, Lord God of hosts; heaven and earth are full of the majesty of Thy glory. Thou hast created us in Thine own image; Thou hast redeemed us with the precious blood of Thy Son; Thou hast sanctified us by Thy Spirit and called us out of darkness into Thy marvelous light. Grant, we beseech Thee, that at all times we may be duly sensible of these unspeakable mercies and manifest our gratitude, not only with our lips, but also in our lives, by surrendering ourselves to Thy service and walking before Thee in righteousness and holiness all our days. Deliver us more and more from the bondage of sin and error, from the power of the flesh, the corruptions of the world, and the temptations of the devil. Give unto us the faith which worketh by love, the hope that maketh not ashamed, the charity that never faileth, confidence in Thee that shall never be shaken, patience that shall never faint, courage that shall always be ready to confess Christ, that we may live in Thy fear and die in Thy peace; through the infinite merits of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

PRAYER AND SUPPLICATION

1

LORD GOD OF HOSTS, gracious and merciful Father, we thank Thee that Thou hast forgiven the iniquity of Thy people. And to the end that all our doings may please Thee, we come before Thee, in obedience to Thy command and trusting in Thy promise, beseeching Thee mercifully to hear our supplications and requests. Vouchsafe unto us the continued possession of Thy pure Word and the blessed Sacraments. Govern us by Thy Holy Spirit, that we may be both hearers and doers of the Word. Cause the glorious tidings of Thy grace to be proclaimed among all nations, and powerfully incline the hearts of men everywhere, that they may hear and obey the joyful sound. Grant unto the rulers and magistrates of this nation a spirit of wisdom and godly fear. Restrain the violence of the wicked, that we may pass our days in the peaceful enjoyment of Thy favor. Give us our daily bread, defend our homes from destruction, protect our fields from harm, preserve our country from public calamities, and deliver us from all evil. We beseech Thee for everything we need and everything Thou wouldst have us pray for. Grant us this for the sake of Thy dear Son Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

2

O GOD, our Father in heaven, who art abundant in goodness and truth, forgiving iniquity, transgression, and sin, graciously look upon Thy people, and hear the prayers of Thy children. Have mercy upon us for Jesus Christ's sake, and forgive us whatsoever we have thought, spoken, or done amiss. Grant us Thy Holy Spirit to sanctify us by His grace and to direct and rule our hearts in all things, that so, being grafted into Christ by faith, we may plenteously bring forth the fruit of good works by leading blameless and holy lives in cheerful obedience to Thy Commandments. Mercifully continue among us the preaching of Thy Word

and the right use of the holy Sacraments, that Thy Church may be gathered, strengthened, and preserved until the end of days, and Thy people may worthily serve Thee. Protect all those in authority over us, and so rule their hearts and bless their endeavors that law and order, justice and peace, may everywhere prevail. Vouchsafe unto us evermore the dews and showers of heaven, the fruits of the earth in their season, and all the common blessings of Thy providence. Guide us by Thy counsel in all our affairs, and make us equal to all duties and trials. Dispose the way of Thy servants toward the attainment of everlasting salvation, that, among all the changes and chances of this mortal life, we may ever be defended by Thy most gracious and ready help; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, to whom, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, one true God, be glory and praise, world without end.

THANKSGIVING AND SUPPLICATION

1

MERCIFUL AND EVERLASTING GOD, the Comforter of the afflicted and the Savior of all men, we thank Thee that Thou hast graciously kept us to the present hour from all harm of body and soul. And we beseech Thee to forgive us our sins, to defend Thy Church from error and all evil, and to keep Thy servants evermore in true faith and all holy obedience. Direct all those in authority that they may so perform the duties of their office as to promote Thy glory and the common good. We ask Thee for all fathers and mothers, children and servants, that Thou wouldst guide them by Thy counsel and keep them by Thine almighty protection. Graciously preserve us from sickness and famine, from war and tempests, from calamity by fire and water, and from all other adversities. Increase and preserve to our use the kindly fruits of the earth, and prosper every useful and honest occupation. Touch the hearts of impenitent sinners, remember in mercy the poor and needy and the afflicted, comfort the sick and dying, and bestow Thy

mercy upon all Thy faithful children. Cast us not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from us, that, continuing steadfast in faith, we may be made partakers of the life and joy everlasting; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

2

O LORD, our God, holy and infinite, who didst cause the light to shine out of darkness, and hast also shined in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of Thy glory in the face of Jesus Christ, accept, we beseech Thee, our sacrifice of thanksgiving and praise, and mercifully hear our requests. Help us to be children of light and heirs of Thine everlasting glory. O Lord, according to the multitude of Thy tender mercies, remember Thy whole Christian Church on earth; all who join with us in prayer; all our brethren on land or sea; all our fellow creatures throughout the earth, who may be in need of Thy gracious help. Pour out upon them and upon us all the riches of Thy mercy, that, our souls and bodies being delivered from the bondage of sin, we may serve Thee with steadfast faith all our days and praise Thy holy name forevermore; through Jesus Christ, our only Helper.

3

O LORD GOD, our heavenly Father, unto Thee do we render our humble and hearty thanks for all Thy mercies. Give us, we beseech Thee, a due sense of the manifold favors Thou hast bestowed upon us ever since we were born; and more especially teach us to value as we ought Thy great mercy in Christ Jesus, our Lord, through whom alone we enjoy the means of grace and the hope of glory. We confess that we have not served Thee according to the measure of our knowledge and ability, but have again and again broken Thy Laws and Commandments. But, by the all-sufficient merits of Thy blessed Son Jesus Christ, have mercy upon us and give us the comforting assurance of pardon. Grant

that by Thy Holy Spirit we may be effectually restrained from sin and enabled to press forward toward the mark for the prize of our high calling in Christ Jesus. In all the changes and trials of this mortal life, in the day of prosperity and in the day of adversity, and in the hour of death, good Lord, deliver us. We beseech Thee also to extend Thy mercy to the whole human race. Have pity upon the nations that know Thee not and have never heard of Thy name; cause the light of Thy glorious Gospel to shine among them, and visit them with Thy salvation. Look with pity and compassion upon all in affliction and temptation; upon the poor, the sick, and the dying; strengthen and support them, and give them in Thine own good time a happy deliverance. Be merciful to all that desire or need our prayers; and grant that we and all Thy people everywhere may serve Thee with full purpose of heart and be made partakers, at last, of eternal happiness in Thy presence in heaven; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

FOR PARDON AND RENEWAL

ALMIGHTY AND EVERLASTING GOD, our heavenly Father, from whom cometh down every good and perfect gift, we present ourselves before Thee in the name of Thy dear Son Jesus Christ, our Lord, with a deep sense of our unworthiness and guilt, but also with filial confidence in Thine infinite mercy. Grant us, we beseech Thee, the remission of all our sins, and make us to know the blessedness of the man to whom the Lord imputeth not iniquity. Create in us a clean heart, and renew a right spirit within us. Impart unto us the power of that faith which overcometh the world, the flesh, and the devil. Fill our hearts with love to God and charity to our fellow men. Establish in us the hope of everlasting glory. Strengthen us by Thy Spirit unto every good word and work, and make us to grow daily in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ; to whom be glory both now and forever.

FOR REPENTANCE AND IMPROVEMENT

O GOD, Thou Lord of hosts, Creator and Preserver of all things, who, of Thine infinite mercy, didst send down Thine only-begotten Son to redeem the children of men, that by His innocent death upon the cross He might blot out the handwriting of our sins and reconcile the world unto Thee, we beseech Thee, accept our humble praise, and graciously hear our supplications. Give us true repentance; forgive us our sin, negligence, and ignorance, and endue us with the grace of Thy Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to Thy Word. Enable us to cast off the works of darkness, which war against the soul; and deliver us from all our enemies, both visible and invisible, that seek to destroy us. Help us to walk in Thy fear, to crucify the flesh, and to keep ourselves pure from unholy thoughts and words. Incline our hearts to desire Thee only, and let them be so fixed with steadfast faith in Christ, that, being guided by the light of Thy Word, we may at length obtain the light and joy of heaven, and give Thee praise and glory, world without end.

Lord's Prayer

FOR A HOLY LIFE

O LORD GOD, heavenly Father, the Father of lights, from whom cometh down every good and perfect gift, who workest in us both to will and to do of Thy good pleasure, we heartily beseech Thee to perform the good work which Thou hast begun in us, that, our love abounding more and more in knowledge and in all judgment, we may approve the things that are excellent and be sincere and without offense till the day of Christ. Teach us to live day by day in humble dependence on Thy promises, in cheerful obedience to Thy Laws, and in a sure and certain hope of a blessed immortality. Keep us with Thy perpetual mercy; and preserve us, at home and abroad, in public and in private, from everything that might prove to us an occasion of falling. Thou art the God

of our salvation; on Thee do we wait all the day. Comfort us by the remission of our sins. Strengthen us with might by Thy Spirit in the inner man, and give us the spirit of love, of humility, of patience, of prayer, that we may lay hold on eternal life. Satisfy us early with Thy mercy, that we may rejoice and be glad all our days and hereafter receive the crown of righteousness and life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

FOR DELIVERANCE FROM SIN AND SORROW

O LORD GOD, Thou Lover of mankind, we most earnestly beseech Thee to bless all Thy people, the flocks of Thy fold. Shed abroad the peace of heaven into our hearts, and grant us also the peace of this life. Quicken us after Thy loving-kindness; so shall we keep the testimony of Thy mouth and not continue in sin. Deliver all who are in trouble, for Thou art our God. Pardon those who have erred, and bring them back from their wanderings. Impart the consolations of Thy heavenly grace to all the sons and daughters of affliction and sorrow. Keep us both outwardly and inwardly, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul. Enable us to finish well our course and make us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

FOR HELP TO OVERCOME THE WORLD

O GOD OF OUR SALVATION, who out of love didst send Thine only-begotten Son into the world, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life, grant unto us the aid of Thy Holy Spirit, that we may be firmly assured of this mystery of grace and, cleaving to it always with true faith, may be enabled to cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, and to follow after holiness in the fear of God. Forgetting

those things which are behind and reaching forth unto those things which are before, may we press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. So order the course of Thy providence toward us that all things may work together for our good. Enable us, through the aid of Thy Spirit, so to use the means of salvation we enjoy in the Church that we may be delivered from the power of our sins and be strengthened with all might in the inner man unto every good word and work. Make us equal to all duties and trials. Help us to overcome the world. Subdue Satan under our feet. Hold Thou us up in our goings, and lead us by Thy hand in the way in which we ought to walk, that we come not short of Thy glory and that no man take from us our crown. And finally, when we shall have thus endured to the end through the power of Thy victorious grace, grant, O most merciful Father, that we may die in peace and so enter the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

FOR A HEAVENLY LIFE DURING OUR EARTHLY PILGRIMAGE

O ALMIGHTY GOD AND FATHER of our Lord Jesus Christ, Thou art the Holy One and justly offended with us; but yet Thou art our gracious Lord and merciful Father in Christ Jesus. Be pleased, we beseech Thee, to blot out our sins from Thy remembrance, and heal our wounds, that we may sin no more against Thee. Open our eyes, that we may see and amend our own infirmities and follies, and give us a perfect understanding in the way of godliness, that we may walk in it all the days of our pilgrimage. Give us a spirit diligent in the works of our calling, cheerful and zealous in doing Thy will, fervent and frequent in prayer, charitable and useful in our dealings. Give us a chaste and healthy body, a pure and holy soul, a sanctified and humble spirit, and preserve our body, soul, and spirit blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Blessed be Thy name, O God of all mercies, who

hast preserved us again and again from sickness and sorrow, from adverse happenings and a violent death, from the malice of Satan and the evil consequences of our own sin. The outgoings of the morning and evening shall praise Thee, and Thy servants shall rejoice in giving Thee glory and thanks for all Thy wonderful dealings with the children of men and, especially, the members of Thy Church. Let Thy providence and care watch over us, that we may never sin against Thee by idleness or folly, by evil company or private sins, by word or deed, by thought or desire; and so conduct us through life by Thy Holy Spirit that, when the days of our sojourning on earth are done and the shadow is departed, we may die in Thy fear and favor; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

FOR GRACE TO LIVE AS STRANGERS AND PILGRIMS ON EARTH

O LORD, Thou hast been our Dwelling Place in all generations. Before the mountains were brought forth or ever Thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, Thou art, God. Thou turnest man to destruction and sayest, Return, ye children of men. For a thousand years in Thy sight are but as yesterday when it is past and as a watch in the night. The days of our years are threescore years and ten; and if by reason of strength they be fourscore years, yet is their strength labor and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away. Enter not into judgment with us, O God, and deliver us not into the bitter pains of eternal death. Forgive, O most merciful Savior, our innumerable sins and shortcomings. So impress us, we beseech Thee, with the constant thought of the vanity of the world, the certainty of death, and the judgment to come, that we may mortify more and more the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, and be prepared at all times for the coming of the Son of Man. Keep us mindful that we are strangers and pilgrims on earth, and give us grace to look for the city above,

following those, who, through faith and patience, have overcome the world and inherited the promises. Help us to work out our own salvation with fear and trembling, that we may die in peace; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who shall change our vile bodies and fashion them like unto His own glorious body.

FOR WISDOM TO REDEEM THE TIME

ALMIGHTY, MOST MERCIFUL, AND EVERLASTING GOD, hear us creatures of a day. Of old Thou hast laid the foundations of the earth, and the heavens are the work of Thy hands. They shall perish, but Thou shalt endure; yea, all of them shall wax old like a garment, and as a vesture shalt Thou change them, and they shall be changed; but Thou art the same, and of Thy years there shall be no end. Show us, O Lord, the end and measure of our days, that we may know how frail we are; and so teach us to number our years that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom. We must, indeed, confess that we have been unprofitable servants. We have wasted our time on vanities. But do Thou turn us, O Lord, and we shall be turned; draw us, and we shall run after Thee. So long as our years are lengthened, teach us to walk circumspectly, redeeming the time, because the days are evil. Give us grace to employ our time in seeking to learn more of Thee; in mortifying the deeds of the body, that we may live in greater conformity to Thy will and in bringing forth the fruits of the Spirit in all holiness, that Thou mayest be glorified in the world. By the cross of Christ may we now be crucified to the world, and the world to us; and may the life we shall henceforth live in the flesh be by the faith of the Son of God. Raise our affections from the earth, and set them on things above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. And when He, who is our Life, shall appear, let us also appear with Him in glory, through the same Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord.

FOR ABSENT ONES

LORD GOD, heavenly Father, who art a God at hand and a God afar off, whose overruling providence protects all Thy children wherever they may be, we pray Thee on behalf of those who are absent from us: Keep them in Thy fatherly care, guard them from harm and danger, grant them health and strength to perform the duties of their calling. Especially do we beseech Thee to give them a steadfast faith in Thy Son, our Savior, so that they may remain true to Thee in all times of temptation and affliction. Let Thy Word be their light and guide, their strength and stay. Comfort them in sorrow, protect them in trouble, be with them in loneliness, and sanctify them in body and soul through Thy Holy Spirit. Bring them safely home again to us and their loved ones, according to Thy will. Hear us, we pray Thee, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

PRAYERS AT EVENTIDE

1

ALMIGHTY GOD, the Father of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, Thy goodness is new unto us every morning, and Thy faithfulness every night. With deep humility we acknowledge our many sins and infirmities. O God, infinite in mercy, pardon the sins which we have committed through negligence, weakness, and frailty, whether in thought, word, or deed; and grant that they may never rise up in judgment against us. Purge our hearts from all evil passions and desires, from envy, hatred, and malice, and preserve us pure and blameless, having a conscience void of offense toward Thee and all men. Bless us with all bodily and spiritual blessings, with a grateful sense of Thy kindness, with a knowledge of Thy will and a desire to perform it, and with the sure and joyful hope of everlasting life. Let the light of Thy Gospel shine on all nations. Be gracious to our own land. Bless all who are in authority over us, that righteousness and peace may everywhere prevail. Help the needy and oppressed, restore the sick, comfort the dying, and sanctify the chastisements of Thy hand unto all who are enduring them. We commit ourselves to Thine almighty protection for the night. May our thoughts be serious and devout when we lie down; and when we awake, may we be still with Thee. O Thou Keeper of Israel, who dost neither slumber nor sleep, be Thou the Comfort and Strength of our hearts and our Portion forever; through the abounding mercy of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

2

OUR HEAVENLY FATHER, with unfeigned gratitude we bring unto Thee our evening sacrifice of praise; for Thou hast brought us to the close of another day without any visible marks of Thy displeasure upon us. We beseech Thee, in Thy Son Jesus

Christ and for the merits of His suffering and death, grant unto us the full and free forgiveness of our sins. Give us a cheerful faith, a joyful hope, and a peaceful love. May the Spirit of Christ ever rule and live in us, inspiring our hearts with an earnest desire to please Thee and with a dread of offending Thee. Grant to us and all our fellow men mercies suitable to our various wants, and enable our hearts wisely to improve them. Have compassion upon all sorts and conditions of men, and grant us grace so to live that we may never be afraid to die, but that, whether we live, we may live unto Thee, and whether we die, we may die unto Thee, that so, living or dying, we may be Thine, through the merits and satisfaction of Thy Son Jesus Christ, our Lord.

6

PRAISE BE TO THEE, O God, almighty Ruler, who makest the day bright with sunbeams and the night with heavenly fires; who hast compassed us all the day with Thy mercies and granted us at nightfall refreshing quiet and peace. Hear now, we beseech Thee, the desire of Thy people, and forgive us both our known trespasses and our secret faults. Accept our evening sacrifice of prayer, and pour out upon Thy heritage the fullness of Thy grace and Thy divine benediction. Let Thy holy angels encamp round about us; watch over us with Thy power; defend us from all calamity and from the devices of the Adversary; clothe us with the armor of righteousness and with Thy truth as with a shield; and enable us so to pass our days that our lives may be blameless, holy, and peaceful, free from sin and void of offense. There is mercy and plenteous redemption with Thee, our Lord, the Triune God; and to Thee will we offer up our praise and thanksgiving now and forevermore.

4

MOST MERCIFUL GOD, our heavenly Father, regard us from heaven and, for the sake of Jesus Christ, pardon all our unworthiness and transgression, that our mouths may show forth Thy praise. We give Thee unfeigned thanks for all Thy mercies bestowed upon us: for our being, for our reason, and for all our other faculties of soul and body; for health, friends, food, and raiment; and above all, for the gift of Thy dear Son and the means of salvation. We bless Thee for Thy patience with us, notwithstanding our many and great provocations; for all the comforts, directions, and assistance of Thy Holy Spirit; and for Thy continual care and watchful providence over us during the whole course of our lives. We beseech Thee, continue these blessings to us, and enable us to show forth our gratitude for them by sincere obedience to Thy holy Word and entire devotion to Thee. Take away from us all ignorance, hardness of heart, and undue care for the things of this world. Help us to fear Thee, sincerely to seek Thy glory, and to put our whole trust in Thy mercy. Defend us from the terrors of the night, from the pestilence that walketh in darkness, and from all manner of evil. Thus may all our days be spent with Thee and in Thy service, till we awake in Thy likeness and reign with Thee in everlasting joy; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

5

O ALMIGHTY GOD, the eternal Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Creator and Lord of heaven and earth, we bless Thee for all Thine unspeakable mercies. We thank Thee that Thou hast revealed Thyself to men by sending Thine only-begotten Son for a Mediator and Redeemer, who hath delivered us from sin, from the power of the devil, and from the bitter pains of eternal death. We thank Thee for the gift of Thy saving Gospel, whereby Thou

dost gather unto Thyself a holy and everlasting Church, sanctifying it by Thy Holy Spirit unto eternal salvation. We thank Thee also for calling us unworthy sinners to be partakers of Thy grace, remitting our trespasses, and inclining our hearts to trust in Thee. From Thy hands we receive life, health, and daily bread, and under Thy protection we dwell in safety. For these and all other blessings we give Thee glory and praise, and we beseech Thee, be gracious unto us, and cause Thy mercies and compassions to be new unto us every morning for Thy Son's sake; and so govern and direct us by Thy Holy Spirit that we may not, for despising Thy goodness, be rejected of Thee, but be kept in true faith unto the end. Let us arise on the morrow with health and strength renewed to serve Thee in all holy obedience, until we shall praise Thee in Thy glory; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Redeemer.

PRAYERS FOR FEASTS, FESTIVALS, AND HOLIDAYS

ADVENT

1

HOSANNA TO THE SON OF DAVID! Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!

O Lord Jesus Christ, Thou King of Glory, King of Kings and Lord of Lords, the Son of the living God and Son of David, we thank Thee that Thou hast enabled us to enter once more upon the holy season of Advent. We are still living in the day of grace, which Thou didst so gloriously prepare by Thine advent into the flesh, and as Thou didst once hold Thine entry into Jerusalem, Thou dost hold Thine entry among us, and dost still come to us by Thy holy Word and Sacraments.

O Thou, our Lord, come now unto Thy Church, which Thou hast purchased with Thy blood. Come with Thy gracious presence, that we may rejoice in Thee. Come and rule over us, that we may serve and follow Thee. Come with Thy love, humility, and perfect obedience, and let Thy lowliness be our glory. Forgive us our sin, and do not in anger cast away Thy servants; for Thou art meek and gracious. Clothe us with the garment of Thy righteousness, for Thou art the Lord our Righteousness. Satisfy us with the abundance of Thy house; for Thou didst become poor for our sakes, that we through Thy poverty might be rich.

Preserve, we beseech Thee, Thy beloved Church among us. Dwell and rule in the hearts of our baptized children. Preserve Thy believers in a state of grace. Strengthen the pastors and teachers of Thy holy Church, that they may proclaim Thy Word with boldness and power to the salvation of many souls, and keep them in purity of doctrine and holiness of life, that they may prepare the way for Thee. Grant that under the protection of our government and civil magistrates Thy Church may thrive and Thy

kingdom ever come to us. Make us willing to give up all we possess, if need be, for Thy sake, inasmuch as Thou also for our sakes didst become poor. Bestow upon us Thy grace, that, as Thy palm trees, we may flourish beneath the very cross, set our affections on things above, and be watchful and ready to receive Thee with gladness and serve Thee with a pure heart, until we shall enter the heavenly Jerusalem and lift up our voices to Thee in everlasting songs of praise. Hear us, Lord Jesus, for Thy holy name's sake.

2

ALMIGHTY AND EVERLASTING GOD, who, by the mouths of Thy Prophets and holy men of old, didst proclaim the advent of Thy Son, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, the Desire of all nations, the Hope of Israel, the Redeemer of the world, aid us, we beseech Thee, heartily to repent of all our sins and so to humble ourselves that we may be prepared to receive Him with gladness and to join in singing: Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord!

Arise, O Sun of Righteousness, with healing in Thy wings, that the nations which sit in darkness and in the shadow of death may behold Thy great light and all flesh see the salvation of our God. O Thou true Light of the world, shine into our hearts, and give us the light of the knowledge of the glory of God, that we may be changed into the same image and fashioned into the likeness of Thine own glory.

Grant us grace, we beseech Thee, to pass this time of our sojourning in fear, in daily watchfulness and prayer, ever looking for, and hastening unto, the day of Thy second coming, when Thou shalt appear again in the clouds of heaven, with all Thy holy angels, to be adored by all them that believe, and dreaded by such as have not obeyed, Thy Gospel. Let not that day come upon us unawares or surprise us in unbelief and sin. And when Thou

comest in Thy power, enable us with all saints to lift up our heads with joy and behold the fullness of our redemption drawing nigh.

Hear us, O Thou eternal Son of the Father, to whom, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end.

BEGINNING OF CHURCH YEAR

O ETERNAL, IMMORTAL, INVISIBLE, AND ONLY WISE GOD, Thou hast brought us to the beginning of another church year, and we acknowledge with thankfulness all the mercies which Thou hast bestowed upon us from the beginning of our lives to this moment. We praise Thee for preserving us from day to day, from year to year. We thank Thee for food and raiment, for health and strength, for kind friends and benefactors, for peace and protection by day and for rest and safety by night, for our many advantages in this favored land, and for all other blessings. But, above all, we heartily thank Thee for the gift of Thine only-begotten Son to be for men on earth the Savior from sin; for Thy mercy in having called us to salvation through Jesus Christ; for the Church in which Thou hast placed us; for faithful ministers; and for Thy holy Word and the blessed Sacraments.

Do good, we beseech Thee, to the Church, which Thy right hand hath planted, and water it abundantly with the dew of Thy blessing.

Cause the Gospel of Thy dear Son to be preached with wisdom and power, and give us grace meekly to hear and gladly to receive the Word of Christ, our King, that, accepting Him as the Way, the Truth, and the Life, our only Redeemer, we may be united unto Thee by faith and walk in the way of Thy Commandments all our days.

Dwell in the hearts of our baptized children, that they may sing hosannas unto Thee; and add to Thy Church daily such as believe and are saved.

Prosper all endeavors to spread abroad Thy Gospel in the world. Show Thy truth unto them that are in error; teach Thy ways unto the wicked, and let sinners be converted unto Thee.

Strengthen the weak, comfort the afflicted, and sanctify the faithful through Thy truth.

Bestow Thy favor upon our land; and grant that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by Thy governance that Thy people may joyfully serve Thee in all godly quietness.

O Thou God of peace, sanctify us wholly, and may our whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Faithful art Thou, who hast called us, who also wilt do it, to the praise of Thy holy name, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

CHRISTMAS

THE NATIVITY

O THOU GOD AND FATHER of our Lord Jesus Christ, through whose grace we again celebrate the birth of our Savior, we come into Thy presence with holy joy, for Thou hast gloriously fulfilled Thy promises, given to our first parents after the Fall, to the Patriarchs, to Moses and the Prophets, and to all Thy people of old, who waited in hope for the Salvation of Israel. Accept, we beseech Thee, our humble tribute of praise and thanksgiving, and grant that through the birth of Thy Son we may be born again in the spirit unto the blessed hope of everlasting life.

O Jesus, Thou Son of God, we bless Thee for becoming flesh of our flesh and for enriching us with inestimable gifts from the treasures of Thy grace. Thou hast made reconciliation for iniquity, so that now we have peace with God and access to the Father. Thou didst become the Son of Man, that we might be made the children of God in Thee. Bestow upon us a simple, childlike faith, that in Thy lowliness we may adore Thee; and give us

grace to behold the glory shining through the veil of Thy humanity, the glory of the Only-Begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth. Speak to us the words of life, that, as Thou hast loved us, so we may also love Thee. Be our Light in darkness, our Abundance in want, and our very present Help in trouble. And as Thou didst descend from heaven to earth for our salvation, so may we have power to ascend from earth to heaven, to the glory of Thy great and adorable name.

O Holy Spirit, we praise Thee for Thy comfort and guidance. Incline our hearts to meditate devoutly on the sublime mystery of the Nativity, and help us to embrace our Redeemer, in true faith, as our most precious possession. Fill our hearts with peace, and comfort, and hope, and life, and joy in Him. Let us so keep the feast that at its close, with Thy benediction upon us, we may resume the burdens of our several callings, rejoicing in our salvation and delighting to do Thy will.

O Holy Trinity, who wouldst be praised for mercy rather than judgment, we glorify Thee; for Thou hast had respect unto the lowly. Let Thy covenant of peace endure forevermore, that we may rejoice in Thee, world without end.

THE GOD-MAN, OUR SAVIOR

O THOU GREAT AND GLORIOUS REDEEMER, who art Wonderful, Counselor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace, we praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee for Thy great glory, O Lord God, Lamb of God, the only-begotten Son Jesus Christ, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, King of Kings and Lord of Lords, Emmanuel, God with us! For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord; Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father.

But chiefly at this time we adore Thee for leaving the glory

which Thou hadst with the Father before the world began. We know Thy grace, O Lord Jesus Christ, that, though Thou wast rich, yet for our sakes Thou didst become poor, that we, through Thy poverty, might be made rich. We beseech Thee, by the mystery of Thy holy Incarnation and Nativity, good Lord, deliver us.

Thou who didst come that we might have life and wast called Jesus that Thou mightest save Thy people from their sins, be gracious unto us and save us. And grant that we, being born again and made the children of God by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by Thy Holy Spirit, and follow the steps of Thy most holy life; ever remembering that Thou gavest Thyself for us, to redeem us from all iniquity and to purify unto Thyself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.

Let the glad tidings which we commemorate this day be made known to all people. May the Root which hath sprung out of Jesse send forth branches on the right hand and on the left. And as at Thy first coming Thou didst send Thy messengers to announce Thine advent and to prepare Thy way before Thee, we beseech Thee to grant that the ministers and stewards of Thy mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready Thy way, by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at Thy second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in Thy sight.

SECOND CHRISTMAS DAY

O ALMIGHTY AND MOST MERCIFUL FATHER, we thank Thee that Thou hast fulfilled Thine ancient promises and given us, in the city of David, a Savior, who is Christ, the Lord.

O Lord Jesus Christ, praise and glory and honor be to Thee; for out of Thine unspeakable love Thou didst humble Thyself, that we might be exalted; Thou wast made man, that we might be made heirs of God and fellow heirs with Thee; Thou didst

take upon Thee the form of a servant, that we might be renewed into the image of God; we sat in darkness and in the shadow of death, but Thou hast brought us light and life and peace and joy.

O Holy Spirit, we praise and bless Thee for making known to us and to all mankind, by the preaching of the Gospel, the joyful tidings of the holy Nativity; and we beseech Thee, quicken us by Thy grace and power, that we may not hear the Christmas message with passing wonderment only, but, like Mary, ponder it in our hearts, that it may kindle in us the light of true faith and the fire of fervent love. Let us not be turned aside by doubts or fears, but, like the shepherds, trusting fully in Thy Word, come with haste to see the things which have come to pass, accept them for our salvation, make known abroad, as we have opportunity, the great joy which shall be to all people, and glorify and praise God for the marvels of His grace and love.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

THE CLOSE OF THE YEAR

PRAISE AND TRUST

O HEAVENLY FATHER, who art God from everlasting to everlasting, we thank Thee for the innumerable blessings which Thou hast bestowed upon us during the year now drawing to its close. We have, indeed, been unworthy of Thy favors and have in many ways requited Thy goodness with ingratitude by abusing Thy gifts and transgressing Thy holy Commandments; and Thou mightest justly have visited us for our iniquity by withdrawing Thy mercies from us.

But Thou art a gracious God, full of compassion, long-suffering, and of great pity; sparing us when we deserve punishment, and in the midst of judgment remembering mercy. Thou hast, for Thy dear Son's sake, cast all our sins behind Thee and

healed all our diseases. Thou hast delivered us from many perils and upheld us in all our troubles. Thou hast established peace within our borders and continued unto us Thy Word and the sacred ordinances of Thy house. In Thy bounty we have found sustenance and enjoyed good health through Thy preservation. Thou alone gavest us all we have.

O God, the passing years remind us of our frailty. We are dust and ashes. Our years pass away like a shadow, like a vapor, which appeareth for a little time and then vanisheth. Amid the manifold changes and troubles of this transitory world, Thou alone abidest forever. Thou art our Dwelling Place in all generations. Thou art our Refuge and Strength, a very present Help in trouble. Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed and the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea. We praise Thee with our whole heart in the assembly of the upright and in the congregation. Accept our praise, O God, and show us Thy salvation forevermore, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

REPENTANCE

O LORD OF HEAVEN AND EARTH, the Author of life and Preserver of our being, we give Thee most humble and hearty thanks for Thy goodness and mercy which have followed us all our days, and especially do we praise Thee for Thy manifold blessings during the year now drawing to a close.

Thou hast granted us life and favor, blessed the work of our hands, given us meat in due season, and crowned the year with Thy goodness. Thou hast defended our country from war and bloodshed, from plague and famine, and from other calamities. Thou hast guarded our homes and sheltered us under the shadow of Thy wings. Thou hast preserved Thy Church among us and kept us from falling away, blessing us with all spiritual blessings through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

O heavenly Father, what are we that Thou shouldst be so mindful of us and so gracious unto us! Our misdeeds testify against us. Our sins are all naked and open to Thee, and none can tell but Thou how many and great they are. Therefore we again humble ourselves before Thee, confessing and lamenting all that we have done amiss. Pardon and blot out our offenses, our ingratitude, our indifference to Thy gracious Word, our unbelief and disobedience, our uncharitableness in thought, word, and deed; cleanse us from our sins, and let them all be buried with the closing year, to rise up against us no more forever, for the sake of Thine only-begotten Son Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Keep us ever mindful, O God, as the years of our life pass away, that we are strangers and pilgrims on earth, and that the end of all things is at hand. Teach us to number our days and to redeem the time that remaineth. Let us, therefore, with the old year put off the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, and let us put on the new man, which after Thee is created in righteousness and true holiness. Make us sober and watchful unto prayer, let us continually walk in Thy fear, and help us to keep the faith. Let us give to Thee the best of our days and not weary ourselves with the things that are but vanity. May we always be ready, with our loins girt about and our lights burning, for Thy coming. And when our flesh and our heart fail us, be Thou our Strength and our Portion forever. Hear us for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

THE NEW YEAR

THE FLIGHT OF TIME AND GOD'S ENDURING MERCY

O ALMIGHTY GOD, who art from everlasting to everlasting and unchangeable in Thy gracious dealings with the children of men, our Maker, Preserver, and most bountiful Benefactor, we bring Thee blessing and worship and praise on this, the first morning

of the year. Thou hast during the past year upheld us with Thine everlasting arms, crowning our lives with innumerable blessings, granting us peace and health and daily bread, protecting our homes and our bodies and souls from every evil, and continuing unto us the possession of Thy holy Word. O Lord, we are not worthy of the least of all the mercies and all the truth which Thou hast shown unto Thy servants; and if Thou shouldst now enter into judgment with us, we could not stand. But Thou art merciful and gracious, and art pleased to blot out our transgressions from Thy remembrance for Thy name's sake. We praise Thee for the gift of Thy dear Son Jesus Christ, our only Redeemer, and take refuge in the merits of Him, who taketh away the sins of the world.

We give Thee thanks also for sparing us from year to year, and for having given us further time for amendment through trials. Mercifully grant that with this new year we may begin a new life. Deliver us, not only from the guilt of sin, but also from its power and dominion. Govern us by Thy gracious Spirit, and quicken us in the way of righteousness, that we may set out afresh in our Christian course. Give us a due sense of the rapid flight of time, the certainty of death, and the Judgment to come. Help us to bear in mind that we are strangers and pilgrims on earth, and direct our desires to the city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God. May we seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, and lay up for ourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt and where thieves do not break through nor steal. Give us grace to watch and pray, that, as becometh Christians, we may praise Thee with holiness of living and be always ready for Thy coming.

Heavenly Father, take us and the whole human family under the wings of Thy gracious protection for this new year of our earthly pilgrimage. Let us experience the continuance and renewal of all Thy wonted mercies. Grant peace to our land, health to

our bodies, and joy to our souls. Pour down the choicest blessings on all men, according to their various wants, and teach them to use the world without abusing it, seeing that the fashion of it passeth away. Prepare us for all the duties, trials, and afflictions of the new year. Comfort us in every distress, and enable us to work with all our might while it is day, before the night cometh when no man can work. And should this year be our last on earth, grant that we may depart hence with triumphant faith and enter into the mansions of eternal rest and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

THE CIRCUMCISION OF CHRIST

O LORD JESUS CHRIST, Thou Savior of the world, who, being made man for our sakes, didst endure the circumcision of the flesh to satisfy the demands of the Law and the eternal justice of God by Thy perfect obedience, that we might obtain the forgiveness of sins in Thy name, we praise Thee for Thy goodness and glorify Thy marvelous works for our salvation. And we beseech Thee to count Thy perfect merit unto our faith for righteousness and to plead our cause when our misdeeds rise up to testify against us. Teach us to reverence and faithfully to use Thy Word and the blessed Sacraments, cleanse us daily from our sins with Thy precious blood, and grant us the true circumcision of the heart, in the spirit, that we may by faith be consecrated, as instruments of righteousness, to Thy service. Give us grace to withstand all temptations and with pure hearts and minds to follow Thee, loving the thing which Thou commandest and desiring only what Thou hast promised, that among the manifold changes of this present world our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found. Sustain us in our trials, keep us in the path in which we should go, and hereafter receive us into the kingdom of Thy glory.

THE NAME JESUS

O LORD, we thank Thee that Thy name was called Jesus and that Thou art the Savior of all men; for there is none other name under heaven given among men whereby we must be saved. To Thee, therefore, we confess all our sins, in which we were conceived and born and with which from our youth and during the past year we have offended Thy heavenly Father. For Thy name's sake, have mercy upon us, and let us find pardon and peace and joy in Thee.

And as Thou hast brought us safely to the beginning of another year, we beseech Thee, make this new year to us another year of salvation. We cross its threshold in Thy name. Thy name shall be our refuge and only hiding place. Grave it upon our hearts, and let us daily experience its gracious power and enjoy Thy consolations, that our prayer may be sweet incense before God. Renew our hearts, and sanctify us by Thy Spirit.

Bless Thy Church, which Thou hast purchased with Thine own blood; give free course to Thy Word, that Thy kingdom may be extended to the ends of the earth. Look down in mercy also upon our congregation, and preserve among us the preaching of Thy pure Word and the right use of the holy Sacraments. Suffer not Thy Word to return unto Thee void, but open the hearts of the hearers to receive it with gladness and to yield it ready obedience. Take our school into Thy care, and endow the teachers with faithfulness, patience, and love, to lead our children to Thee.

Do Thou in the new year bless our country and all its inhabitants; endow those in authority with wisdom and power to administer justice and to labor for the common good; establish peace within our borders and upon all the earth; give success to commerce and all useful arts, and prosper the work of our hands; favor us with seasonable weather, give us our daily bread, and

preserve us from sickness and all other adversities. Crown the year with Thy goodness, that Thy glory may dwell in our land.

Watch over our homes, bless them with peace and happiness, and grant that all parents and heads of families may govern their households in true godliness, bringing up their children in Thy fear. Direct by Thy Spirit those young in years, adorning them with the garment of discretion, that they may grow and flourish in the garden of the Lord. Preserve the rich and prosperous from greed and selfishness and worldly pride, and the poor and needy from murmurings, envyings, and discontent. Provide for widows and orphans and all that are desolate and afflicted, and have mercy upon all sick persons. When the righteous cry, may it please Thee to hear and to comfort and relieve them according to their several necessities, giving them patience under their sufferings and a happy issue out of all their afflictions.

As all our times are in Thy hand, we commit ourselves into Thy keeping. Hear us when we call upon Thee. Defend us from all evil of body and soul, and bless us according to Thy good pleasure. Help us in the new year to walk in newness of life, loving and doing Thy Commandments, so that, if this year be our last on earth, we may at the appointed hour close our mortal life in peace and begin the great new year of eternity in Thy blissful presence, where with all the angels and the elect we shall ascribe to Thee blessing, and honor, and glory, and power, forever and ever.

Hear us, Lord Jesus, for Thy name's sake.

TO THE TRINITY

O ETERNAL AND ALMIGHTY GOD, we give Thee thanks for all Thy benefits, which, without any merit or worthiness in us, Thou hast bestowed upon us in the year past, and we beseech Thee that in the new year Thou wouldst grant peace to our land, health

to our bodies, and true joy to our souls, and let us experience the continuance and renewal of all Thy wonted mercies.

O Lord Jesus, our faithful Savior, we thank Thee for Thy great love, manifested in Thy bitter sufferings and death. And as even on this day Thou didst begin to shed Thy sacred blood for us, we beseech Thee to look upon us evermore with Thy gracious favor and to comfort us in every distress and in the anguish of death with Thy precious merits.

O Holy Ghost, we thank Thee for Thy help and guidance and consolation in the past, and we beseech Thee to continue to govern us by Thy grace, that we may lead holy and blameless lives, and so, as becometh Christians, finish well our course and hereafter obtain the crown of eternal glory, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

EPIPHANY

PRAISE AND PRAYER

ALMIGHTY AND EVERLASTING GOD, the Father of lights, who didst manifest Thine only-begotten Son in the flesh, making known His advent by a wonderful star to the Wise Men of the East, we praise Thee for Thine infinite mercy and surpassing love in granting unto us a ransom for our sins. We praise Thee that the Dayspring from on high hath visited us, to give light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace. We praise Thee that Thou hast prepared Thy salvation before the face of all people and hast established on earth the Church of Jesus Christ as the home of Thy continual presence and power among men. We praise Thee that Thou hast also brought us unto the fellowship of Thy beloved Son by the bright light of Thy Word, so that we are no longer strangers and foreigners, but partakers of Thy grace, fellow citizens with the saints, members of Thy household, and heirs of Thy kingdom.

We will extol Thee, our God; we will bless Thy name forever and ever; we will exalt Thee and sing unto Thee; for Thou hast remembered Thy covenant and sent salvation to Thy people.

And we beseech Thee, let us evermore follow the shining star of Thy divine Word, taking heed thereto as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, that the day may dawn and the Daystar arise in our hearts, and we may know Thee, and worship Thee, and present our own selves to Thee an acceptable sacrifice. Enable us to offer up to Thee the gold of faith, the incense of prayer, and the myrrh of repentance. Teach us to do Thy will, that we may crucify the flesh and serve Thee all our days, cherishing Christ in His members by relieving the needy and doing good unto all men.

Graciously save and defend our country and its people, our Government, and the whole Christian Church. Bless all honest labor, and give us our daily bread. Preserve us from sickness and famine and all other calamities. Visit the afflicted, the sick, and the dying with Thy heavenly consolation. Preserve unto us and our children Thy Word and Sacraments; guide us with Thy counsel; and afterwards receive us to glory in the land of eternal rest, where, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we shall laud and magnify Thy glorious name, evermore praising Thee and saying: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

MISSIONS

O ALMIGHTY AND EVERLASTING GOD, who didst manifest Thy Son Jesus Christ to the Wise Men of the East, bringing them as the first fruits of the Gentiles into His kingdom, to receive from them praise and glory and adoration, we thank Thee that Thou hast made Thine only-begotten Son to be both the Glory of Thy people Israel and the Light to lighten the Gentiles, and hast prepared Thy salvation for all people.

And as Thou hast established Thy Church on earth as a keeper and dispenser of the means of grace, that Thy kingdom might come to all men and Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven, we beseech Thee, endow us with Thy Holy Spirit, and increase our joy in Thine Anointed, that we may give glory unto Thee and declare Thy praise among the heathen. Let Zion arise and shine, that the Gentiles may come to her light and kings to the brightness of her rising, that the nations may praise Thee, and Thy name, O God, be glorified in the isles of the sea.

We pray Thee, so to let the blessed light of Thy countenance shine into our hearts that we may daily increase in the knowledge of our Lord and King; honor, confess, and worship Him, take up our cross and follow Him; and always walk as becometh the children of light, that men may see our good works and glorify Thee; and that we may, in the end, pass with joy and hope through the dark valley of death, to live in Thy presence in light and glory everlasting; through Thy dear Son, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

PASSIONTIDE

1

O LORD JESUS CHRIST, Thou Author and Finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Thee didst endure the cross, despising the shame, we thank Thee for Thine unspeakable love, in that Thou hast not only procured for us rest by Thy sorrow and life by Thy death, but art pleased also to impart Thy saving health to us by the preaching of the Cross, the Word of Truth.

As Thou hast brought us to the beginning of another Lenten Season and we are about to meditate on the solemn mysteries of Thy holy Passion, we beseech Thee, by Thy Holy Spirit enlighten our understanding, and direct our will, that we may hear the story of Thy sufferings and death with our minds disengaged from all worldly distractions and bent solely upon contemplating in devout

reverence and for our own salvation the wonders of Thy love, which even the angels desire to look into. Enable us to realize both the enormity and the bitterness of our sins, for which Thou wast wounded, that we may repent of them, and the unfathomable depths of Thy grace, which, where sin abounded, doth much more abound, that we may be comforted.

Oh, that Thy image, O Man of Sorrows, were deeply graven upon our hearts to make them Thine! Give us the obedience of faith, that we may now and hereafter be partakers of Thy plenteous redemption. Sprinkle us with Thy blood, cleanse our souls from sin, strengthen our hearts with the assurance of our adoption, and transform us into Thine image by the renewing of our mind. May the infinite fervor of Thy love enkindle in us steadfast faith in Thee and fervent love toward Thee and toward one another, that we may offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God by Thee. Have mercy upon everyone according to his need, add Thy blessing to our services at this time, be with us throughout our lives, guide us by Thy good and gracious Spirit, and grant that we may finally be acceptable in Thy sight.

Hear us, O blessed Savior, for Thine own sake.

2

O LORD GOD, the Father of mercies, who hast not pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live, and who of Thine infinite goodness didst deliver up Thine only-begotten Son into death as a sacrifice for our sins, for His sake remember not our ingratitude and indifference, but have mercy upon us, and forgive us all our sins.

As Thy dear Son was wounded for our transgressions and by His stripes we are healed, let us daily with true repentance and sincere faith meditate upon His Passion, that His death may be

our life, His righteousness our salvation, His conflict our victory and everlasting peace. Replenish us with Thy Holy Spirit, that, loving Thee with our whole hearts, we may walk in Thy ordinances blameless. Teach us to love one another, to bear one another's burdens, and so to fulfill the Law of Christ, who came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and who gave His life a ransom for many. Help us likewise to love our enemies and from our hearts to forgive everyone his trespasses against us. Let us follow the example of our Savior in patiently enduring the trials and afflictions of this present world, that, having suffered with Him, we may also be glorified with Him. For His sake hear all who cry unto Thee in sorrow and distress, and relieve them according to their several necessities.

Bestow Thy blessing upon the ministry of reconciliation. May the preaching of the Cross become a message of peace and a power of God unto the ends of the earth, that the nations that sit in darkness may be delivered from their sins and glorify Thy gracious name with all Thy saints. Embolden the ministers of Thy Word to preach, in season and out of season, Christ and Him Crucified, calling sinners to repentance and believers to rejoice in Thy salvation. May the death of Thy Son be our comfort in our last hour, and let us depart in peace to rise with Him unto life everlasting.

3

O LORD JESUS CHRIST, we adore Thy love and praise Thy compassion; we bless Thee for Thy bonds and stripes, for Thy crown of thorns and painful cross, for Thy bitter agony and death. We bless Thee that Thou, who knewest no sin, wast made sin for us, that we might be made the righteousness of God in Thee. May the contemplation of Thy holy Passion give us an abiding sense of our own unworthiness and of Thy surpassing grace, that, being distressed by our sin, we may be comforted by Thy merit.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, do not forsake us in adversity and distress and in the hour of death, but have mercy upon us evermore, and grant us Thy peace. As Thou hast loved us, even so may we, withdrawing our affections from the world and the things that are in the world, love Thee alone. As we have made Thee to serve by our sin, do Thou strengthen us by Thy grace in every conflict and temptation, that henceforth we may strive to sin no more. As Thou hast left us an example, may we ever follow Thy footsteps. Grant that, looking unto Thee, the Author and Finisher of our faith, we may run with patience the race that is set before us and hereafter obtain the end of our faith, even the salvation of our souls, and praise and glorify Thee for Thine unspeakable love, forever and ever.

4

ALMIGHTY GOD, our heavenly Father, we give Thee most humble and hearty thanks that Thou hast given Thine only-begotten Son to bear our sins and to make atonement for us on the cross; and we pray Thee, give us grace to put our whole trust in Thy redeeming love, and grant that our faith in Thee may be strengthened, our souls comforted, so that we be enabled to resist all the assaults of sin. Protect us against the devices of the Evil One; and in all temptations keep us by Thy Holy Spirit, and help us to walk according to Thy Word, that, being guarded and defended by Thy mighty power, we may never depart from Thy ways and in the end be saved by Thy grace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

MAUNDY THURSDAY

O LORD JESUS CHRIST, our only Mediator and Redeemer, we thank Thee that in the night in which Thou wast betrayed Thou didst institute for us the Holy Sacrament of Thy true body and

blood as a perpetual memorial of Thy death, a solemn pledge of Thy mercy and continual presence, and an effectual means of grace.

Thou art our Passover in this Holy Supper, and by giving us Thy body to eat and Thy blood to drink Thou dost grant us a wondrous communion with Thee as very members of Thy body, and dost impart and seal to us the merits of Thy death, the forgiveness of sin, life, and salvation, that, even as Thou, we are righteous and acceptable in the sight of God.

O Lord, we have in no wise deserved, and can never sufficiently thank Thee for, Thy goodness. We beseech Thee, however, to strengthen us through this salutary gift in faith towards Thee, and enable us daily so to appropriate and experience the blessings of Thy Passion that we may heartily praise Thee for our redemption and from day to day be more intimately united unto Thee by faith and love.

Kindle in us evermore such fervent longing for blessed communion with Thee in the Holy Supper that we may come often to Thy Table. Do Thou also, by Thy Holy Spirit, work in us true repentance and a lively and steadfast faith in Thy gracious promises, a sincere desire to be in perfect charity with all men, and the earnest purpose to amend our sinful lives, that we may be meet and worthy partakers of the Holy Sacrament and, with full pardon of our past sins, be quickened in the way of righteousness, and that we may serve Thee in holiness and pureness of living, and give Thee continual thanks for all Thy goodness.

May Thy Holy Supper be a source of comfort to the penitent, a means of enrichment to the poor in spirit, to the sick a sweet relief from the bitterness of pain, and to the dying a pledge of their inheritance with the saints in light.

Abide in Thy Church with Thy gracious presence, and let her at all times be a faithful keeper and dispenser of the heavenly treasures entrusted to her for those who believe in Thee.

Bless the right use of the means of grace wheresoever men keep the remembrance of Thy death, till Thou come.

Let Thy Word and Sacrament strengthen our souls during the days of our pilgrimage on earth, until hereafter we shall partake of Thy Supper with Thee in Thy Father's kingdom.

GOOD FRIDAY

1

O LORD JESUS CHRIST, Thou innocent Lamb of God, who wast led forth to the ignominious death of the cross for our sins and wast numbered with the transgressors, being made a curse for us to satisfy the eternal and inexorable justice of God, we give Thee most hearty praise, honor, and glory for Thine infinite mercy, and we beseech Thee to strengthen our faith and trust in Thee, that, being redeemed from the curse of the Law, we may comfort ourselves in every temptation with Thy all-sufficient merit. Let the preaching of the Cross be to us the power of God and the wisdom of God, that by the faithful use of Thy Word we may obtain the blessings which Thou hast promised.

Grant us Thy grace, that, as our old man is crucified with Thee, we may daily crucify our flesh and henceforth serve not sin, but walk in newness of life. May we also with true faith and sincere devotion follow Thy example of meekness in affliction and sorrow, love our enemies, and willingly suffer injury and injustice for Thy meekness' sake.

Draw us to Thee, as Thou didst draw the dying malefactor; intercede for us with Thy heavenly Father, as Thou didst pray for those who reviled and crucified Thee; and grant that we may continue blameless in steadfast faith and in patient hope unto the end. Remember us in Thy kingdom, let Thy cross be our solace in our final distress, and receive our souls into Thy hands; for Thou hast redeemed us, O Lord God of Truth.

O LORD JESUS CHRIST, we heartily thank Thee for Thy holy Passion and bitter death, for Thy sorrow and anguish of heart, for Thy pains and wounds, for all that Thou didst endure in body and soul. Thy soul was exceeding sorrowful even unto death. Thou gavest Thy back to the smiters, and Thy cheeks to them that plucked off the hair, and didst not hide Thy face from shame and spitting. Being numbered with the transgressors, Thou wast as a curse hanged on a tree; Thy hands and feet were pierced with nails; in Thy parching thirst they gave Thee vinegar and gall to drink; and even in Thy death men reviled Thee. Thou wast brought as a lamb to the slaughter; and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so Thou openedst not Thy mouth.

O Thou spotless Lamb of God, Thou didst bear our griefs and carry our sorrows, the Lord laid on Thee the iniquity of us all. In obedience to Thy heavenly Father, Thou didst, as our Surety, willingly lay down Thy life to render unto divine justice perfect satisfaction for sin, that, being clothed in the garment of Thy innocence, we might have pardon and peace. Therefore unto Thee, that didst love us and wash us from our sins in Thine own blood, be glory and dominion forever and ever.

O blessed Redeemer, we beseech Thee, let the remembrance of Thy bitter suffering and death be ever present to our souls. Teach us to acknowledge Thee as the one Sacrifice and only Atonement for sins, that we may turn from all false comforters and have true consolation by faith in Thee alone. May the contemplation of Thy cross subdue our evil impulses and arouse in us holy desires and aspirations, that, being dead to sins, we may live unto righteousness. Teach us also to take up our cross and to endure in patient obedience all things for Thy name's sake. Let Thy cross be our comfort and strength in our last hour. May we by faith

overcome the terrors of death and joyfully commit our souls into Thy hands, that, having suffered with Thee, we may also be glorified with Thee, our Savior and Redeemer.

EASTER

1

O LORD JESUS CHRIST, Thou Sun of Righteousness, who camest forth from the dark night of death, in majesty surpassing the golden Easter dawn, rise also upon our hearts, and enable us to contemplate the glories of this sacred day, that we may praise and glorify Thee.

As our Surety Thou wast delivered up to death; but, behold, Thou livest. Thou hast conquered death and destroyed him that had the power of death, having bruised the head of the Serpent, the ancient Foe of God and man. Thou didst descend into the lower parts of the earth and hast spoiled principalities and powers and made a show of them openly.

Hail, Lion of the tribe of Judah! O Thou Conqueror of death and Captain of our salvation, the battle and the victory are Thine; but Thou dost share Thy conquest with us and dost clothe us with Thy triumph. Thou wast made the first fruits of them that sleep. Because Thou livest, we shall live also. And when Thou hadst overcome death, Thou didst open the Kingdom of Heaven for all believers. Thou, the true Paschal Lamb, which was offered for us, hast taken away the sin of the world and by Thy rising again hast restored to us innocence and everlasting life. Therefore we are glad and rejoice in Thy goodness, and we bless and praise Thy holy name.

O Thou Prince of Life, we beseech Thee, comfort us with the forgiveness of our sins, and abide continually with us, that in all our conflicts we may retain the Easter joy. Fulfill in us with power the work of faith; cause us to rise with Thee in true repent-

ance from our natural death of trespasses and sins and to put away the old leaven of malice and wickedness, that we may always walk with Thee and serve Thee in truth and in pureness of living. May Thy Spirit put into our minds holy desires and quicken us in all our duties, that through Thy power resting upon us we may overcome the world and the terrors of death, and at Thy coming to judge the world appear with Thee in glory, being like Thee, and having our bodies changed into the fashion of Thine own glorious body.

Bless Thine inheritance, O Lord; govern Thy people; lift them up forever. Defend and maintain Thy Church till the end of days. Give us shepherds who shall take heed unto themselves and to the whole flock; and let all pastors and teachers hold fast the form of sound words of faith and love which are in Christ Jesus.

Into Thy hands, O King of Kings and Lord of Lords, we commit our land and all civil authority everywhere. Endue all rulers and magistrates with wisdom and justice and the fear of Thy holy name, and let them punish wickedness and establish peace, that the righteous may flourish and Thy name be glorified.

Regard in compassion all who are oppressed by lawless might; all who are suffering for truth and for conscience' sake; all who are beset with temptations to sin; all who are sinking under the weight of disease; all who are ready to despair of Thy grace; all who are troubled by the fear of the grave; all who are entering into the valley of the shadow of death; and do Thou be in them the Hope of glory, and at Thy appearing may the trial of their faith be found unto Thy praise and honor.

Now unto Thee, who art able to keep us from falling and to present us faultless before the presence of Thy glory with exceeding joy, to the only wise God, our Savior, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and forever.

2

O ALMIGHTY, ETERNAL, AND MOST MERCIFUL GOD, the Father of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, we praise and bless Thee that of Thine infinite mercy Thou didst not spare Thine own Son, but didst deliver Him up for our offenses and raise Him again for our justification, making Him the first fruits of them that sleep.

O most faithful Savior Jesus Christ, we give thanks to Thee for Thy triumphant resurrection, whereby Thou hast abolished death and begotten us again to a lively hope, to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved for us in the heavens.

O God the Holy Ghost, we praise and glorify Thee that by Thy grace the blessed consolations of this sacred season are published to all Christian congregations, and that through Thy holy Word and Sacraments righteousness and salvation, the treasures of grace purchased and won for us by Christ, are imparted and confirmed to us.

O Holy Trinity, bless Thy Church, and cause the tidings of life to be told unto the ends of the earth. Comfort us evermore with the assurance that our transgressions are hid and sealed in the grave where our Redeemer lay, and that there is now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus and walk not after the flesh, but after the spirit. Withdraw our hearts from all earthly desires and affections, that as pilgrims and sojourners we may hasten forward to our inheritance of immortality in heaven. While we live, guide us with Thy counsel; and when we die, give us the crown of life, that with all the holy angels and the elect we may praise and glorify Thee, world without end.

O ALMIGHTY AND ETERNAL GOD, who through the death of Thy Son hast destroyed sin and death, and by His rising to life again restored innocence and everlasting life, that we, being delivered from the power of the devil, might live unto Thee in Thy kingdom, we beseech Thee to grant that we may evermore be comforted by true faith in the resurrection of Thy dear Son. Do Thou also, by the operation of Thy quickening Spirit, fulfill Thy work in us, that we live no more unto ourselves, but that Thou livest in us by Thy divine power, making us perfect in every good work to do Thy will, and working in us that which is well pleasing in Thy sight. Let not the thought of death fill our hearts with terror, but give us the blessed assurance that, like unto Christ, our Head, we shall not remain in our graves, but rise again at the end of days. And when we have finished our course by Thy grace, may Thy resurrection be to our faith a sure pledge that an unfading inheritance is reserved for us in heaven. O Thou God of peace, who hast brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, draw our souls and bodies at the last perfectly to Thee, that we may live with Thee and praise Thee, world without end.

EASTER MONDAY

O GRACIOUS LORD JESUS CHRIST, honor and praise be to Thee that Thou hast overcome sin, reconciled us with God, and made a way for us to eternal life. Honor and praise be to Thee that by Thy death Thou hast destroyed our death and by Thy resurrection hast brought us life, and that we, Thy members, shall not remain in the grave, but rise with Thee to glory everlasting. Honor and praise be to Thee also that after Thy resurrection Thou didst mercifully show Thyself to Thy disciples and friends, making glad their sorrowing hearts with exceeding comfort.

We beseech Thee, therefore, appear also unto us and all Christendom with peace and joy. Show us the print of the nails and Thy wounded side; and when we are slow of heart to believe, open to us the Scriptures by Thy Holy Spirit, and grant us rightly to know the mystery of Thy death and the power of Thy resurrection. Help us to believe without doubting that Thou didst hide our iniquity in Thy grave, and for our benefit didst destroy death and the grim prison house, and didst truly rise and enter into Thy glory to make us partakers of the same, that as strangers and pilgrims on earth we may earnestly long for our eternal home and rest the hope of our blessed departure on Thee, the living Lord of Glory.

May we also, by the renewal of Thy Holy Spirit, rise daily from the servitude of sin and as Thy living members evermore delight in Thy service and praise.

Thou, O Lord, art the Strength of the weak and the Consolation of the afflicted. May we, therefore, not despair in the hour of trial, even though our eyes be holden for a time not to know Thee. Be Thou evermore our Companion upon the way and the Guest of our homes. Bless our daily bread. Grant peace unto our land and peace unto our souls, and preserve the joy and gladness of Easter continually in our hearts. When the day is far spent and the sun about to set, when the shadows thicken about us, in the gathering gloom of the eventide of life, in the agony and pain of death, graciously abide with us, and lead our souls out of this vale of sorrows into the heavenly Jerusalem. And on the last great day, when the voice of the archangel is heard, do Thou, O risen Lord, who art clothed with immortality and glory, raise up our mortal bodies and make them like unto Thy glorious body, and grant us peace everlasting in the mansions of heaven, where we shall see Thee face to face and where Thou wilt hold gracious converse with us and be our Joy and Pleasure, our Light and our Glory, world without end.

ASCENSION

1

O LORD JESUS CHRIST, Thou eternal Son of God, the Savior of the world, who, having finished the great work of redemption, didst triumphantly ascend into heaven and wast seated on the right hand of the Father, being exalted above all angels and principalities, and above all power and might, and above everything that is named in this world and in that which is to come, we worship and glorify Thee that Thy cross and Passion was concluded in rejoicing and through death Thou didst enter into Thine eternal glory and hast opened again the gates of Paradise for the children of men.

Blessed Lord, Thou hast achieved the victory; we are still in the moil and toil of conflict. We pray Thee, look with favor upon us, and think on us for good, who are yet pilgrims and strangers on earth.

O Thou eternal High Priest, our only Mediator, who, having blotted out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, dwellest in the high and holy place, appear in the presence of God for us, and be our Advocate with the Father, that by Thy perfect merit and gracious intercession we may escape the righteous judgment of God and that His peace may abide with us forever.

O Thou heavenly King, establish Thy dominion in our hearts. Send down Thy Holy Spirit to enlighten us with Thy grace, to guide us into all truth and to work all good in us, so that Thy spiritual body may be built up. As Thou hast opened heaven to us, so keep us, that we may not close it again by impenitence and sin. Draw us to Thee, and fill our hearts with holy desires, that on the wings of faith and ardent devotion we may continually ascend to Thee.

Lord Jesus, all power is given unto Thee in heaven and in earth, Thou art able to save to the uttermost all who come unto

God by Thee. Thou hast promised to be with Thy faithful people alway, even unto the end of the world. Comfort us with Thy presence, and let us all receive of Thy fullness, and grace for grace. Cause Thy blessing to rest upon our government, that peace may be maintained and justice impartially administered to the glory of Thy name.

O Thou faithful Prophet, extend Thy Church, which Thou hast purchased with Thine own blood, and graciously keep us steadfast in Thy saving Word and the right use of the blessed Sacraments. Send forth faithful messengers of the Gospel, and clothe them with the armor of righteousness on the right hand and on the left, that all flesh may see Thy salvation. Govern the hearts of parents and teachers, that they may bring to Thee the children entrusted to their care, and do Thou lead those who are in the morning of their years upon the way of life. Awaken the unconverted, and raise the fallen, that they may no more cleave to the world, but lift up their eyes to the Land of Promise. Have mercy upon all who are in affliction and distress, in sickness and temptation; hear their cry, and refresh them with Thy heavenly comfort. Grant that with patience and hope we may fight the good fight and obtain the prize of eternal life. And finally, when the hour of our departure is at hand, Lord Jesus, receive our spirit, and let us abide in Thy presence, where there is fullness of peace and joy and pleasures at Thy right hand forevermore.

2

ALMIGHTY FATHER, we draw nigh unto Thee in the name of Jesus Christ, our Mediator and Redeemer, who, having purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high. We bless Thee for sending Him, not only to live and to die for us and to rise again, but also to ascend up on high, leading captivity captive and receiving gifts for men, that He might be a Prince and

a Savior, to give repentance and forgiveness of sins, imparting as our everlasting, only Head, to all His members life and light, comfort, strength, victory, peace, and joy.

We have indeed most grievously sinned against Thee and deserve only Thy wrath and indignation. But we have an Advocate with Thee, Jesus Christ the Righteous, who is the Propitiation for our sins. May they, though many, be forgiven us, that, being justified by faith, we have peace with Thee through Jesus Christ.

Create in us a clean heart, and renew a right spirit within us. Give unto us that faith which purifieth the soul, worketh by love, overcometh the world, and maketh us careful to pursue good works. Grant that, as Thy Son ascended into the heavens, so we may also in heart and life thither ascend and dwell with Him continually.

Look in compassion upon all mankind, whom Thy beloved Son redeemed with His most precious blood, that He may have the heathen for His inheritance and the uttermost parts of the earth for His possession.

May He, the King of Glory, be our Companion in life and our Deliverer in death, a very present Help in trouble. And finally, when He shall come in majesty to judge the world in righteousness, grant, we beseech Thee, that with all the blessed we may inherit the Kingdom prepared for us and have our consummation and bliss in Thine eternal and everlasting glory; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

PENTECOST

1

ALMIGHTY AND EVERLASTING GOD, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who on this holy day of Pentecost didst gloriously fulfill the great promise of the Gospel by visibly pouring out the

Holy Spirit upon Thy chosen Apostles in Jerusalem, we worship Thee and give thanks to Thee, that, by the preaching of the Apostles and all true ministers of Thy Word, Thou art pleased continually to gather unto Thyself from among the sinful and lost race of man a holy and everlasting Church as the home of Thine abiding presence and power among men. We beseech Thee to enlighten, sanctify, and so to rule us by Thy Holy Spirit that we may know, honor, and worship Thee, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom Thou hast sent.

We pray Thee that it may please Thee, even as of old, so now and ever to pour out Thy Holy Spirit into our hearts, that He may come to us like the light and dew of heaven, and be in us evermore as a well of water springing up into everlasting life, and that by the Word of Thy truth we may be preserved in the saving faith unto the end. Bring to naught, we implore Thee, the wicked designs of all false teachers and ungodly men, who would lead us away from the green pasture of Thy Word into the destructive ways of sin and Satan. Prevent the enemy from sowing tares among the wheat, lest the cross of Christ should be made of none effect. Enable us to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace, that we may grow up into Him in all things who is the Head, even Christ, and the lives of all who profess Thy name may be to Thee an acceptable sacrifice.

May it please Thee to govern with Thy good Spirit the hearts of all those in authority. Grant them health and prosperity long to live, and enable them to secure to all our people liberty and peace. Bless the ministry of reconciliation. Let there be found everywhere faithful and godly shepherds that feed the flock of Christ in singleness of heart, and pour out Thy Spirit upon all flesh. Rule and direct by the Spirit of Thy grace the hearts of parents, children, and servants, that they may have Thee always before their eyes and fulfill the duties of their several stations in

righteousness and true holiness as shall be well pleasing to Thee, serving Thee all the days of their lives. And do Thou, by the continual aid of Thy Holy Spirit, help us to increase in all knowledge, faith, charity, purity, and truth, and at last to receive the end of our faith, even the salvation of our souls, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

2

O LORD GOD THE HOLY GHOST, proceeding from the Father and the Son, and with them one true and eternal God, the earnest and pledge of our inheritance, the Spirit of life and truth and grace, by whom all that mourn are comforted, and who alone art able to lead us into all truth, we worship and glorify Thee and give thanks to Thee for all Thy marvelous gifts and graces, and especially for still shedding abroad Thy power in the Church through Thy Word and Sacraments and performing Thy work in us.

And as we cannot by our own reason and strength believe in our Lord Jesus Christ or come to Him, we beseech Thee, enlighten us with Thy gifts, enable us rightly to understand the Word of Truth and to perceive both the magnitude of our transgressions and the multitude of God's mercies, engrave Jesus Christ in our hearts, and bestow upon us peace of conscience and everlasting comfort. Bear witness with our spirit that we are the children of God. Confirm us with Thy testimony, and seal us by Thy promise, that, even as the earth is refreshed by the dew of heaven, so also our souls, being redeemed from the spirit of fear and of bondage, may be satisfied with Thy consolations.

Thou who didst appear unto the holy Apostles with cloven tongues like as of fire, kindle in us the fire of love, holy thoughts, and fervent devotion, and abide with us forever. Enter into us as Thy living temples and holy habitations, renew us inwardly day by day, and let Thy strength be made perfect in our weakness.

Sanctify our understanding and heart, purify our affections, make us lovers of peace, and fill us with true zeal to be faithful, each one in his calling, that we may glorify Thee and edify our neighbor by words and deeds well pleasing in Thy sight. Graciously preserve us from unbelief and all ungodliness, and enable us to fight the good fight unto the end. Comfort us in all our trials with joy unspeakable, and seal us unto the day of our redemption, that we may hereafter in perfect holiness praise and glorify Thee, with the Father and the Son, world without end.

3

ALMIGHTY GOD, who on the Day of Pentecost didst miraculously pour out Thy Spirit on the sons of men, we praise Thee for the gracious assurance that He shall remain with Thy people always, even unto the end of days. Without His mighty working we can do nothing that is pleasing unto Thee. We know not what to pray for as we ought, unless He help our infirmities and make intercession for us. No man can say that Jesus is Lord but by the Holy Ghost. We need His inspiration to think those things that are good and require His guidance to perform the same. Let not our past abuse of Thy mercies provoke Thee to cast us away from Thy presence and to take Thy Holy Spirit from us, but rather do Thou give us true repentance, and quicken us to greater diligence in the use of the means of grace and salvation.

Pour out Thy Spirit upon all flesh. Arise in the greatness of Thy strength, and awaken to a life of righteousness those who are dead in trespasses and sins. Send out Thy light and Thy truth to the nations that know not Thy name. Shed abroad all spiritual blessings on the churches of Thy saints. May they be edified by the truth as it is in Christ Jesus; and, walking in Thy fear and in the comfort of the Holy Ghost, may they be multiplied exceedingly. Bless all the ministers of Thy Word; endue them with

Thy Holy Spirit, enrich them with Thy heavenly grace, and let the words which they speak in Thy name be applied to the hearts of men in demonstration of the same Spirit and of power. Remember the righteous in their afflictions, help us in every time of need, and at the last grant us Thine everlasting peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

TRINITY

1

GLORY BE TO THEE, O Lord Most High, holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts; heaven and earth are full of Thy glory! O most Holy Trinity, we thank Thee for the creation and continual preservation and direction of heaven and earth, angels and men, and all things. We bless Thee for revealing Thyself by Thy holy Word to the children of men as one eternal God in Three Persons, coequal in majesty, power, and glory; and for establishing a Church for all generations upon the foundation of the Gospel. We worship Thee in true faith and by our adoration and confession separate ourselves from all who do not acknowledge Thee as the only true and living God.

O God the Father everlasting, who from eternity didst beget the Son, and, having ordained Him to be the Mediator and Redeemer of all men, didst accomplish and make known to us through Him the wonderful counsel of our salvation, we humbly beseech Thee to have mercy upon us and to forgive us all our sins. Lift up the light of Thy countenance upon us, and we shall be healed. May it please Thee, moreover, to gather a holy Christian Church from all nations and tongues, and to preserve also among us a holy people, that Thy name may be worshiped and glorified unto the ends of the earth. We commend to Thy merciful providence all those in authority and pray Thee to enable them so to rule and govern that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life

in all godliness and honesty. And, as we can do nothing without Thee, grant us Thy grace that we may always in singleness of heart do those things that please Thee, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

O God the everlasting Son, who art the express image of Thy heavenly Father and the brightness of His glory, who of Thine unspeakable love didst in the fullness of time assume our nature and make an atonement for all our sins, we praise and glorify Thee, and humbly acknowledge our inability ever worthily to thank Thee for all Thy goodness. Have mercy upon us, O Lord; and with Thy most precious blood cleanse us from all sin. Preserve unto us Thy holy Word and the blessed Sacraments. Defend us from error and false doctrine. Bring to naught the devices of the enemies of Thy Word, that they may have no power over us to mislead us into the paths of sin and destruction. Protect the whole Christian Church on earth; give to us and all its members' faith, patience, and comfort in all our trials and distresses; and conduct us safely through this vale of sorrow unto the kingdom of eternal glory.

O God the Holy Ghost, who art sent from the Father and the Son into our hearts to renew them, continually enlighten us and ever enkindle the true and saving faith in us. Direct and lead us ever more into Thy truth, and keep us steadfast amidst all the assaults and temptations of the world, even unto the end.

O most merciful and ever faithful God, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, most holy and ever blessed Trinity, grant us grace to abide in the true Christian faith and to lead a godly life, that after the troubles of this mortal state we may depart in peace, and, in the blessed company and fellowship of the holy angels and of the elect, see Thee face to face, and love and praise and magnify and worship Thee, world without end.

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HOLY, HOLY, HOLY, Lord God of Hosts, unchangeable, eternal, and glorious, most mighty, just, and true, infinitely wise and good, who art here and everywhere present, and knowest all things; the blessed and only Potentate, who alone hast immortality, dwelling in the light which no man can approach unto, whom no man hath seen or can see, we draw nigh unto Thee with reverence and godly fear.

Thou art a God whom we cannot by searching find out. But we bless Thee for the revelation which Thou hast been pleased to make of Thyself to us, as the only true God, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, One God in Trinity, and Trinity in Unity.

We adore Thee, O God the Father, of an infinite majesty, and praise Thee for Thy wonderful love in giving Thy well-beloved Son to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption.

We adore Thee, O God the Son, the Only-Begotten of the Father, the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person, in whom dwelleth all the fullness of the Godhead bodily. O Thou very God and very Man, we praise Thee for the great love wherewith Thou hast loved us, in leaving the glory which Thou hadst with the Father before the world began, and coming down from heaven for us men and for our salvation in the fullness of time.

We adore Thee, O God the Holy Ghost, proceeding from the Father and the Son, Author and Giver of life, who, with the Father and the Son together, art worshiped and glorified, who didst speak by the Prophets. We bless Thee, the Comforter, the eternal Spirit of wisdom and of truth, who guidest us into all truth; the Spirit of grace and supplications, who teachest us to pray, and makest intercession for us, and helpst our infirmities; the Spirit of holiness, who sanctifiest us; the Spirit of promise, who sealest us unto the day of redemption.

Almighty and everlasting God, who hast given unto us, Thy servants, grace, by the confession of true faith to acknowledge the mystery of the eternal Trinity and in the power of the divine majesty to worship the Unity, we beseech Thee that Thou wouldst keep us steadfast in this faith until the end.

O Holy Trinity, look in compassion on all nations who know not Thee, the only true God. Spread abroad Thy Gospel, and turn them from all their vanities unto Thee, the living God. Protect and bless the Church, which Thou hast established on earth. May it remain the ground and pillar of the Truth, and evermore be defended from every assault of vain doctrine which shall rage against it.

Now unto One God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we in Him; and unto One Lord Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we in Him; and unto One Spirit, by whom through Christ we have access unto the Father; even unto the holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, Three Persons and One God, be equal praise and adoration, now and forevermore.

3

O THOU MOST HOLY AND EVER BLESSED TRINITY, God the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, we thank and praise Thee that Thou hast revealed Thyself to us in Thy Word as the only true and living God from everlasting, Three in One, and One in Three, our Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier. Glory and praise and worship in the highest be unto Thee, Thou holy, holy, holy Lord God Almighty.

O God the Father, have mercy upon us, and gladden us with Thy love. O God the Son, have mercy upon us, and clothe us with Thy merits. O God the Holy Ghost, have mercy upon us, and sanctify us by Thine indwelling. O Thou Holy Trinity, have mercy upon us, and hear our prayers.

Shine in our hearts, we beseech Thee, and increase in us the knowledge of Thy glory, that we may never depart from the true and saving faith, but rejoice always in the redemption purchased by the blood of Christ. Uphold us in temptation, and fill our hearts with holy thoughts and desires, that we may worship Thee with fervent prayer and walk before Thee in all holy obedience and devotion. Deliver us from evil, and comfort us in affliction. Protect our country and all its inhabitants, bless all those in authority, and prosper every one in his appropriate calling. Defend Thy Church from all its foes, and look in compassion upon all mankind, and pour out Thy Spirit upon all flesh, that the ends of the earth may acknowledge and worship Thee, the eternal, triune God and Lord. Help us to live and walk according to Thy will in this present life, and receive us at the last into the kingdom of Thy glory, where we shall bless and magnify Thee, the Father and the Son and the Holy Ghost, throughout all ages, world without end.

THE FESTIVAL OF HARVEST

O ALMIGHTY AND MOST MERCIFUL FATHER, the Giver of every good and perfect gift, we give Thee thanks for blessing us so richly with Thy good Word and the holy Sacraments, and supplying so abundantly all our daily necessities, that our bread has not failed, and we have not lacked any good thing. Thou hast watered the hills from Thy chambers, given us rain and sunshine in their season, protected our fields from the storm and the tempest, and bestowed upon us a plentiful harvest of the fruits of the earth. Thou hast also given us good government, peace, health, and innumerable other blessings. For all these favors we give thanks to Thee and glorify Thy holy name.

We acknowledge and confess before Thee that we are not worthy of the least of all Thy mercies; for by reason of our daily transgressions Thou mightest justly grow weary of doing us good.

But we are heartily sorry for our disobedience, ingratitude, and abuse of Thy gifts, and do earnestly repent of these our sins. And we beseech Thee in the name of Thy dear Son Jesus Christ, our only Mediator, deal with us not according to our unworthiness, but according to Thine infinite mercy and our great need.

Take not away from us Thy holy Word, the spiritual manna of our souls, preserve us and the generations after us from all error and unbelief, and grant us, moreover, at all times food for our bodies and the means needful for our well-being in this world. We pray Thee also for grace so to receive Thy benefits that they may be sanctified to our use. Having food and raiment, let us be therewith content, committing all our ways to Thee. If riches increase, let us not set our hearts upon them; and defend us from covetousness and all sinful cares of the body, and from abusing and dishonoring Thy bounties by worldliness and vanity and the pleasures of sin, lest Thy name be blasphemed through us. May we employ Thy gifts for Thy glory and our subsistence, for the maintenance of churches and schools, and for the relief of the needy. Remember, according to the multitude of Thy tender mercies, all Thy children in the world, and replenish them with every necessary good in earthly and spiritual things. Bless those who are in sickness and want or other adversity; comfort them in their trials, and in Thine own good time turn all their sorrows into joy. Let Thy fatherly protection be over us. Keep our hearts from sin, our eyes from tears, and our souls from death. Enable us to accomplish our days in Thy fear, that on the day of the general harvest of the world we may abound in the fruits of faith and come rejoicing, bringing our sheaves with us, to be gathered into Thy kingdom, and to receive from Thy hand the crown of glory that fadeth not away, and with all the elect to praise and magnify Thee forevermore, through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord.

FAILURE OF HARVEST

O ALMIGHTY GOD, the Lord of heaven and earth, who during so many years hast given us rain and fruitful seasons, and filled the earth with Thy riches; and this present year hast caused the land to withhold its increase, so that our garnerers are empty, and we lack the wonted abundance of Thy favors, Thy thoughts are not our thoughts, and our ways are not Thy ways; but the thoughts that Thou thinkest towards us are thoughts of peace and not of evil, and all Thy works are goodness and truth. Even the little we have gathered in is a gift of Thy mercy and far in excess of our desert. Thou hast not yet withdrawn Thy hand from us, but to this hour hast preserved our life, and given us peace and health. Suffer us not, therefore, to murmur against Thee or to despair of Thy help, but give us contentment of heart and filial trust in Thee; for Thou, who rulest the universe and clothest the lilies of the field, even Thou, who art rich in mercy and knowest our every need, art our Father and our God. Thine eye is upon them that fear Thee, and upon them that hope in Thy mercy, to deliver their soul from death, and to keep them alive in famine. Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us, according as we hope in Thee, through Jesus Christ, Thy Son.

A DAY OF HUMILIATION AND PRAYER

O ETERNAL AND MERCIFUL GOD, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we acknowledge and confess before Thee our manifold and great offenses. We have experienced Thy goodness, but have not been led to repentance. We have seen Thy judgments abroad in the earth, but have not learned righteousness. Above all, we have neglected the means of grace and set at naught Thy tender mercies in Christ Jesus. But Thou art a merciful God, full of compassion, long-suffering, and of great pity, who hast no pleasure in the death of sinners, but hadst rather that they

turn from their sins and be saved. Be gracious unto us, therefore, even as Thou art wont. Spare us, O Lord, though for our evil deeds we do worthily deserve to be punished. In the midst of judgments still remember mercy. For Thy dear Son's sake, forgive us all our past sins, and grant that we may hereafter serve and please Thee in newness of life, to the honor and glory of Thy name.

Be Thou our Refuge and Strength, a very present Help in trouble.

Protect Thy Church, the vineyard which Thou hast planted among us, and water it abundantly with the rivers of living water. Give grace to all the ministers of Thy Gospel, that they may both by their doctrine and life set forth Thy true and lively Word, and grant that Thy little flock may dwell in peace and safety everywhere.

Preserve us from plague and pestilence, from war and bloodshed, from fire and flood, from failure of harvest and from famine, from lightning and tempest, and from all other calamities.

We entreat Thee also for all those who are in authority over us; counsel them by Thy wisdom, and strengthen their hands, that they may so wait on their office as to promote Thy glory and the common good. And grant grace to all Thy people, that we may submit ourselves to every ordinance of man for Thy sake, and be subject to the higher powers, reverencing them and upholding them in all their lawful endeavors to maintain justice and righteousness among men.

Teach us to live, day by day, in humble dependence on Thy promises, in cheerful obedience to Thy laws, and in a sure and certain hope of a blessed immortality.

Fill our hearts with a due sense of Thy unspeakable love in the redemption of our souls, that we may with filial confidence call upon Thee in the day of trouble and, among all the changes

of this mortal life, ever be defended by Thy most gracious and ready help.

Have mercy upon us, O Lord, in our every need. Save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance, that Thy glory may dwell in our land.

Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto Thee, and dost promise, where two or three are gathered together in Thy name, Thou wilt grant their requests, fulfill now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of Thy servants as may be most expedient for us, granting us in this world knowledge of Thy truth and in the world to come life everlasting; for the sake of the redemption and intercession of Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, liveth and reigneth in equal majesty and glory, true God and man, blessed forever.

THE FESTIVAL OF THE REFORMATION

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O ETERNAL AND MOST MERCIFUL GOD, we bless and praise Thee for all Thy benefits, and especially for those mercies which we commemorate this day. Praise be to Thee that Thou didst send forth Thine only-begotten Son into the world to be the Propitiation for our sins, and didst institute the ministry of the Word to make known Thy saving health among all nations. Praise be to Thee especially this day that, when the gross darkness of popery covered the earth, Thou didst kindle afresh the light of Thy holy Word, and through Thy chosen vessel Martin Luther didst teach our fathers once more the everlasting Gospel of salvation. Praise be to Thee that Thou hast to this day preserved the goodly heritage, saved us from persecution and confusing creeds, defended churches and schools from the assaults of Satan, given strength and success to Thy Word, and at all times provided

faithful shepherds to feed Thy flock in the pleasant pastures of Thy Word.

We acknowledge and confess, in sincere repentance, that by our manifold sins, ingratitude, indifference, and unbelief we have, indeed, deserved that Thou mightest justly hide Thy face from us and visit us with a famine of Thy Word. But we beseech Thee, O Lord, deal with us, not after our sins, but according to Thine infinite compassion.

Let not the gates of hell prevail against Thy Church. Preserve us from human traditions and doctrines of men, from strong delusions to subvert the foundation of truth and to mislead men upon false ways.

Grant unto us peace and good government; and let truth, justice, and liberty dwell in our land and throughout the world that, without restraint or hindrance, we may continually enjoy the blessings of Thy pure Word.

Preserve unto us and our children the pure and saving Gospel and the right use of the holy Sacraments till the end of days. Send us to this end at all times blameless teachers, able ministers of the New Testament, faithful stewards of Thy mysteries, and give them wisdom and boldness to proclaim Thy salvation to many unto life.

Let us not misuse the Gospel unto false peace in a dead faith. Being kept by the light of truth, let us walk as the children of light. Let us be a city that is set on a hill to shine afar until the day of Christ's coming. Give us increase of faith and of numbers. Restore all that are deceived by error, and give free course and strength to Thy Word, that it may become known among the nations of the earth. Do good in Thy good pleasure to Zion, build Thou the walls of Jerusalem.

Gird us with Thy power, that we may fight a good fight and keep the faith, until we shall obtain the crown of righteousness laid up for us in heaven, for Thy Son's sake.

2

LORD GOD, heavenly Father, who after long ages of darkness didst deliver our fathers from the bondage of error and the tyranny of human ordinances, we heartily thank Thee for those faithful witnesses through whom Thou didst restore the Gospel of Christ to men; and we praise Thee that Thou hast caused this blessed light to shine until the present hour, so that now we know the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make us wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus, our only Mediator, and, unrestrained by human laws and unmolested by worldly powers, we are permitted to worship Thee in spirit and in truth. We beseech Thee, defend Thy Church against all her foes, and do not suffer Thy flock to be scattered or to be despoiled of the wholesome pasturage of Thy Word. Seek and save the lost and all who have gone astray. Preserve among us Thy pure Word and the holy Sacraments; turn our hearts from vain and delusive doctrines; and keep us steadfast in Thy grace and truth, that we may not misuse the priceless liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, lest we harm our souls and be a reproach to Thy Church. Direct and strengthen us by Thy Holy Spirit to abide in the confession of Thy Word and to walk worthy of the Gospel unto all pleasing, that by the innocency of our lives and the constancy of our faith even unto death we may glorify Thy holy name, and in the end by Thy grace obtain everlasting life. Now unto Thee, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be glory in the Church by Christ Jesus, throughout all ages, world without end.

THANKSGIVING DAY

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ALMIGHTY GOD, heavenly Father, we praise and magnify Thy holy name for all the temporal and spiritual mercies Thou hast bestowed upon us at all times. Thou dost cause Thy holy,

saving Word to be preached to us in purity and truth, comforting, admonishing, warning, and reproofing us thereby, and fully apprising us how to turn from our evil ways, to obtain salvation by faith in Thy dear Son, and to walk before Thee in righteousness and all holy obedience. Thou makest us to dwell in a goodly land; Thou, O Lord, Thyself carest for it; and Thine eyes are continually upon it from the beginning of the year even unto the end. Thou hast ordained for us our beloved Government and dost endow those in authority with wisdom so to rule, that, being safely kept under their governance, we may pass our days in quietness and peace. Thou dost vouchsafe to us the priceless boon of liberty, so that, without let or hindrance, we may freely serve Thee according to Thy Word, be quickened in our most holy faith, confess Thy name, and spread abroad Thy Gospel, and in our homes and churches and schools teach our children the knowledge of the saving truth, bringing them up in the nurture and admonition of their Lord Jesus Christ. Thou forgivest us richly and daily all our sins and dost not deal with us according to our iniquities. As high as the heaven is above the earth, so great is Thy mercy toward us.

We beseech Thee, give us truly thankful hearts, that we may not forget all Thy benefits and Thy never-failing mercies. Enable us to realize that Thy goodness should lead us and our whole people to repentance, and that we are not worthy of the least of all Thy mercies and of all Thy truth, because we have repaid Thy manifold bounties with all manner of sin and unrighteousness, and amply deserved that Thou shouldst cause Thy loving-kindness altogether to cease among us. As Thou hast delivered up Thine only-begotten Son for us all, and with Him also freely givest us all things, through Him bestowing Thine abundant blessing upon our land, its government, and its inhabitants, that all men may seek and find Thee in this acceptable time and the day of salva-

tion; do not Thou forsake us, but for His sake be gracious unto us forevermore. With the finger of Thy Holy Spirit write in our hearts the perpetual remembrance of Thy faithfulness. Open Thou our lips, that we may praise Thy grace and mercy, and confess Thy name and Word. As Thou hast prospered us in earthly goods, make us willing and ready to praise Thee by our works and to honor Thee with our substance for the extension of Thy kingdom. Let this mind be in us, which was also in Christ Jesus, that we have compassion on our neighbor in his need, even as Thou hast had pity on us. Preserve us from vanity and presumption, lest we say: Our power and the might of our hands hath gotten us this wealth; but let us remember Thee, the Lord, our God, by whose power and benediction our beloved Church, our country, and our Government are preserved, to the end that we may inculcate upon our children and our children's children for a memorial forever that Thou hast done great things for us and that we rejoice in Thee.

Our soul shall bless Thee at all times and never forget all Thy benefits. Let us walk in Thy ways, until we shall glorify Thee and exalt Thy name in the New Jerusalem; through Jesus Christ, Thy dear Son, our Lord.

2

PRAISE, GLORY, AND THANKS be unto Thee, heavenly Father, for the manifold blessings which Thou hast bestowed upon us during this year. Thou didst give us the early and the latter rain in due season, so that the earth brought forth its precious grain for the maintenance of man. Thou didst shield and guard us against all dangers that surrounded us by day and by night. Thou didst hold Thine almighty hand over us, so that no evil came nigh our dwelling. Thou didst keep us by the Spirit in the true faith in Thy beloved Son. Innumerable, O Lord, are the gifts

of Thy loving-kindness towards us. Accept our humble thanks for all. We are not worthy of all the mercies that Thou hast bestowed upon us. What shall we give in return? All that we are, all that we have; accept it, O God, unto Thy praise and glory now and forever; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord.

THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST

O LORD JESUS CHRIST, First-Born of all creatures, and Lamb of God that takest away the sin of the world, on this day of Thy presentation in the Temple we render unto Thee most hearty thanks that Thou didst present Thy whole life to the Father for the doing of His will and the fulfillment of His purpose. Thou, very God of very God, hiding Thy glory in the form of a little child, wast for our sakes made under the Law to redeem us that were under the Law, that we might receive the adoption of sons.

Enlighten our minds, we beseech Thee, that we may know Thee as the Lord our Righteousness. Let our eyes see Thy salvation, that with Simeon we may take Thee up in the arms of faith, enfold Thee in our hearts, and find comfort in Thee alone. In distress and affliction hear our supplications, and deliver us, and be Thou the Strength of our life.

Grant us grace also to present our own selves to Thee a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable; enable us to walk in Thy fear and to serve Thee in willing obedience all our days, our heart and members being servants of righteousness, that we may be blameless in the day of Thy coming.

And because Thou hast been sent as a Light to lighten the Gentiles and as the Glory of Thy people Israel, do Thou, O Sun of Righteousness, arise among them with healing in Thy wings, that all the ends of the earth may see the salvation of our God. Let Thy Word be preached to all men. Grant us faithful ministers

and teachers, let us be diligent hearers and doers of the Word, and help us to bring up our children in Thy fear. Fill our hearts with Christian love, that we may avoid offenses, minister abundantly of our substance, let the light of our good works shine before men, and so gain many for Thy kingdom.

Let us abide in Thy grace and finally depart in peace. Do Thou then present us before Thy heavenly Father in the garment of Thy perfect obedience, that, beholding Thee in Thy glory, we may with all the elect worship Thee, our blessed Redeemer, world without end.

THE ANNUNCIATION

MERCIFUL GOD, heavenly Father, who didst gladden the hearts of our first parents by the promise of a Savior and by the mouth of Thy holy angel Gabriel didst announce to the humble Virgin Mary the fulfillment of Thy promise, we thank Thee for sending Thine only-begotten Son to assume our human nature in the sacred mystery of the Incarnation, that by His immaculate conception and His sinless birth He might atone for our impurity and sin, and by taking upon Him the form of a servant make us to be rulers with Him in heaven. We praise and bless Thee for Thy great mercy; and we pray Thee, Thou wouldst teach us to believe firmly and trust implicitly in the merits and intercession of Thy dear Son, and to look to Thy wisdom, goodness, and infinite power for help and deliverance in every time of need. Grant that our sinful nature may be cleansed and purified by the holy incarnation of Thy Son and the effectual working of Thy Holy Spirit. Renew us into His image, that we may live under Him in His kingdom, a holy people, zealous of good works. Make us ready witnesses of Thy salvation, and bless Thy Word, that Thy kingdom may be enlarged and Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Bless us and all men until in the kingdom of Thy glory we shall praise and magnify Thee, world without end.

THE VISITATION

O ALMIGHTY GOD, merciful Father, who hast regarded our low estate and sent Thine only-begotten Son into the world to take upon Him the form of a servant, that we might receive the adoption of sons, we rejoice in our Savior and ascribe to Thee glory and praise, even as also the blessed Virgin magnified Thy holy name. We beseech Thee, when our souls hunger and thirst for Thee, do Thou fill us with the good things of Thy salvation by faith in Thy dear Son. Let Thy grace abound in us, and shed Thy love abroad in our hearts, that we may walk worthy of Thee unto all pleasing. Remove all pride and presumption from our hearts; for neither wisdom, nor power, nor riches avail those who do not fear Thee. Preserve and continue the good work which Thou hast begun in us, enable us to fight a good fight, and, amidst the innumerable offenses of this present world, let not our faith suffer shipwreck. Nourish in us pure religion and undefiled, that we may visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and keep ourselves unspotted from the world. **O Thou very God of peace**, sanctify us wholly, and preserve our whole spirit and soul and body blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

EVANGELISTS', APOSTLES', AND MARTYRS' DAYS

(Also for Conferences)

1

WE THANK THEE, O Lord Almighty, that Thou didst raise up from the dead our Redeemer, Jesus Christ, and show Him openly unto witnesses, chosen before of Thee, who by Him received grace and apostleship and the ministry to testify the Gospel of Thy grace unto obedience of faith among all nations for His name's sake. We beseech Thee, of Thy great mercy keep us in the pure

apostolic doctrine of the holy Gospel, and accompany the preaching of the Word with the effectual working of Thy Spirit, that we may be built upon the foundation of the Apostles and Prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief Cornerstone. Help us to remember those who have spoken unto us the Word of God and to follow their faith. Raise up at all times faithful witnesses of the truth, and endue them with power from on high, that they may fearlessly confess Thee before men and turn many hearts to Thee. Rule Thy people with Thy rod, the flock of Thy heritage with the staff of the Good Shepherd, that, being kept by Thy grace and power, we may at last obtain the end of our faith, even the salvation of our souls, and with all the saints praise and glorify Thee, world without end.

2

O LORD JESUS CHRIST, who art seated at the right hand of the Father, we heartily thank Thee that Thou didst give to Thy Church inspired Apostles and teachers, confirming their preaching with signs following and with the testimony of Thy Holy Spirit. Grant us grace, we beseech Thee, firmly to be established in faith by their word and gladly to confess Thy name, that we may be comforted in affliction and adversity by Thy gracious presence, and Thou mayest confess us before Thy Father in heaven. Grant also that we may follow the example of those godly witnesses in the exercise of holiness unto the end. Vouchsafe unto us at all times faithful shepherds, who shall walk in the footsteps of the Apostles and lead their flocks into the wholesome pastures of Thy divine Word, guarding them from the unprofitable ways of error, and, by instruction, entreaty, and admonition, keeping them with Thee in the one true faith. Do Thou prepare men's hearts to receive Thy Word, and enable them to bring forth plenteously the fruits of righteousness, that Thy name may be praised, world without end.

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST'S DAY

(Also for Theological Institutions)

1

O ALMIGHTY AND ETERNAL GOD, who gavest Thine only-begotten Son to be the Light of the world and the Propitiation for our sins, and didst send John the Baptist as a preacher of repentance and a herald of Christ's kingdom, we praise Thee for our deliverance from sin and death secured by the acceptable sacrifice of the Lamb that was slain, and bless Thee for the revelation of Thy tender mercies made in Holy Writ for our comfort and the upbuilding of the holy Christian Church on earth. Grant, we beseech Thee, that we may daily experience Thy goodness in the consolations of Thy Word. Let us by faith obtain the remission of our sins, fill our hearts with praise and our lips with rejoicing, and guide our feet into the way of peace. Vouchsafe unto Thy Church faithful pastors and teachers to bear witness of the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world, that all who believe in Him may not perish, but have everlasting life. Preserve among us and establish everywhere the ministry of the Word for the instruction of the young in sound doctrine, for the conversion of sinners, the comfort of the distressed, and the guidance of the faithful. Incline many devout parents to bring up their sons to become prophets of the Highest, to go before the face of the Lord to prepare His way, to give knowledge of salvation unto His people. Let a host of pious youths grow up and wax strong in spirit, and send them forth as humble but unwavering witnesses of the Light, who shall not count it loss to forego soft raiment and worldly pleasures and goods, and to decrease in the praise of men, if so be that by their ministry Christ increase. Raise up benevolent Christians and men of means, who with prudent counsel and generous gifts will aid in upbuilding those institutions and agencies whereby Thy saving health is made known to all nations.

O Thou that inhabitest eternity, whose name is holy, sanctify us by Thy truth, and grant us Thy peace in our time, that we may hereafter praise and glorify Thee, world without end, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

2

LORD JESUS CHRIST, Thou Dayspring from on high, we thank Thee that Thou hast visited us to give light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death and to guide our feet into the way of peace. And we beseech Thee, do Thou also rise in our hearts, and prepare us to receive Thee gladly and to trust firmly in Thee, the Savior from sin. Grant that by the instruction of John, whom Thou didst ordain for a preacher of repentance and a messenger of the Gospel, we may acknowledge our sins and embrace Thy salvation. Enable us also to bring forth fruits meet for repentance. May we despise the vain pomp and garish attractions of the world, crucify our flesh, and steadfastly resist all temptations to evil. Let us not be like reeds shaken with the wind, but ready to suffer reproach and persecution for Thy name's sake and, if need be, to seal with our blood the witness of the truth. May it please Thee, by the mouth of faithful witnesses to make known Thy saving health to all nations. Endue the ministers of Thy Word with wisdom and power from on high, that they may turn many hearts to Thee. Show us Thy ways, and teach us Thy paths, and grant us, at the appointed hour, a blessed departure, for the sake of Thy bitter suffering and death.

ST. STEPHEN'S DAY

O LORD JESUS CHRIST, Thou eternal Son of God, we praise and bless Thee that Thou didst take upon Thee the humble form of a servant and through suffering didst enter into glory. We beseech Thee, grant us both willingness and strength to take up

our cross and follow Thee; and in all the sufferings we may be called upon to endure, let us look up steadfastly into heaven and by faith behold Thy glory, which there is to be revealed in us. Help us rightly to treasure what Thou, of Thy goodness, hast borne for our sakes, and pour into our hearts the most excellent gift of charity, that, after Thy example, we may love our enemies and by Thy power may, like Stephen, the first martyr, learn to pray for them that persecute us. We bless Thee, Lord Jesus, who, standing on the right hand of Thy heavenly Father, art a very present Help to all who in the day of trouble place their trust in Thee. Deliver us, at the last, from all the trials of this present world, and help us to overcome, even as Thou hast overcome; for Thy name's sake.

ST. MICHAEL'S DAY

1

O ALMIGHTY GOD, by whom were all things created that are in heaven and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers, we thank Thee for all the benefits which we receive from Thee and daily enjoy through the ministry and protection of the holy angels, for Thou hast sent forth these good spirits to minister to those who shall be heirs of salvation and given them charge over us to keep us in all our ways and to bear us up in their hands, lest we dash our foot against a stone.

Teach us, we beseech Thee, at all times to be duly grateful for this Thy goodness, and enable us so to follow the example of the good angels, who are Thy ministers and do Thy pleasure, that we, too, in willing obedience may in our several callings do what pleaseth Thee. As Thou hast promised that we shall be like the angels in our resurrection and the life to come, give us grace to strive even in this present life to be like them in love,

humility, purity, and obedience. Let them encompass us about like a strong wall. Let them encamp round about us like a mighty host, fighting for us against the rulers of the darkness of this world, and keeping us in all our ways. And since the great dragon, that old serpent, called the devil and Satan, together with his evil angels, is ever seeking to mar Thy fair handiwork, to destroy churches and schools, and to subvert all law and order, do Thou graciously bring to naught his malicious designs, that he may have no power over us, and we may retain Thy Word in perpetual peace and quietness, and serve Thee acceptably with reverence and godly fear.

Let Thy holy angels guide and protect all who are called to direct the affairs of Thy Church, and guard the courts of Thy tabernacle. May Thy ministering spirits, that excel in strength, be round about all governments to protect them from evil, that peace and prosperity may be maintained throughout the earth. Commission them to guard all Christian homes from calamity and peril, and restrain the wicked spirit from stirring up discord, that love and joy and blessing may prevail.

And as Thy chosen angels do always praise Thee and behold Thy face, grant that we also here on earth may honor Thee, worship Thee, and declare Thy glory. When we depart this world, let Thy angels carry our souls into Abraham's bosom; and when the Lord Himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God, do Thou raise us from the dead, and let us see Thee face to face in Thy kingdom, where, with all the holy angels and the elect, we shall honor, praise, and magnify Thee, world without end.

2

ALMIGHTY, ETERNAL GOD, heavenly Father, we thank Thee that Thou hast ordained Thy holy angels to serve Thy faithful children on earth and to protect them against the assaults of Satan

and the wickedness of the world; and we beseech Thee that Thou wouldst give these ministering spirits charge over us and over all who fear Thee, that the evil Foe may not disquiet us and that Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. And at the last, may the angels gather us from our graves into the bright mansions of Thy heavenly kingdom and receive us into their blessed company, that we may praise Thee, together with the Son and the Holy Ghost, world without end.

THE ANNIVERSARY OF CHURCH DEDICATION

1

O LORD, Almighty God and most merciful Father, we thank Thee that Thou hast established Thy sanctuary among us and blessed us with Thy saving Word and the holy Sacraments. We are, indeed, all unworthy of Thy goodness and by our ingratitude and wickedness have deserved the withdrawal of all Thy mercies. But for our only Redeemer's sake we beseech Thee, graciously forgive us our sins, and renew unto us daily Thy truth and faithfulness, even as Thou art wont. Continue to take this house into Thy protection, and grant that it may remain a place where Thine honor dwelleth. Let Thy presence ever inhabit it, and be Thou in the midst of the assemblies that worship here. Bestow, as in the past, Thy divine blessing upon the preaching of Thy pure Word, and give all who meet together in this place ears to hear and hearts to believe, that Thy people may be built up in their holy faith, and be not hearers only, but doers of the Word. May the members of this congregation love their church, in which they are taught the way of life. Anoint them with Thy Holy Spirit, that they may lift up holy hands and worship Thee with pure hearts. Do Thou continue in this place, by Holy Baptism, to receive the little children into communion with Thee, and keep

them in Thy gracious covenant by Thy mighty power. Grant repentance and true faith to those who desire the blessing of absolution, and with the most holy Sacrament of the true body and blood of Christ comfort their souls and strengthen their faith. Pour out Thy blessing upon all for whom intercession is made here: upon the catechumens, the betrothed, the sick, the needy, the afflicted; upon all Thy children in this community and upon the stranger in our gates; let Thy good angel be with them, and protect them in all their ways. When Thy people bring to Thee the tribute of thanksgiving for the gifts of Thy bounty, accept the sacrifice, and bless them in all their labors, that their joy may be full. When in seasons of calamity and distress they humble themselves before Thee and implore Thy mercy, do Thou in heaven hear and pity them; forgive the sins wherewith they have provoked Thy displeasure, and deliver them from all evil. Comfort and support them in their trials, sanctifying their affliction unto them, that in due time it may bring forth the peaceable fruits of righteousness. When we offer unto Thee our supplications for the Church, for those in authority, and for all sorts and conditions of men, may it please Thee to hear our prayer. Let us enjoy the blessings of Thy holy Word and Sacraments till we have finished our course, and do Thou prepare us for a blessed departure. And when our earthly house of this tabernacle is dissolved, receive us into those blissful habitations not made with hands, eternal in the heavens, where, with an innumerable company of angels and with the general assembly and Church of just men made perfect, we shall glorify and praise Thee, through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord.

2

WE THANK THEE, Lord God, heavenly Father, that by Thy Word and Holy Spirit Thou hast established Thy Church among us and granted us the blessed privilege of enjoying to this day

Thy holy Gospel and this place of common worship. We humbly entreat Thee, graciously to preserve our beloved sanctuary for us and for our children. Give us at all times godly teachers, who, as faithful stewards of Thy mysteries, will feed Thy flock on the pleasant pastures of Thy pure Word, not withholding from us aught that is needful for salvation. Grant all hearers grace to receive Thy Word with gladness and to take heed thereunto with all diligence and faithfulness. Bless the preaching of Thy Word in this house, until we shall leave our earthly tabernacle and in Thy heavenly sanctuary serve Thee more worthily and behold Thy glory, together with all who have passed from faith to fruition, through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

THE CLOSE OF THE CHURCH YEAR

O THOU FATHER OF MERCIES, we bring unto Thee this day our sacrifice of praise for the innumerable and inestimable spiritual blessings with which Thou hast favored us in Christ Jesus during the church year now drawing to its close. Thou hast caused Thy divine Word to be preached to us, which is able to make us wise unto salvation; Thou hast permitted us to enjoy the holy Sacraments for our comfort and sanctification, and hast accompanied the means of grace with the effectual working of Thy Holy Spirit in our hearts. We bless Thee for Thy goodness and praise Thy holy name; and we beseech Thee, Thou wouldst in mercy forgive us all the sins of the past year for Jesus' sake and graciously preserve the blessed light of Thy Gospel unto us and all Christendom. Govern us by Thy Holy Spirit, that, receiving Thy Word with gladness and continuing therein all our days, we may be sanctified through Thy truth and finally obtain eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

IN COMMEMORATION OF THE DEAD

WE THANK THEE, Lord God, heavenly Father, that in Thy goodness Thou hast not only preserved our temporal life, but hast also called us, through the Gospel of Thy Son, unto life eternal. And as Thou hast brought us to the close of the present church year, having given us another year of grace, we beseech Thee, Thou wouldst bless our going out and our coming in, and grant us the continuance of all Thy mercies. When this day we dwell in memory with those whose gladdening presence death has removed from us, let us not sorrow, as men without hope, for those who sleep in Christ, knowing that whosoever believeth shall live, though he die, and that whosoever liveth and believeth in Him shall never die. May the closing year, however, and the remembrance of the departed remind us that here we have no continuing city, and lead us to make a right use of our time as it passes. So long as our years are lengthened, give us grace to look for the city above, following those who, through faith and patience, have inherited joys unspeakable. Help us, amid the trials and temptations of this world, to work out our salvation with fear and trembling; and when the days of our brief sojourn on earth are done and we pass through the valley of the shadow of death, abide with us, and comfort us with the innocent death and all-sufficient merit of our Redeemer, that we may gently fall asleep in Jesus and awake in the glory of Thy presence. Keep our graves under the shadow of Thy wings, that they may be peaceful resting places, until Thou wilt raise up our mortal bodies and clothe them with immortality. May we today and at all times lay Thy Word to heart, that, when we shall join the redeemed that have gone before, we may begin the great new year of eternity with joy and with all the company of heaven ascribe blessing and honor and glory and power unto Thee and unto the Lamb, forever and ever.

FOR CHURCH SCHOOLS

FOR EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS *

LORD GOD, our heavenly Father, who art the Fount of all true wisdom, we pray Thee, bless all Christian institutions of learning — our elementary schools, high schools, colleges, and seminaries. Mercifully grant that parents, ministers, teachers, and all Thy people may ever recognize the value of these institutions as the workshops of Thy Holy Spirit, in which, through the Gospel proclaimed in them, He prepares for Himself a generation that knows Thy name and glories in the eternal redemption wrought by Thy dear Son through His sufferings and death. Make us, especially in these latter days, truly grateful for these gifts of Thine unspeakable mercy, and, lest we through indifference lose this precious heritage to our and our children's spiritual harm, grant us willing hearts and ready hands to support and maintain them. Hear us for the sake of Him who said: Feed My lambs!

FOR DAY AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS

1

GRACIOUS SAVIOR, who hast said, Suffer the little children to come unto Me, and forbid them not, regard with Thy favor every effort to bring up children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. Give, we beseech Thee, wisdom and discretion, kindness and perseverance, to all who conduct schools for the instruction of the young. Do Thou teach them that they may teach others. Grant that the children of our school may receive with a humble, teachable, and ready mind all instruction given them according to Thy Word. Give them Thy grace while they are young, that, early seeking Thee, they may early find Thee. Let

* See also under St. John the Baptist's Day, page 377.

them remember their Creator in the days of their youth. Teach them to honor their parents and superiors, and to be kind and full of love towards one another. Grant that they may all be trained in the way in which they should go and, when they are old, never depart from it. May the knowledge of the Lord be spread abroad, that all may know Thee, from the least to the greatest, and may praise Thee both now and forever.

2

O LORD JESUS CHRIST, who wouldst have the little children to come unto Thee, we praise Thee that Thou hast been pleased to look mercifully upon our little ones, causing them to this day to be instructed in such knowledge as is needful for their temporal and eternal welfare. Enable us, we beseech Thee, to realize the incalculable blessings growing out of a Christian school, that we may put forth our best efforts for its establishment, maintenance, and improvement, and faithfully employ this agency for the training of our children. Grant also that those appointed to teach may recognize that Thou alone art able to perform in us every good work, that so, calling upon Thee for guidance and strength, they may be adorned more and more with zeal and patience and wisdom and skill for their calling, and be both able teachers and godly examples to Thy flock. Bestow Thy blessing also upon the parents, and let them see the fruits of their faithful labors, that they may do their work with joy and not with grief. Grant Thy grace to the pupils of our school, that they may be subject to their parents and teachers in Thy fear, diligently give heed to instruction, and profit by correction, increasing in wisdom and in favor with God and man as they grow in years. Guard and prosper the nurseries of Christian knowledge everywhere, that the good seed may be implanted in the hearts of the young, and a generation may grow up fit for citizenship not only on earth, but also in heaven, being

thoroughly furnished by Thy Spirit unto all good works. Impress upon us all a deep sense of our responsibility, that we may work without ceasing while it is day. Have mercy upon us, O Lord, and with Thy grace fulfill what we are unable to do. Hear us for Thy name's sake.

TEACHERS' CONFERENCE

LORD JESUS, we thank Thee that when Thou didst ascend on high Thou didst give unto Thy Church some as Apostles, some as prophets, some as evangelists, and some as pastors and teachers, for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ. Thou didst charge Thy Church, not only to feed Thy sheep, but also to feed Thy lambs. Behold, Thou hast called also us to labor in Thy vineyard as teachers in our Christian schools. May we ever bear in mind the great responsibility resting upon us. Pardon our sins and shortcomings, and increase our love and zeal for Thy work. Fit us ever for a more diligent performance of our duties. Grant that we may train our pupils to be useful and loyal citizens of our country and, above all, pious and faithful members of Thy Church, as it becometh citizens of Thy heavenly kingdom. Grant us wisdom from above, that we may deal with the children entrusted to us in a manner pleasing to Thee. Grant us the needed patience and endurance, and cause us constantly to remember that our pupils are redeemed children of God. Bless our labors, and make our schools workshops of Thy Spirit, so that our pupils may be drawn closer to Thee day by day through the study of Thy Gospel.

We are now gathered as a conference to be instructed and exhorted, comforted and admonished, to the end that we may be encouraged and furthered in our work. Grant us Thy Holy Spirit, so that our conference may redound to Thy glory, to the welfare of our schools, and to the salvation of the children in our care. Hear us for Thy love's sake.

PASTORAL CONFERENCES

1

O THOU GRACIOUS AND MERCIFUL GOD, of Thy goodness Thou hast called us to be servants of Thy holy Word, authorizing us to teach and to preach, to pronounce absolution, and to administer the holy Sacraments and making us willing and ready to do our work with rejoicing. Thou knowest, however, that of ourselves we have no strength and that, moreover, we are continually assailed by the devil and his hosts. We beseech Thee, therefore, strengthen us in these perilous times with power from on high, and restrain our Adversary and all his following, that we may faithfully and successfully perform what Thou hast commanded us to do, that Law and Gospel may not be confused, that the Sacraments may be rightly administered, and that we may not grieve Thy Holy Spirit by our sin, but by His gracious indwelling ever be found faithful servants; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord.

2

ALMIGHTY AND EVERLASTING GOD, who by Thy Holy Spirit didst preside in the councils of the blessed Apostles and hast promised, through Thy Son Jesus Christ, to be with Thy Church to the end of the world, we beseech Thee to be present with us, who are assembled here in Thy name. Save us from all error, ignorance, pride, and prejudice; and we beseech Thee of Thy great mercy, so to direct, sanctify, and govern us in our present work by the mighty power of the Holy Ghost that the comforting Gospel of Christ may be truly preached, truly received, and truly followed in all places to the breaking down of the kingdom of sin, Satan, and death, till at length all that are Thine shall become partakers of everlasting life, through the merits and death of Jesus Christ, our Savior.

CLOSE OF A CONFERENCE

O LORD, our heavenly Father, we praise Thee for all the goodness which Thou hast been pleased to bestow upon us. We entreat Thee, pardon and forgive whatever is amiss in us, add Thy blessing to all we have done according to Thy Word, and let it redound to Thy honor, the promotion of Thy Gospel, and the salvation of souls.

And since Thou hast committed to us the ministry of reconciliation and we are ambassadors for Christ, do Thou grant us wisdom and unremitting zeal in our mission. Help us to understand Thy Word and to be workmen who are able rightly to divide the Word of Truth, giving to each hearer his portion in due time. Let us never be ashamed of the Gospel of Christ, but enable us by Thy Holy Spirit to go forth with cheerfulness as heralds of the Cross. Grant that we take heed unto ourselves and to all over whom Thou hast made us overseers, that we may feed the flock which Thine own Son hath purchased with His blood; taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind; neither as being lords over Thy heritage, but being ensamples to the flock. May we walk circumspectly in wisdom toward those that are without, having a good report of them, and in all things showing ourselves as children of light, that men may see our good works and glorify Thee, our Father in heaven.

Do Thou also abundantly reward the people of this congregation for their hospitality toward us, and let Thy blessing be continually upon them.

Go with us, and lead us by Thy Spirit to our several homes and fields of labor. Grant that we may remain united in the true faith as it is in Christ Jesus, and continue steadfast in love, until we shall more perfectly praise Thee, the Triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, world without end.

MISSION FESTIVALS

1

O MOST MERCIFUL GOD AND FATHER, who, looking on the sins and miseries of a fallen world, didst give Thine only-begotten Son as a Savior for all men, we thank Thee that Thou hast called us into the kingdom of Thy grace and brought us to the knowledge of the truth, so that by faith in Thy dear Son we have forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation. But as Thou didst charge Thy Church with the message of peace to all mankind and as millions of our fellow men are still sitting in darkness and in the shadow of death, we beseech Thee, give us a larger measure of love and zeal for the work of spreading abroad Thy saving Gospel. Replenish us with Thy Holy Spirit, that we may be moved, by the abundance of Thy mercy, to sincere compassion upon all those who are bound in the fetters of sin and lack the ministrations of the means of grace. Teach us to love, not in word only, but in deed and truth. Make us willing to surrender to Thy service both ourselves and that wherewith Thou hast prospered us. Nor let us be weary in well-doing, but enable us to work while it is day, ere the night cometh when no man can work, knowing that Thy beloved Son will be pleased to look upon our acts of mercy to men as being done to Him. O Lord, the harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few. Therefore we pray Thee to send forth laborers into Thy harvest and to give success to their faithful efforts for the promotion of Thy kingdom. Cause Thy gracious Gospel to be proclaimed everywhere, and incline the hearts of men to accept the joyful tidings, that from the rising of the sun to the going down thereof Thy way may be known upon the earth, Thy saving health among all nations, and heaven and earth be full of Thy glory; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

2

O LORD GOD, we thank Thee that Thou hast hitherto preserved to us Thy pure Word; and we beseech Thee to keep us in the possession of the saving truth. Let Thy Gospel be proclaimed in our churches in demonstration of the Spirit and of power. In our schools let a generation be trained that is not ashamed of Thee and Thy Word. O holy Father, shine in our hearts, let the preaching of the Cross be in us the power of God and the wisdom of God, and help us to grow up into Him in all things who is the Head, even Christ. Do Thou also open our eyes to the need of our brethren and fellow men everywhere, and give us that faith which worketh zealously by love, that we may teach men to know and worship Thee, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom Thou hast sent. Enable us, as instruments of Thy mercy, to strengthen the weak hands, to confirm the feeble knees, to comfort the fearful hearts, and to bring back the erring and the lost to Thee. Lord, Thou alone givest the increase. Do Thou, therefore, crown our work with Thy blessing, and spread Thy light over all the earth for the glory of Thy name, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

HOME MISSIONS

O ALMIGHTY AND MOST MERCIFUL GOD, we give Thee humble and hearty praise for all Thy mercies, especially for establishing the Christian Church on earth, endowing it with Thy Word and Sacraments, and calling us into the kingdom of Thy grace, wherein we have the adoption of sons and an unfading inheritance in heaven through Christ. Accept, we beseech Thee, our tribute of thanksgiving, and inspire us with increasing gratitude for Thine unfathomable love, that we may praise Thee, not with our lips only, but with such acts of mercy as Thou, the Father of mercies, hast taught us, who wilt have all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

Fill our hearts with sincere compassion for all those of the household of faith in our land who are as sheep that have not a shepherd, passing their days without the blessed ministrations of Thy divine Word and the holy Sacraments. Let us in mercy remember the little children, whom Thy ministers receive through Baptism into Thy gracious covenant; the erring, whom they restore by Thy Word; the faint, whom they refresh with the Sacrament of Thy true body and blood; and the dying, whom they prepare with Thy comfort for the final conflict and a blessed departure.

Give us willingness to render hearty assistance to the great work of supplying our dispersed brethren with ministers of the Gospel. Cause Thy face to shine upon our schools and seminaries established for the study of Thy Word. Make them rich sources of sound knowledge and true piety, and instrumental in furnishing able pastors and teachers. Grant abundant success to all the missionary undertakings in which Thy Church is engaged, that her waste places may be cultivated and all her spiritual destitutions speedily supplied. Thus may the grace shown to our fathers be magnified in their children and the precious inheritance which we have received be handed down in full measure to future generations.

O Lord, who art wont not to look upon our unfaithfulness and unfitness, but to prosper our endeavors, to the glory of Thy name and our own exceeding joy, grant that we may never weary of Thy service. Give us faithfulness, patience, and zeal, and fill our hands with the means required for Thy cause and our hearts with love for our neighbor in his various needs. Retrieve and repair what we have neglected or done amiss; show us our work, and set our hands to do it. Help us by Thy might, that we may praise Thee forevermore.

FOREIGN MISSIONS

1

ETERNAL FATHER, who hast given Thy Son to be the Savior of all men, grant that the pure light of His Gospel may overcome the darkness of idolatry in every land. Revive the spirit of missions in Thy Church, that all Thy people may earnestly desire the conversion of mankind; and so quicken our hearts that there may be a larger outpouring of prayer and gifts and personal service for the advancement of Thy kingdom. Protect the messengers of the Gospel amid all perils; guide them through all perplexities; give them wisdom, strength, and courage to make known by word and life the grace of our Lord Jesus; and prosper all that they do in His cause and in His name, that Thou mayest be glorified on earth. Hear us for Thy Son's sake.

2

O ALMIGHTY GOD, whose dearly beloved Son, after His resurrection from the dead, did send His Apostles into all the world to preach the Gospel to every creature, hear, we beseech Thee, the devout prayers of Thy people, and look down in compassion upon the multitudes that are as sheep having no shepherd and upon the fields now white unto the harvest. Bless Thy servants, who, after the example of Thy first missionaries, have gone far hence to the Gentiles, and prosper Thou their work of faith and their labor of love. Send forth more laborers into Thy harvest, to gather fruit unto life eternal; and grant us grace and power to be fellow workers with them by prayers and offerings, that we may also rejoice with them in Thy heavenly kingdom; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

A MINISTER'S ANNIVERSARY

O MOST MERCIFUL GOD, our heavenly Father, we bless and praise Thy holy name for all Thy benefits and especially for Thy grace in establishing and maintaining in this place unto the present hour the ministry of reconciliation to feed the church of God with Thy holy Word. Thy mercies have been new unto us every morning and Thy compassion has failed not. Thou hast done great things for us, whereof we are glad.

Thou hast been gracious to Thy servant whom Thou hast called to be a shepherd and overseer of this flock. In spite of all human frailties and shortcomings, Thou hast so led him that his lips have kept knowledge, and as a wise and faithful steward of Thy mysteries he has endeavored to declare unto men the whole counsel of God, neither adding unto it nor diminishing aught from it, rightly dividing the Word of Truth. Thou hast given him strength to bear his burden of labor and hardships, to serve as an example to his people, and supported him when crosses weighed heavily upon him. In many temptations and manifold trials and vexations Thou hast comforted him and delivered him in every time of trouble. Thou, O Lord, hast mercifully privileged him to administer his sacred office for ——— years and hast bestowed manifold blessings upon his ministry. For all Thy goodness toward him, we thank Thee and praise Thy holy name.

O Lord, Thou hast looked with favor upon Thy people in this place, hast blessed the preaching of Thy Word, not suffering it to return unto Thee void, but causing it to accomplish that whereunto Thou didst send it. Thou didst build Thy temple in the hearts of men, that, being enlightened by the grace of Thy Holy Spirit and their lives sanctified by Thy truth, they were enabled to adorn the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ by their life and conversation.

As Thou hast hitherto helped Thy servant, be pleased to abide with him evermore, that he may abide in Thee. Keep him in Thy holy Word and in the sound doctrine therein set forth; help him to minister according to Thy good pleasure to the glory of Thy name and the edification of Thy people. Graciously hear us, O God of our salvation, through Thy Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

A TEACHER'S ANNIVERSARY

ALMIGHTY GOD, Thou everlasting Fountain of all wisdom, who lookest with pleasure upon the Christian training of the young and hast enabled us to establish and maintain in our midst a Christian school, we bless and magnify Thy holy name and give thanks to Thee for Thy great goodness.

In particular we thank Thee this day for all the loving-kindness and tender mercies shown unto Thy servant, the beloved teacher of our school, during the ——— years that he has been privileged to labor in his important calling. We gratefully acknowledge that Thou didst commit to him, by the call of the congregation, the blessed charge of feeding Thy lambs with the Word and sound doctrine. And we bless Thee that during all these years Thou hast been his Companion upon the way, defending and upholding him. His heart trusted in Thee, and Thou didst help him. When he was weak, Thou gavest him strength. When he was faint, Thou didst lift him up. When he was encompassed with difficulties and discouragements and trials and crosses, Thou gavest him patience and courage and perseverance to wait faithfully on his calling. There never was a day when Thou didst withhold Thy help. In all the ——— years of his service Thou didst do him good and not evil; his soul was precious

in Thine eyes. Day by day Thou wast his Adviser, Helper, and Father.

And we praise Thee that Thou didst bless his faithful labors in the manifestation of the power of Thy Word in the hearts of our children and in the example of simple faith and holy living he gave to all the people. Many praise Thee who from his lips heard the Word of Truth and through his instruction found their Savior. Many this day pray for him, in whose hearts the good seed sown by him has taken root and is bearing fruit abundantly.

Grant him also, we beseech Thee, a continuance of Thy wonted mercies. Deal with him according to Thy wisdom and good pleasure; grant him health and strength, wisdom and steadfastness, and at length receive him, and all those taught by him, into Thine eternal presence, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

ANNIVERSARY OF A CONGREGATION

PRAISE, GLORY, AND HONOR be unto Thee, Lord Jesus Christ, that Thou hast been pleased to establish Thy Church in this place, in which for —— years we have been permitted to hear unmolested Thy holy Word and to celebrate Thy Sacraments. Here Thou hast blessed Thy people with Thy presence and caused Thy face to shine upon them. We praise Thee for showing us the way of salvation, for warning and arousing us when our souls were imperiled, for comforting us with heavenly consolations when sin and trouble weighed down our hearts, and for giving us a foretaste of eternal life. We praise Thee for every gracious advent into a human heart; for the children whom Thou didst receive as Thine own through Baptism and whom Thou didst instruct in the saving doctrines of Thy Word; for all whose burden of sin Thou didst remove and whose feet Thou didst guide upon the way of life; for all whose doubts Thou didst dispel and whose sighs Thou didst quiet; for all whom Thou here didst add to Thy Church. We praise Thee that Thou hast enlarged Thy vine-

yard here and with the outward growth in numbers hast preserved the purity of doctrine.

And we beseech Thee this day to continue Thy mercies unto us. Preserve among us evermore the precious treasure of Thy Word. Give us at all times godly teachers, who, as faithful stewards of Thy mysteries, will feed Thy flock with all that is needful for salvation. Give unto this congregation, to young and old, hearing ears and open and willing hearts, that they may hear Thy Word gladly and accept it joyfully. Let not the preaching of Thy Gospel among them be in vain. Make Thy Word in them a well of living water to refresh their souls and to spring up into everlasting life. Seal Thy Word in their hearts by the witness of Thy Spirit; let them grow in the knowledge of Thy Son; cause them to increase in faith and love, that Christ may be more and more formed in them and they may be found meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light. O Lord Jesus, who hast promised to preserve Thy Church upon earth unto the end of days, let this church be a light shining unto many, a city upon a hill which cannot be hid. Make it a testimony and a witness to them that are without, that sinners may be converted unto Thee and that many may come and with us receive the promised inheritance. Abide among us with Thy grace, Thy Word, Thy light, Thy blessing, Thy protection, Thy love, that we may be prepared to enter finally into the great jubilee in the New Jerusalem. Grant this for Thine own love's sake.

ANNIVERSARY OF CONFIRMATION

1

O LORD JESUS CHRIST, the Author and Finisher of our faith, Thou Captain of our salvation, we give Thee thanks that Thou didst early manifest Thyself to these Thy children and didst incline them to consecrate themselves to Thee, bringing with them, not

the fragments of their lives, but the very dew of their youth, and now appearing again in Thy sanctuary to show anew that they are united by the golden chain of a common faith in Thee, and consecrating themselves afresh to Thee. Have mercy on them, we beseech Thee, O Lord, and bless them now and evermore. Accompany them with Thy gracious presence. Without Thee they can do nothing. All their courage will be in vain, all their good resolutions will sleep, like sentinels overwearied at the post, and they will be surprised and destroyed if Thou art not with them. May therefore the godly purposes and decisions in them be nourished by Thy grace and perpetuated by Thy Spirit, who gave them birth. Increase in them the manifold gifts of Thy grace, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord, that they may never be ashamed of Thee and Thy cause, but lead lives of faith, of love, of truth, of purity, of self-denial, doing at once all the duty that is made known to them. As they are enrolled with the soldiers of the Cross, clothe them with the whole armor of God, the breastplate of righteousness, the shield of faith, the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, that they may be able to withstand in the evil day. Let not Satan prevail against them. Preserve them by Thy might from error and sin, and maintain them in the patience, perseverance, and victory of Thy saints. Let no man take from them their crown, nor let their names be blotted out of Thy Book of Life. Guard them from evil in soul and body, and present them and us all without spot in the presence of Thy holiness, as Thou lookest on Thy redeemed. Hear us for Thy name's sake.

2

O GOD, our Father, who sayest, Give Me thine heart, and let thine eyes observe My ways, we thank Thee for all Thy mercies to these Thy servants, whom Thou hast received by Baptism into

Thy Kingdom of Grace, enabled to own Thee publicly in this church on the day of their confirmation, and kept in the profession of Thy name unto the present day. But, O Lord, upon the perilous ways of life all their endeavors are to no purpose unless Thou dost assist and instruct and guard them. We beseech Thee, therefore, to bless them as Thou didst bless Joseph and Ruth. Knowing the High Priest over the house of God, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, may they draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having their hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience. May they ever lift up their eyes to Thee and put their trust in Thee. May they seek and find grace and guidance and strength in Thy holy Word, that they may be enabled to hold fast the profession of their faith without wavering and evermore to serve the living God. Make them diligent in their attendance at worship and instant in prayer. Let them seek nothing more zealously than Thy kingdom and its righteousness. Create in them a pure heart and a right spirit. Purify them like gold and silver, and keep them from the evil that is in the world. Let them not consent to the sins of the godless or sit in the seat of the scornful, but by Thy holy Word and Spirit guide them into all truth, and keep them steadfast in it. Enable them in humble obedience to make Thy holy Commandments the rule of their lives. Breathe into their souls the love of whatsoever things are true, and honest, and just, and pure, and lovely, and of good report; if there be any virtue or any praise, let them think on these things. Incline them to cultivate fellowship in the unity of faith, and let them gather spiritual strength from such association. Help them to share the duties as well as the privileges of their Christian brethren and sisters, that they may promote Thy kingdom by word and deed, continuing the work of the fathers, building the walls of Zion. Watch over them by Thy providence amid all dangers, deliver them in the temptations of this life and in the extreme trial of death;

and when Thou makest up Thy jewels, set these also in Thy crown, that they may shine as stars to Thy praise forever; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord.

O LORD, gracious God, who hast given us the true knowledge of Thy dear Son Jesus Christ, in whom we have redemption through His blood, even the forgiveness of sins, bestow upon us, we beseech Thee, the peace of Christ, and the joy of the Holy Spirit, and true love to God and man. Replenish us with the gifts of Thy Spirit, that He may guide us into all truth, and enable us to serve Thee in Thy holy congregation, to mortify the deeds of the flesh, to overcome all the assaults of the Wicked One, and to serve Thee in holiness and righteousness, in vigilance, in prayer, in soberness, in godliness, all our days, for the edification of Thy Church and Thine own great glory; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

ANNIVERSARY OF YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETY

ALMIGHTY AND EVERLASTING GOD, in whom we live and move and have our being, we render Thee our humble praises for Thy preservation of us from the beginning of our lives to this day, for receiving us into Thy Christian Church, embracing us in Thy covenant, and granting us the manifold blessings of Christian culture; for our parents and teachers, companions and friends, for our homes and our work, and every gift of Thine; for Thine eye upon us by day and by night; for Thy correction when we err; for the Savior, in whom we have forgiveness; for the Holy Spirit, who turns us from evil ways to Thy holy and blessed service.

For these mercies we bless and magnify Thy glorious name; and we again dedicate both our souls and our bodies to Thee and Thy service, in a sober, righteous, and godly life; in which resolution do Thou, O merciful God, confirm and strengthen us, that,

as we grow in age, we may grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Thou knowest, O God, the weakness and corruption of our nature and the manifold temptations which we daily meet, and we beseech Thee to have compassion on our infirmities and to give us the constant assistance of Thy Holy Spirit, that we may be effectually restrained from sin and incited to do our duty. Keep us temperate in eating and drinking and diligent in our several callings. Grant us patience under any afflictions Thou shalt see fit to lay on us, and let our minds always be content with our present condition. Give us grace to be just and upright in all our dealings, quiet and peaceable, full of compassion, and ready to do good to all men, according to our abilities and opportunities. Direct us in all our ways, and prosper the work of our hands in the business of our several stations. Defend us from all dangers and adversities; and be graciously pleased to take us, and all things belonging to us, under Thy fatherly care and protection. These things, and whatsoever else Thou shalt see necessary and convenient for us, we humbly beg, through the merits and mediation of Thy Son Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

ANNIVERSARY OF A WOMEN'S SOCIETY

O ETERNAL GOD, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Creator of man and woman, who didst qualify women for services of mercy and love, and wouldst have them arrayed in the adornment of good works; who didst strengthen the holy women Miriam and Deborah and Huldah and Anna, and, in the Tabernacle of the Testimony and in the Temple, didst ordain women to be keepers of Thy holy gates, and through Thy beloved Son didst accept the services of the holy women of Galilee that followed Him, ministering unto Him of their substance, we thank Thee that Thou hast established Thy Christian Church on earth and in it made women

joint heirs with men of Thy salvation and partakers of all Thy benefits, kindling in them the holy fire of faith, the source of love and service. We thank Thee, in particular, that Thou hast given these Thy servants the blessed privilege of membership in a society for rendering aid in the work of this congregation, in the promotion of Thy Word, and in the furtherance of a holy Christian life, and hast hitherto prospered their labors in Thy cause by Thy favor. And we beseech Thee so to guide them by Thy Spirit that in all things they may do what pleases Thee. May they, like Mary, ever be mindful of the one thing needful, and every day and every hour seek increase of faith and knowledge and comfort at the Savior's feet. And if, like unto Martha, they find occasion to serve, do Thou give them willingness of heart and the Spirit of wisdom, that all they do, singly or jointly, may be in accordance with the work of Thy Church and serve for Thy glory and the true welfare of their fellow beings. May they in a meek and quiet spirit labor to make their homes Thy sanctuaries; and as Mary took the young Jesus to the Temple, and Lois and Eunice taught Timothy from a child the Holy Scriptures, that are able to make us wise unto salvation, so let them account it a privilege to bring up their children in the knowledge and fear of Thee to useful service on earth and the inheritance of joy in heaven. Let them be full of good works and almsdeeds like Dorcas, and of a frugal mind to have to give to the needy, being assured they give Christ what they give in charity. Preserve them from vainglory, and multiply upon them the spirit of peace and mutual forbearance, that their work may not be unworthy by reason of bitterness of heart. Continue to prosper this society in its work, and make it increasingly an agency of useful service. Grant, O Lord, that we may all so fulfill our Christian calling that finally, when we have finished our course, having kept the faith, we may eternally serve Thee with celestial hymns of praise, through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord.

ANNIVERSARY OF A MEN'S SOCIETY

LORD JESUS CHRIST, who art the Chief Shepherd and Bishop of the Church, which Thou hast purchased with Thy blood, we thank Thee that to this day Thou hast protected Thy flock upon earth, and that amidst many persecutions and trials Thou hast not permitted the gates of hell to prevail against it, but hast more and more extended Thy kingdom among men. We thank Thee that we also have been born in this Church and through Thy Word and Sacraments have been brought into blessed communion with Thee. We thank Thee that Thou dost continue to incline men to labor in Thy Church and that Thou hast in the past blessed the work of these Thy servants in a society organized to render service in this congregation in the furtherance of Thy Word and by the example of a holy Christian life. Continue, we pray Thee, to look with favor on this organization; guide its officers and members by Thy Holy Spirit, that all their doings and life may please Thee; and give them willingness of heart to labor for Thee, so that they may not grow weary in well-doing. Let them be examples for others in this congregation, so that those who are without, seeing their good works, will glorify our Father which is in heaven. Preserve them from pride and vainglory, direct them to cultivate peace and harmony among themselves, let a spirit of mutual forbearance dwell among them, help them to inspire one another to ever greater zeal for Thy kingdom, make their society increasingly an agency for useful service, and fill their hearts with an ever greater love to Thee, to Thy Word, and to the sacred ordinances of Thy Church. Grant, O Lord, that we may all so fulfill our calling in Thee that finally, having finished our course and kept the faith, we may enter with joy into Thy heavenly kingdom, to dwell with Thee eternally. We ask it for Thy holy name's sake. Amen.

 CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS AND BIBLE CLASSES

1

O GOD HOLY GHOST, Sanctifier of the faithful, visit us, we pray Thee, with Thy love and favor, enlighten our minds more and more with the light of Thine everlasting Gospel, graft in our hearts a love of Thy truth, increase in us true religion, enable us heartily to choose that good part which shall not be taken away from us, nourish us with all goodness, and of Thy great mercy preserve us unto the heavenly kingdom, O blessed Spirit, whom, with the Father and the Son together, we worship and glorify as one God, world without end.

2

ETERNAL AND EVER-BLESSED GOD, who art the Author of our life and the End of our pilgrimage, we beseech Thee so to guide us by Thy Word and Spirit amid all perils and temptations that we may not wander from Thy way, but may finish our course in safety, and come to our eternal rest in Thee through the saving grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

3

O ALMIGHTY LORD, the everlasting God, vouchsafe, we beseech Thee, to direct, sanctify, and govern both our hearts and lives, guide us evermore in the way of Thy Commandments, and bring us finally to the joys of Thy heavenly and everlasting kingdom, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

4

O GOD, the Father of lights, from whom cometh down every good and perfect gift, grant us grace, we beseech Thee, to raise our thoughts and affections from earth to heaven, that so, in the

midst of all worldly vanity and change, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys and everlasting peace alone are to be found, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

5

ALMIGHTY AND MOST MERCIFUL GOD, whose name is a strong tower, into which the righteous runneth and is safe, lift up the standard of Thy Spirit, we beseech Thee, against the power of the enemy, and clothe us with the full armor of righteousness on the right hand and on the left, that we may be able to fight manfully the good fight of faith, and so finish our course with joy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

6

ALMIGHTY AND MOST MERCIFUL GOD, our heavenly Father, we give Thee thanks that in the Sacrament of Holy Baptism Thou hast received us as Thy children and granted us, for Christ's sake, forgiveness of sin and everlasting life. So rule us, we beseech Thee, by Thy Holy Spirit that we may ever be mindful of our baptismal covenant, daily renounce every evil way, and serve Thee in true holiness, until we come at last into Thy heavenly kingdom, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

7

O LORD JESUS CHRIST, most loving and merciful Savior, who by Thy perfect obedience didst atone for our disobedience and the many other sins of our youth, we give Thee thanks that for Thy sake and by faith in Thee we may at all times obtain forgiveness of the Father. And we beseech Thee, strengthen and keep us in this faith, and help us in these days of our youth always to follow Thy holy example. Give us to this end Thy Holy Spirit, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, of grace and prayer,

of power and strength, of holiness and the fear of God. Make us dutiful to our parents and masters, as Thou wast dutiful. Grant that by Thy grace we may avoid the snares of the Evil One, and preserve our lives from all ungodliness. Sanctify our souls, and guide our footsteps aright to the keeping of Thy commandments by walking soberly, righteously, and godly before Thee, that we may grow up like trees of righteousness planted by the rivers of water, bringing forth much fruit, to the approval of our parents, the credit of the Christian congregation, our own happiness here and forever, and the eternal praise of Thy most holy name. Hear us for Thine own sake.

8

(BIBLE CLASS)

LORD, our God, Thou Lover of mankind, we humbly beseech Thee, enlighten and instruct us by Thy Word in the true knowledge of Thee and of Thy will. Teach us Thy precepts and judgments, and let our hearts be occupied in Thy Law day and night. Confirm us in true faith, and number us with Thy flock. Clothe us with the garment of incorruption, cleanse us from all pollution of flesh and spirit, and let Thy Holy Spirit dwell in us, that all our coming in and going out may please Thee; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

9

(BIBLE CLASS)

O LORD GOD, by whom light is sown for the righteous and gladness for the upright in heart, illumine our hearts, we beseech Thee, with Thy heavenly grace, and fill them with the pure wisdom which cometh from above, that we may walk before Thee in simplicity and godly sincerity all our days, not taking counsel of the world or of the flesh, but aiming and endeavoring in all things only to know and do Thy will, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

CHARITIES

LORD GOD, heavenly Father, who hast given unto Thy servants diversities of gifts, enriching us with the treasures of Thy kingdom, the means of grace, and the hope of salvation, and providing us richly and daily with all the necessities of life, so that we lacked not anything, we beseech Thee, make us truly thankful for Thine abundant mercies, and teach us that all our doings without charity are worth nothing. Let us not live unto ourselves in selfish enjoyment of Thy gifts, but rather unto Christ, who was dead and was raised again for us, and who said: By this shall all men know that ye are My disciples if ye have love one to another; Whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them; Ye have the poor with you always, and whensoever ye will, ye may do them good; and, Give, and it shall be given unto you; for with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again. Let us never forget Thy mercy, lest we forget to do good and to communicate; but let us rather account it a blessed privilege to render unto the poor the sacrifices with which Thou art well pleased, and which Thy beloved Son will account as done unto Himself.

Enable us more and more to fulfill this our duty with a pure heart from love to Thee and to our fellow men. Let us not seek honor and glory in this work; but when we do alms, let not the left hand know what the right hand doeth; neither let us regard this our service as a meritorious work, earning heaven for us; for when we shall have done all those things which are commanded us, we are but unprofitable servants, having done no more than was our duty to do. Let us give not only money, but love, giving sincerely and heartily, making sacrifices without regarding comfort or expecting returns. Help us to remember what a responsible duty is committed to our charge, rightly to divide and apportion those alms which have been entrusted to us among those in real necessity,

and give us grace to act wisely and faithfully. Help and prosper our work in the future as in the past. Enlarge the sphere of our operations to the alleviation of much bodily distress. In particular, grant that the needy may be also spiritually enriched, that, seeing our good works, they may learn to know Thee, to resign themselves willingly to Thy dispensation, to behold even misery transfigured by faith, and to praise Thee with us. May those that have pity on the poor remember that they have lent unto the Lord, and that He will repay them again. Let their prayers and alms come up for a memorial of their faith before Thee, and reward them plentifully with peace; through the merits of Jesus Christ, our only Savior.

HOME-FINDING, ORPHANAGE, CHILDREN'S FRIEND,
FOUNDLING-HOME SOCIETY

O LORD GOD, who art the Father of the fatherless and the Judge of the widow and hast put it in our hearts to associate ourselves together for the purpose of providing for the bodily and spiritual welfare of waifs and orphan children [by placing them in Christian homes], we thank Thee for enabling us to engage in this work of mercy and love and for accompanying our labors in the past with signal blessings. And we beseech Thee, show us the work Thou hast for us to do, give us greater devotion and efficiency in the performance of it, and turn our humble endeavors into a means for the salvation of many and the glory of Thy great name. Let us be merciful, as Thou, our Father, art merciful. Teach us that it is pure religion and undefiled before Thee to visit the fatherless and the widows in their affliction. Recall frequently to our minds the words of Thy beloved Son: Suffer the little children to come unto Me, and: Whoso shall receive one such little child in My name receiveth Me. Help us to realize the bodily perils of unfortunate orphans and their still greater spiritual

dangers, if, though adopted into homes of means and comfort, they are not brought up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. Grant that, in obedience to Thy will and from sincere gratitude for the abundant blessings Thou givest us and our children daily to enjoy, we may regard the care of orphans as both a privilege and a duty. As our Master gave His life for us and for them, may we give bountifully of our means to relieve their bodily necessities and to have them instructed in the way of salvation, accounting it as our sole reward that the mouths of babes and sucklings do voice Thy praise. We beseech Thee also, Thou wouldst continue to prosper our work and to widen from day to day the sphere of our useful service. Fill many hearts with such love to Christ as will render them willing to open their hearts and homes to helpless fatherless children. [Remember those families that adopt our little wards; give them wisdom, patience, and forbearance for the difficult task of training aright children not their own flesh and blood, and perchance burdened with habits not easily overcome; and may theirs be a blessing as of having entertained angels unawares. Help the little ones to grow up in wisdom and favor with God and man, to be useful Christian men and women that delight in serving Thee.] Bless all Thy servants engaged in supporting and carrying on this charitable work. Bless the board of directors, the superintendent, the matron, [the teachers], and the nurses, that right counsels may everywhere prevail and right action follow. In all they do be Thou with them, and whatever difficulties, disappointments, or reproaches they may meet with, enable them in all things patiently to follow the example of Him who went about doing good. Make us all watchful and prayerful, that we may be ready when our Lord cometh to ask for an account of our stewardship, and let us never grow weary in well-doing, for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not. Hear us for the sake of Christ, Thy Son, the Friend of children.

HOME FOR THE AGED

LORD GOD, heavenly Father, who providest for all Thy children and hast said: Even to your old age I am He; and even to hoar hairs will I carry you: I have made, and I will bear; even I will carry, and will deliver you; and whose dear Son committed His mother to the disciple whom He loved, thereby showing us what to do for those who are left lonely in their advancing years, grant, we beseech Thee, that we may realize more and more fully that, as we are to honor the hoary head, so Thou wouldst have us as instruments of Thy mercy house and clothe and feed the aged, and that in so doing we are housing and clothing and feeding Christ, who will account that done unto the least of our brethren as done unto Himself.

And as by Thy guidance we have established here a Home for the Aged, dispose us to continue the good work by making us mindful of all the temporal and spiritual blessings we daily receive from Thee, and wherewith we are enabled to serve those whose strength faileth. Let us not grow forgetful of their various needs, but loving them as our own parents, diligently seek to provide them with sustenance for the body and every necessary convenience, and, above all things, with the Bread of Life, the Word of God.

Graciously preserve this Home from all calamities, that its residents may dwell securely therein, and make it for them a scene of pleasant companionships without envyings or strifes or animosities, that in quietness and contentment and godliness they may contemplate all Thy goodness, experienced by them in the years gone by, and cheerfully wait for the angel who is to bear them into the mansions of rest and peace and joy, the eternal home.

Raise up many new friends to this institution, and incline them to contribute generously toward its maintenance, that its usefulness may be extended and its blessings felt in ever-widening

circles. Bestow upon those entrusted with the administration and management of the Home wisdom and faithfulness in their counsels and actions. And may all who by their support assist in its up-building learn that they are lending unto the Lord.

May we in all things perform our work in a manner pleasing to Thee. Let no worldly-mindedness enter into our charities, lest, in aiming to do good works, we defeat our faith, and even our greatest works become sins. Let us do all as in Thy presence, and after the example of Him who loved us and gave His life for us, that our work may please Thee; and hereafter receive us all into our eternal home with Thee in heaven, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

HOSPITAL

○ LORD JESUS CHRIST, Thou Sun of Righteousness with healing in Thy wings, our heavenly Physician, who with Thy stripes, by Thy innocent suffering and death, didst heal the wound of our sinful nature and obtain for us spiritual health; who also didst in mercy heal many that were afflicted with bodily ailments and daily givest to all of us life and health and all things, that as good stewards of the manifold grace of God we should minister Thy gifts one to another, we beseech Thee, give us a due sense of Thy manifold mercies, that, as we have received freely, we may freely give and by aiding those in affliction and distress may lead them to glorify with us Thy grace and never-failing help. And as Thou hast enabled us to erect a hospital in this place, grant that we may so conduct it as to provide the patients entrusted to us with the best bodily service, that their bodies may speedily be restored to health, but also with the right spiritual care, that their souls may be comforted and strengthened unto life and health everlasting. Fill our hearts with fervent love to Thee, that we may cheerfully and abundantly contribute of our substance for the maintenance and enlargement of the work we have undertaken

for Thy glory. Bless all the friends and supporters of this institution, and may they find that, having thrown their bread upon the waters, it will return to them after many days. Encompass the edifice with Thy mighty protection, and guard it from fire and tempest and other calamities, that those within its walls may rest in safety. Make skillful and conscientious the physicians and nurses here waiting on their calling, and enable those entrusted with the administration and management wisely and faithfully to discharge their trust. We praise Thee, O Lord, for all Thy mercies past, and pray Thee for the days to come: Prosper the work of our hands for Thy glory and the good of many. Hear us for Thine own sake.

GRADUATION OF NURSES

O ETERNAL GOD, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who didst especially qualify women for services of helpfulness and mercy, and wouldst have them appear in the becoming adornment of good works, we beseech Thee to look upon these Thy servants, who, having experienced spiritual healing through the blood of the Lamb that was slain for us, would dedicate their strength for Thy praise to the service of the sick. Let them regard the calling which they have chosen, and for which they are so well suited, as an occupation involving faithful, diligent, conscientious, patient, and untiring labor and hardships, and offering a large opportunity of doing good. Let them labor from faith and love. Grant them true godliness, gentle forbearance, and patient endurance, that, in singleness of purpose and with a willing mind, realizing their grave responsibilities, they may worthily accomplish their difficult tasks. Let Thy Word continue to be a lamp unto their feet and a light unto their path. Protect them in the way wherein they are to go, sustain them in body and spirit, and bless their faithful labors, that those entrusted to their care may with Thy help by their ministrations be restored to health, and, seeing their faith and

works, may be spiritually strengthened and glorify Thee, the Father in heaven, into whose hands we commit these Thy servants; for the sake of Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord.

HOME FOR THE FEEBLE-MINDED

O LORD JESUS CHRIST, our heavenly Friend, Teacher, and Physician, who, loving all Thy creatures, gavest Thy life for the redemption of all and wouldst have us to be fellow laborers with Thee to bring all men to the knowledge of the truth, we beseech Thee, awaken us to a realization of our duty toward all those who, lacking that clear and normal vision of mind which Thou hast vouchsafed to us, are dependent on our charity. As Thy praise is voiced by babes and sucklings, surely Thy grace is able to gain access also to the hearts of such unfortunates. Do Thou open our hearts and hands, that we may provide for them instruction in Thy Word and other useful knowledge in the measure of their ability. Especially, we beseech Thee, let us remember those entrusted to our care in this Home, and enable us so to perform our duty by these our wards as we shall desire to have done in the day of accounting. Bless the business administration of our Home, and grant to this Christian undertaking permanence and success. Bless our teachers and give them skill and patience and power. Bless Thy Word that, though other knowledge fail to take root, Thy Gospel may be the seed unto eternal life, when the cloud shall be lifted and these feeble ones shall stand with us before Thy throne and glorify Thee forever. Bless the Home and all its friends, that it may be a cause of rejoicing to many and of thanking Thee, who art pleased to prosper the work of our hands; and teach us to do the good work in such manner as will surely please Thee. Lift from our minds more and more the dark cloud of sin, enlighten us by Thy Spirit, be Thou, O Sun of Righteousness, our light and life, lead us upon the way, and finally receive us into our home in glory.

FOR THE DEAF

LORD, our God, Thou hast made the eye, and wilt Thou not see? Thou hast made the ear, and wilt Thou not hear the supplications of Thy people who cry unto Thee in Jesus' name? We pray Thee, look in pity on all sorts and conditions of men, and in tender mercy regard all those who are called to suffer affliction, especially also the deaf.

Thou hast promised and sent Thy Son Jesus Christ that the ears of the deaf should be unstopped, that the tongue of the dumb should speak, and that the poor should have the Gospel preached unto them. We thank Thee that Thou hast caused Thy precious Gospel to be brought and interpreted also to the deaf, making it a word to pass from the eye to the heart. Accompany, we beseech Thee, with Thy heavenly benediction the preaching of Thy Truth to the deaf, and let them experience Thy saving health and the rich comfort of Thy grace in Christ Jesus. Let the heavens be opened, as in the day when Thy beloved Son prayed for the deaf, and send forth Thy Holy Spirit, that by His gracious ministration they may perceive the things that pertain to their salvation.

Bless the endeavors of all whom Thou hast entrusted with the care and instruction of the deaf. Grant them patience and skill. Give us all a due sense of Thy manifold mercies, and fill our hearts with fervent love, that, even as Thou, heavenly Father, art merciful, we may show mercy by aiding those who are in affliction and need. Grant that we may never abuse the precious faculty of hearing by giving ear to profane and idle babblings of men or the pernicious lies of Satan, but make us more ready to hear Thy Word and to keep it in good and honest hearts, that it may bring forth fruit an hundredfold.

Look in pity on all, who, having ears, do not hear, and open

their ears and their hearts that they may be converted to know Thee, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom Thou hast sent. We ask it in the name of Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

FOR THE BLIND

O BLESSED LORD JESUS CHRIST, who by Thine unspeakable sufferings and death hast delivered all men from the darkness of sin and death, we thank Thee that Thou hast revealed Thyself as the true Light which lighteth every man that cometh into the world. O Thou Sun of Righteousness, who during Thine earthly ministry didst open the eyes of the blind to behold Thy glory, continue, we pray Thee, Thy merciful ministrations to all those whose earthly paths are shrouded in darkness. O Thou Light of the world, be Thou a lamp unto their feet and a light unto their path, that they, beholding Thee with the eyes of faith, may never walk in the darkness of unbelief and despair. Richly prosper the preaching of Thy Word among the blind, that, though their eyes be sightless, they may by Thy Gospel clearly see Thee as their only Savior and Redeemer and humbly serve Thee in this life in true faith; and when life's day is done, may they see Thee in Thy glory, where there shall be no more darkness, but fullness of light forevermore. Hear us for Thy name's sake. Amen.

GENERAL RUBRICS

These General Rubrics together with the Rubrics given in the Services are a directory to the pastor for the conduct of divine worship



I. FOR THE ORDER OF MORNING SERVICE, THE ORDER OF THE HOLY COMMUNION, THE ORDER OF MATINS, THE ORDER OF VESPERS

When the Officiant stands before the altar, he faces the altar for all sacrificial acts and the Congregation for all sacramental acts.

The sacrificial acts of the Morning Service and of the Order of the Holy Communion are the Trinitarian Invocation, the Confession, the Introit, the Hymns and Canticles, the Gradual, the Creed, the Prayers, the Offertory, the Preface, the Sanctus, and the Words of Institution; in the Order of Matins: the Hymns, the Opening Versicles, the Psalmody, the Versicle after the Lection, the Canticles, and the Prayers; in the Order of Vespers: the Hymns, the Opening Versicles, the Psalmody, the Versicle after the Lection and the Versicle after the Office Hymn, the Canticles, and the Prayers.

The sacramental acts of the Morning Service and of the Order of the Holy Communion are the Invitation to Confession, the Declaration of Grace, or the Absolution, the Salutation, the Lessons, the Sermon, the Votum, the Salutation, the Benedicamus, and the Benediction; in the

Order of Matins: the Invitatory, the Lection, the Sermon, the Salutation, the Benedicamus, and the Benediction; in the Order of Vespers: the Lection, the Sermon, the Salutation, the Benedicamus, and the Benediction.

The word "shall" in the Rubrics makes that part of the Service obligatory, while the word "may" leaves it optional.

When turning at the altar, the Officiant shall ordinarily turn by his right side to face the Congregation and by his left side to face the altar.

Whenever Holy Communion is celebrated in a Church Service, the Order of the Holy Communion shall be used in its entirety.

The Propria, or Propers (as distinguished from the fixed portions of the Service, called the Ordinary), that is, the Introit, the Collect, the Epistle, the Gradual, and the Gospel for the Day, shall be used throughout the week following, except on those Days for which other appointments are made.

Christmas, Easter, Pentecost, and

Trinity Sunday are designated as the Feasts of the Church Year; all other Festival Days are designated as the Festivals of the Church Year.

THE COLLECTS

The Collect for Ash Wednesday is said in every Lenten Service after the Collect for the Day.

Whenever the Collect for the Day is said, the full termination as appointed shall be used. If other Collects are said after it, as at Matins and Vespers, the full termination shall be used with the Collect for the Day and the last Collect only. The last Collect in Matins is the Collect for Grace, the last in Vespers the Collect for Peace.

The short termination of the Collects used after the Collect for the Day will usually be: through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord; or: through the same Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord. Exceptions to this rule will be found printed in full in the texts of the Additional Collects.

When the Petition is addressed to God the Father, the full termination is: through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

When the Petition is addressed to God the Son, the termination is: who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

When the Petition is addressed to God the Holy Ghost, the termination is: who livest and reignest with the Father and the Son, ever one God, world without end.

When mention is made of our Lord in the body of the Petition, the termination is: through the same Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

When mention is made of our Lord at the end of the Petition, the termination is: who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

When mention is made of the Holy Ghost in the body of the Collect, the termination is: who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the same Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

When the Petition is addressed to God the Holy Trinity, the termination is: who livest and reignest, ever one God, world without end.

THE MUSIC

The music of the Service is not a part of the Liturgy and may be altered as circumstances permit or require.

Liturgical chant, more so than any other type of church music, is not a musical interpretation of the text; it is only the bearer of the text and hence should be sung in a simple,

straightforward manner. To a lesser extent, the same thing is true of Hymn tunes. This is in keeping with the spirit of the objective character of liturgical worship, which disdains sentimentalization and tawdriness, musical and otherwise.

The Officiant shall chant those portions of the Service to which the Choir or the Congregation responds with chanting.

The primary function of the Choir is to lead the Congregation in the singing of the Liturgy and the Hymns, and to sing the Propers of the Liturgy when they are beyond the capacity of the Congregation.

In view of the fact that the music presented by the Choir and organist is part of the Service of Worship, it is imperative that this music be in keeping with the spirit of the liturgical character of the Service.

From time to time the Choir may sing parts of the Ordinary in more elaborate choral settings.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Notices to the Congregation, except in connection with requests for Intercession, ought not to be read during the Services.

HOLY BAPTISM

Unless otherwise ordered in a Congregation, public Baptism may be administered after the Opening Hymn, in which case the Opening Hymn may well be a baptismal hymn.

MIDWEEK EVENING SERVICES

The Order of Vespers may be used for midweek evening Services. In place of the Lection during Lent, a portion of the History of our Lord's Passion may be read.

II. THE ORDER OF MORNING SERVICE AND THE ORDER OF THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE PREPARATORY SERVICE

For the Invocation and the Preparatory Service the Officiant may stand at the foot of the altar steps, advancing to the altar at the Introit.

When the Service begins with the Introit, the Officiant shall proceed to the altar at once.

Since the Preparation is not a part of the Service proper, it is preferable

that the Officiant and the Congregation speak the entire Preparatory Service. The Congregation may kneel until the Declaration of Grace has been spoken.

THE INTROIT

The Introit for the Day with the Gloria Patri should be sung by the Choir. If a Choir is not available,

the Introit may be said or chanted by the Officiant; in this case the Gloria Patri may be said or sung by the Congregation.

The Introit for the Day, including the Gloria Patri, should either be sung or spoken throughout.

The Antiphon, which announces the keynote of the Introit, shall be repeated after the Gloria Patri.

If the Confessional Service immediately precedes the Communion Service, the latter shall begin with the Introit.

THE KYRIE

The Kyrie shall be said or sung by the Congregation.

A ninefold, but not a fourfold or sixfold (the Officiant speaking the first line; the Officiant speaking each line) Kyrie may be substituted for the threefold Kyrie. In place of the English text, the Greek form, "Kyrie Eleison, Christe Eleison, Kyrie Eleison," may be used in either a threefold or a ninefold form.

THE GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

The Gloria in Excelsis shall be used on all Feast and Festival Days; at other times a versified form of the Gloria in Excelsis (Hymns 237, 238, in *The Lutheran Hymnal*), or another hymn of praise, may be used. The Gloria in Excelsis shall also be used at all services of Worship in which the Administration of Holy

Communion takes place, except that in this case it may be omitted during the Seasons of Advent, Pre-Lent, and Lent.

THE LESSONS

Before the Epistle for the Day an appointed Lesson from the Old Testament (cf. pp. 438, 439) may be read, but the Epistle for the Day and the Gospel for the Day shall always be read.

When the Minister announces the Gospel for the Day, the Congregation shall rise and then chant, Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

THE GRADUAL FOR THE DAY AND THE HALLELUJAH

The Gradual for the Day or the Sentence for the Season should be sung by the Choir. If a choir is not available, the Officiant may say the Gradual or the Sentence for the Season; or the Congregation may simply sing the Hallelujah after the Epistle has been read. Hallelujah is not sung during Pre-Lent and Lent.

Special choir music may be sung in place of, or preferably in addition to, the Gradual, between the Epistle and the Gospel. When this is done, it is important that the textual content of the choral selection harmonize with the theme of the Liturgy and Service. A hymn of Invocation to the Holy Ghost may be sung to replace the Gradual; the classical Gradual

Hymn of the Lutheran Church is "We Now Implore God the Holy Ghost" (*The Lutheran Hymnal*, Hymn 231).

THE CREED

The Nicene Creed shall be chanted or said by the Congregation on all Feasts and Festivals and whenever there is a Communion; at other times the Apostles' Creed may be used in its stead, or a versified form of these Creeds may be sung. Cf. Hymns 251, 252, 253, in *The Lutheran Hymnal*.

On Trinity Sunday, the Athanasian Creed may be used after the Gradual.

THE VOTUM

When saying the Votum at the close of the Sermon, the Preacher may raise his hand in blessing and make the sign of the cross.

THE GENERAL PRAYER

Before the General Prayer at the altar the Officiant may announce special Petitions, Intercessions, or Thanksgivings which have been requested. He may also make mention of the birth, contemplated marriage, death, etc., of members of the Congregation.

One of the General Prayers appointed for the Services shall always be used. The Litany may be used instead of the General Prayer, except when there is a Communion.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Celebrant may make ready the Communion vessels immediately after the Offertory.

If there be another Minister to assist in the Distribution, he may approach the altar during the singing of the Agnus Dei.

THE PROPER PREFACE

The Proper Preface shall be used throughout its respective Season. The Preface of the Holy Trinity may be used on any Sunday for which no other Preface is appointed.

THE SACRED ELEMENTS

In making ready the elements for the Holy Communion, so much of the bread and the wine shall be placed in the proper vessels as in the judgment of the Celebrant will be required for the Administration.

If the consecrated bread or wine be spent before all have communed, the Celebrant shall consecrate more, saying aloud so much of the Words of Institution as pertains to the element to be consecrated.

When all have received the Holy Sacrament, the Celebrant shall cover what remains of the bread and wine with the veil.

When the Service has been completed, the Celebrant or a deacon shall remove the sacramental vessels from the altar to the sacristy and dispose of that part of the bread and wine which

remains as follows: He shall carefully remove the bread from the paten and ciborium to a fit receptacle, there to be kept against the next Communion.

He shall pour what remains of the consecrated wine into the piscina or upon the ground at a proper and convenient place outside the church.

III. THE ORDER OF MATINS

THE INVITATORY

The Invitatory always precedes the Venite, Psalm 95. It varies with the Season. See pages 216—224. Other appropriate Invitatories may be used.

After the Venite and the Gloria Patri the whole Invitatory shall be repeated.

THE PSALM

In the reading or chanting of the Psalter at Matins, Psalm 95 (Venite) shall not be used.

On Trinity Sunday, the Athanasian Creed may replace a Psalm.

THE ANTIPHON

An Antiphon may be said or chanted with each Psalm.

When an Antiphon is used with the Psalm, it shall be chanted before the Psalm and repeated after the Gloria Patri.

THE LECTIO

One Lesson shall, more may, be read. On Sundays or Festivals one Lesson shall be read from the

Epistles and one from the Gospels. A Lesson from the Old Testament may precede the Lesson from the Epistles. See page 438. Lessons shall not be chosen from the Psalter.

The Epistle and the Gospel for the Day shall not be used as Lessons at Matins.

In announcing the Lesson the Officer shall say: The First (or Second or Third) Lesson is written in the ——— chapter of ——— beginning at the ——— verse. The Lesson ended, he shall say: Here endeth the First (or Second or Third) Lesson. After that, facing the altar, he may say or chant: But Thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

THE RESPONSORY

The Responory varies with the Season and may be sung by the Choir after the last Lesson. See pages 216 to 227. Other appropriate Responses may also be used.

THE SERMON

The Sermon or Address may follow the Lesson and Responory as appointed.

MATIN CANTICLES

The Te Deum. Proper at Matins on all Sundays except in Advent and from Septuagesima to Good Friday; also proper on Feasts and Festivals and during their Seasons.

The Benedictus. Proper on all Sundays in Advent and from Septuagesima to Good Friday; also proper for daily use.

The Benedicite. Proper on Feasts and Festivals and during Eastertide, when the *Te Deum* is not used. See page 282.

The Dignus Est Agnus. Proper during Eastertide and Ascensiontide. May also be used during the Trinity Season. See page 289.

The Beatitudes. Proper during Trinity Season, but may be used any other time except Sundays. See page 288.

Any of the other Canticles, except the Magnificat and the *Nunc Dimittis*, may be used at Matins on any Day except a Sunday or a Feast or a Festival. See page 282. *Confite-*

bor Tibi is traditionally associated with Monday, *Ego dixi* with Tuesday, *Exultavit cor meum* with Wednesday, *Cantemus Domino* with Thursday, *Domine audivi* with Friday, and *Audite coeli* with Saturday.

An Antiphon may be sung with any of the Canticles except the *Te Deum*. It should be sung before the Canticle and repeated after the Canticle by the entire Choir. See pages 216—227.

THE PRAYERS

Instead of the Prayers appointed, the Suffrages, the Litany, or other Prayers may be used. The Bidding Prayer may be used in the same manner on any Wednesday or Friday in Lent and on Good Friday.

THE COLLECT

The Collect for the Sunday is ordinarily said at Matins throughout the week. The Collect for Grace shall be the last Collect used at Matins. A Versicle may be used before any Collect after the first.

IV. THE ORDER OF VESPERS

THE ANTIPHON

An Antiphon may be said or chanted with each Psalm.

When an Antiphon is used with

a Psalm, it shall be sung before the Psalm and repeated after the *Gloria Patri* by the entire Choir. The Psalm is sung to the tone of the Antiphon.

THE LECTION.

One or more Lessons from the Old or the New Testament shall be read. See page 422.

The Epistle and the Gospel for the Day shall not be used as Lessons at Vespers.

In announcing the Lesson the Officiant shall say: The First (or Second or Third) Lesson is written in the ——— chapter of ——— beginning at the ——— verse. The Lesson ended, he shall say: Here endeth the First (or Second or Third) Lesson. After that, facing the altar, he may say or chant: But Thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

THE RESPONSORY

The Responory varies with the Season and may be sung by the Choir after the last Lesson. See pages 216 to 227. Other appropriate Responses may also be used.

THE SERMON

The Sermon or Address may follow the Lesson and Responory as appointed.

VESPER CANTICLES

The Magnificat. The proper Canticle at Vespers at all times.

The Nunc Dimittis. A proper substitute for the Magnificat only when Vespers are said or sung as a late Office.

The Dignus Est Agnus. Proper during Eastertide and Ascensiontide. May also be used during the Trinity Season. See page 289.

On Festivals a special Versicle, see pages 216—229, may be used before the Canticle.

An Antiphon may be sung with the Canticle. See page 216.

THE PRAYER

Instead of the Prayer appointed, the Suffrages or the Litany or other Prayers may be said.

THE COLLECT

The Collect for the Sunday is ordinarily said at Vespers throughout the week until Friday; but on Saturday the Collect for the following Sunday is said. The Collect proper for any Festival may be used at Vespers of the day before. The Collect for Peace shall be the last Collect in the Order of Vespers. A Versicle may be used before any Collect after the first.

V. MISCELLANEOUS

THE LITURGICAL COLORS

The Liturgical colors are white, red, green, violet, and black. Their significance is as follows:

- White:* Color of the Godhead, eternity, robe of the glorified Christ and the Angels, perfection, joy, purity.
- Red:* Color of fire, fervor, blood, martyrdom, love, victorious truth of Christian teaching based on the blood and righteousness of Christ.
- Green:* Color of abiding life, nourishment, rest; dominant color in nature.
- Violet:* Color of royal mourning and repentance.
- Black:* Absence of color, symbolical of death.

THEIR PROPER USE

- White:* From and with Vespers of Eve of Nativity through the Epiphany Octave.
On Maundy Thursday, when Communion is celebrated.

From and with the Vespers of Easter Eve through to the Vespers of the Eve of Whitsunday.

On the Feast of the Holy Trinity and during its Octave.

All the other Festivals of Christ, *i. e.*, Presentation, Annunciation, Visitation, and Transfiguration. On the Day of St. Michael and All Angels. On the day of the Conversion of St. Paul; the Nativity of St. John the Baptist; All Saints' Day; the Dedication of a Church and Its Anniversary; on days of general or special thanksgiving and on the festivals of saints not martyrs.

- Red:* From and with the Vespers on the Eve of Whitsunday through to the Vespers on the Eve of Holy Trinity.
The Festival of the Reformation and its Octave.
On commemorating the death of martyrs.

Green: From and with Matins on January 14 to Vespers of the Eve of Septuagesima.

From the Second Sunday after Trinity through the Trinity Season to the Vespers on the Eve of Advent.

Violet: From and with the Vespers on the Eve of Advent to the Vespers on the Eve of the Nativity.

From and with Vespers on the Saturday before Septuagesima and throughout Pre-Lent and Lent, to Vespers on the Eve of Easter.

For the Day of Humiliation.

Black: For Good Friday *only*.

Variants: In some parts of the Lutheran Church green is used from Septuagesima through Shrove Tuesday. In that case white should be used from Matins on January 14 until, but not at, Vespers on the Saturday before Septuagesima. Violet may be used from Matins on the Monday after Rogation Sunday until, but not at, Vespers on the Wednesday before the

Ascension Day, and on Holy Innocents' Day when it falls during the week.

The Solemnization of Holy Matrimony and the Order for the Burial of the Dead shall not affect the proper color for the Day or Season in use when these Services are held.

THE ALTAR LINENS

The Fair Linen, a cloth covering the altar, extending one third or two thirds or all the way to the floor at the narrow ends, shall always be upon the altar.

THE SACRAMENTAL LINENS

The Corporal, a square of very fine linen, is laid on the center of the Fair Linen cloth. Upon it the sacramental vessels are placed.

The Pall, a small square of stiff material covered or lined with linen, is used to cover the chalice. It should be removed at the Consecration.

The Purificators, squares of heavy linen, are used to cleanse the rim of the chalice during the Administration.

The Veil, made of silk or of the finest linen, is used to cover the sacramental vessels upon the altar or credence table. It is removed before the Preface and should be folded carefully and laid upon the altar and again

placed over the sacramental vessels after the Administration at the Nunc Dimittis.

When not in use on the altar, the sacramental linens should be properly folded and kept in the *Burse*, a square envelope made of strong cardboard, covered with silk or heavy linen.

HEADGEAR FOR WOMEN

It is a laudable custom, based upon a Scriptural injunction (1 Cor. 11:

3-15), for women to wear an appropriate head covering in Church, especially at the time of divine service.

On and after Easter Day, 1955, in any case of a contradiction between these General Rubrics as they are here printed and other rubrics published elsewhere in the official service books of the Evangelical Lutheran Synodical Conference of North America, these General Rubrics shall govern.

THE MOVABLE FEASTS AND FESTIVALS OF THE CHURCH YEAR

The Movable Feasts and Festivals all depend upon Easter, except Advent.

Advent Sunday is always the nearest Sunday to the thirtieth day of November, whether before or after. *Easter* is always the first Sunday after the Full Moon which happens upon or next after the twenty-first day of March; and if the Full Moon happens upon a Sunday, Easter is the Sunday after. The time of Easter being found, the other Feasts and Festivals occur as follows:

Septuagesima Sunday is nine weeks before Easter. *Ash Wednesday*, or the beginning of Lent, is forty-six days before Easter. *Palmarum*, or the beginning of Holy Week, is seven days before Easter. *Maundy Thursday* is the Thursday before Easter. *Good Friday* is the Friday before Easter. *Ascension Day* is forty days after Easter. *Whitsunday* is seven weeks after Easter. *Trinity Sunday* is eight weeks after Easter.

TABLE OF THE DAYS ON WHICH EASTER WILL FALL, 1947—2000

1947	April 6	1965	April 18	1983	April 3
1948	March 28	1966	April 10	1984	April 22
1949	April 17	1967	March 26	1985	April 7
1950	April 9	1968	April 14	1986	March 30
1951	March 25	1969	April 6	1987	April 19
1952	April 13	1970	March 29	1988	April 3
1953	April 5	1971	April 11	1989	March 26
1954	April 18	1972	April 2	1990	April 15
1955	April 10	1973	April 22	1991	March 31
1956	April 1	1974	April 14	1992	April 19
1957	April 21	1975	March 30	1993	April 11
1958	April 6	1976	April 18	1994	April 3
1959	March 29	1977	April 10	1995	April 16
1960	April 17	1978	March 26	1996	April 7
1961	April 2	1979	April 15	1997	March 30
1962	April 22	1980	April 6	1998	April 12
1963	April 14	1981	April 19	1999	April 4
1964	March 29	1982	April 11	2000	April 23

TABLE OF THE MOVABLE FEASTS AND FESTIVALS
 SHOWING TO THE SEVERAL DAYS ON WHICH EASTER CAN POSSIBLY FALL

<i>Sundays after Epiphany *</i>	<i>Septuagesima Sunday</i>	<i>Ash Wednesday</i>	<i>Ascension Day</i>	<i>Whitsunday</i>	<i>Sundays after Trinity</i>	<i>First Advent Sunday</i>
1	Jan. 18	Feb. 4	April 30	May 10	27	Nov. 29
1	Jan. 19	Feb. 5	May 1	May 11	27	Nov. 30
1	Jan. 20	Feb. 6	May 2	May 12	27	Dec. 1
2	Jan. 21	Feb. 7	May 3	May 13	27	Dec. 2
2	Jan. 22	Feb. 8	May 4	May 14	27	Dec. 3
2	Jan. 23	Feb. 9	May 5	May 15	26	Nov. 27
2	Jan. 24	Feb. 10	May 6	May 16	26	Nov. 28
2	Jan. 25	Feb. 11	May 7	May 17	26	Nov. 29
2	Jan. 26	Feb. 12	May 8	May 18	26	Nov. 30
2	Jan. 27	Feb. 13	May 9	May 19	26	Dec. 1
3	Jan. 28	Feb. 14	May 10	May 20	26	Dec. 2
3	Jan. 29	Feb. 15	May 11	May 21	26	Dec. 3
3	Jan. 30	Feb. 16	May 12	May 22	25	Nov. 27
3	Jan. 31	Feb. 17	May 13	May 23	25	Nov. 28
3	Feb. 1	Feb. 18	May 14	May 24	25	Nov. 29
3	Feb. 2	Feb. 19	May 15	May 25	25	Nov. 30
3	Feb. 3	Feb. 20	May 16	May 26	25	Dec. 1
4	Feb. 4	Feb. 21	May 17	May 27	25	Dec. 2
4	Feb. 5	Feb. 22	May 18	May 28	25	Dec. 3
4	Feb. 6	Feb. 23	May 19	May 29	24	Nov. 27
4	Feb. 7	Feb. 24	May 20	May 30	24	Nov. 28
4	Feb. 8	Feb. 25	May 21	May 31	24	Nov. 29
4	Feb. 9	Feb. 26	May 22	June 1	24	Nov. 30
4	Feb. 10	Feb. 27	May 23	June 2	24	Dec. 1
5	Feb. 11	Feb. 28	May 24	June 3	24	Dec. 2
5	Feb. 12	March 1	May 25	June 4	24	Dec. 3
5	Feb. 13	March 2	May 26	June 5	23	Nov. 27
5	Feb. 14	March 3	May 27	June 6	23	Nov. 28
5	Feb. 15	March 4	May 28	June 7	23	Nov. 29
5	Feb. 16	March 5	May 29	June 8	23	Nov. 30
5	Feb. 17	March 6	May 30	June 9	23	Dec. 1
6	Feb. 18	March 7	May 31	June 10	23	Dec. 2
6	Feb. 19	March 8	June 1	June 11	23	Dec. 3
6	Feb. 20	March 9	June 2	June 12	22	Nov. 27
6	Feb. 21	March 10	June 3	June 13	22	Nov. 28

Leap Year, the number of Sundays after Epiphany is the same as if Easter had
 fallen later than it really does; and Septuagesima Sunday and Ash Wednesday fall one
 day later than given in the Table unless the Table gives some day in March for Ash
 Wednesday; in that case the day in the Table is right.

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FIRST SERIES

<i>Sundays and Feasts</i>	<i>Epistles</i>	<i>Gospels</i>
1. Sunday in Advent	Rom. 13:11-14	Matt. 21:1-9
2. Sunday in Advent	Rom. 15:4-13	Luke 21:25-36
3. Sunday in Advent	1 Cor. 4:1-5	Matt. 11:2-10
4. Sunday in Advent	Phil. 4:4-7	John 1:19-28
Christmas Day	Titus 2:11-14	Luke 2:1-14
	Is. 9:2-7	
Second Christmas Day	Titus 3:4-7	Luke 2:15-20
Sunday after Christmas	Gal. 4:1-7	Luke 2:33-40
Circumcision and Name of Jesus	Gal. 3:23-29	Luke 2:21
Sunday after New Year	1 Pet. 4:12-19	Matt. 2:13-23
Epiphany	Is. 60:1-6	Matt. 2:1-12
1. Sunday after Epiphany	Rom. 12:1-5	Luke 2:41-52
2. Sunday after Epiphany	Rom. 12:6-16 <i>a</i>	John 2:1-11
3. Sunday after Epiphany	Rom. 12:16-21 <i>b</i>	Matt. 8:1-13
4. Sunday after Epiphany	Rom. 13:8-10	Matt. 8:23-27
5. Sunday after Epiphany	Col. 3:12-17	Matt. 13:24-30
The Transfiguration	2 Pet. 1:16-21	Matt. 17:1-9
Septuagesima Sunday	1 Cor. 9:24—10:5	Matt. 20:1-16
Sexagesima Sunday	2 Cor. 11:19—12:9	Luke 8:4-15
Quinquagesima Sunday	1 Cor. 13:1-13	Luke 18:31-43
Asb Wednesday	Joel 2:12-19	Matt. 6:16-21
Invocavit, 1. Sunday in Lent	2 Cor. 6:1-10	Matt. 4:1-11
Reminiscere, 2. Sunday in Lent	1 Thess. 4:1-7	Matt. 15:21-28
Oculi, 3. Sunday in Lent	Eph. 5:1-9	Luke 11:14-28
Laetare, 4. Sunday in Lent	Gal. 4:21-31	John 6:1-15
Judica, 5. Sunday in Lent	Heb. 9:11-15	John 8:46-59
Palmarum, 6. Sunday in Lent	Phil. 2:5-11	Matt. 21:1-9
Monday of Holy Week	Is. 50:5-10	John 12:1-23
Tuesday of Holy Week	Jer. 11:18-20	John 12:24-43
Wednesday of Holy Week	Is. 62:11—63:7	Luke 22:1—23:43
Maundy Thursday	1 Cor. 11:23-32	John 13:1-15
Good Friday	Is. 52:13—53:12	John 18:1—19:42
Holy Saturday	1 Pet. 3:17-22	Matt. 27:57-66
Easter Sunday	1 Cor. 5:6-8	Mark 16:1-8
Easter Monday	Acts 10:34-41	Luke 24:13-35
Easter Tuesday	Acts 13:26-33	Luke 24:36-48
Quasimodogeniti, 1. Sunday after Easter	1 John 5:4-10	John 20:19-31
Misericordias Domini, 2. Sunday after Easter	1 Pet. 2:21-25	John 10:11-16
Jubilate, 3. Sunday after Easter	1 Pet. 2:11-20	John 16:16-23 <i>c</i>
Cantate, 4. Sunday after Easter	James 1:16-21	John 16:5-15
Rogate, 5. Sunday after Easter	James 1:22-27	John 16:23-30 <i>d</i>

a End: "men of low estate"

b Begin: "Be not wise in your own conceits"

c End: "ye shall ask Me nothing"

d Begin: "Verily, verily, I say"

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FIRST SERIES

Sundays and Feasts	Epistles	Gospels
Ascension Day	Acts 1:1-11	Mark 16:14-20
Exaudi, Sunday after Ascension	1 Pet. 4:7-11 <i>e</i>	John 15:26—16:4
Whitsunday	Acts 2:1-13	John 14:23-31
Whitmonday	Acts 10:42-48 <i>f</i>	John 3:16-21
Whit-Tuesday	Acts 8:14-17	John 10:1-10
Trinity Sunday	Rom. 11:33-36	John 3:1-15
1. Sunday after Trinity	1 John 4:16-21 <i>g</i>	Luke 16:19-31
2. Sunday after Trinity	1 John 3:13-18	Luke 14:16-24
3. Sunday after Trinity	— 1 Pet. 5:6-11 —	Luke 15:1-10
4. Sunday after Trinity	Rom. 8:18-23	Luke 6:36-42
5. Sunday after Trinity	1 Pet. 3:8-15 <i>h</i>	Luke 5:1-11
6. Sunday after Trinity	Rom. 6:3-11	Matt. 5:20-26
7. Sunday after Trinity	Rom. 6:19-23	Mark 8:1-9
8. Sunday after Trinity	Rom. 8:12-17	Matt. 7:15-23
9. Sunday after Trinity	1 Cor. 10:6-13	Luke 16:1-9
10. Sunday after Trinity	1 Cor. 12:1-11	Luke 19:41-48
11. Sunday after Trinity	1 Cor. 15:1-10	Luke 18:9-14
12. Sunday after Trinity	2 Cor. 3:4-11	Mark 7:31-37
13. Sunday after Trinity	Gal. 3:15-22	Luke 10:23-37
14. Sunday after Trinity	Gal. 5:16-24	Luke 17:11-19
15. Sunday after Trinity	Gal. 5:25—6:10	Matt. 6:24-34
16. Sunday after Trinity	Eph. 3:13-21	Luke 7:11-17
17. Sunday after Trinity	Eph. 4:1-6	Luke 14:1-11
18. Sunday after Trinity	1 Cor. 1:4-9	Matt. 22:34-46
19. Sunday after Trinity	Eph. 4:22-28	Matt. 9:1-8
20. Sunday after Trinity	Eph. 5:15-21	Matt. 22:1-14
21. Sunday after Trinity	Eph. 6:10-17	John 4:46-54 <i>i</i>
22. Sunday after Trinity	Phil. 1:3-11	Matt. 18:23-35
23. Sunday after Trinity	Phil. 3:17-21	Matt. 22:15-22
24. Sunday after Trinity	Col. 1:9-14	Matt. 9:18-26
25. Sunday after Trinity	1 Thess. 4:13-18	Matt. 24:15-28
26. Sunday after Trinity	2 Pet. 3:3-14; or 2 Thess. 1:3-10	Matt. 25:31-46
27. Sunday after Trinity	1 Thess. 5:1-11	Matt. 25:1-13
St. Michael's Day	Rev. 12:7-12	Matt. 18:1-11
Reformation	Rev. 14:6, 7	Matt. 11:12-15
Harvest	Deut. 26:1-11	Luke 12:13-21
Thanksgiving	1 Tim. 2:1-8	Luke 17:11-19
Humiliation	Joel 2:12-19	Matt. 6:16-21
Dedication	Rev. 21:1-5	Luke 19:1-10

e Begin: "Be ye therefore sober"
f End: "in the name of the Lord"
g Begin: "God is love"

h End: "sanctify the Lord God in your hearts"
i Begin: "And there was a certain nobleman"

TABLES OF LESSONS

SECOND SERIES

<i>Sundays and Feasts</i>	<i>Epistles</i>	<i>Gospels</i>
1. Sunday in Advent	Col. 1:12-23	Luke 1:1-25
2. Sunday in Advent	Rom. 2:1-16	Luke 1:26-35
3. Sunday in Advent	Rom. 1:16-25	Luke 1:39-56
4. Sunday in Advent	Heb. 12:15-29	Luke 1:67-80
Christmas Day	Heb. 1:1-12	John 1:1-14
Second Christmas Day	1 John 4:7-16	John 1:15-18
Sunday after Christmas	Heb. 2:9-16	Luke 2:22-32
New Year's Eve	1 Pet. 1:22-25	Luke 13:6-10
Circumcision and Name of Jesus	James 4:13-17	Luke 4:16-21
Sunday after New Year	Rom. 3:19-22	Matt. 3:1-12
Epiphany	Rom. 3:23-31	Matt. 3:13-17
1. Sunday after Epiphany	Eph. 6:1-4	Mark 10:13-16
2. Sunday after Epiphany	Eph. 5:21-33	Luke 19:1-10
3. Sunday after Epiphany	Heb. 11:1-16	Luke 17:5-10
4. Sunday after Epiphany	Rom. 4:16-25	Matt. 14:22-33
5. Sunday after Epiphany	1 Cor. 3:3-23	Matt. 13:44-52
The Transfiguration	2 Cor. 4:5, 6	Matt. 11:25-27
Septuagesima Sunday	Acts 17:22-34	Matt. 25:14-30
Sexagesima Sunday	2 Tim. 3:10—4:5	Mark 4:26-32
Quinquagesima Sunday	1 Pet. 3:18-22	John 12:23-36
Ash Wednesday	1 John 1:5-10	Luke 6:20-49
Invocavit, 1. Sunday in Lent	James 1:2-15	Luke 22:24-32
Reminiscere, 2. Sunday in Lent	James 5:13-20	Mark 9:17-29
Oculi, 3. Sunday in Lent	Rev. 2:1-7	John 8:42-51
Laetare, 4. Sunday in Lent	2 Pet. 1:2-11	John 6:36-51
Judica, 5. Sunday in Lent	1 Cor. 1:21-31	Matt. 10:32-42
Palmarum, 6. Sunday in Lent	Heb. 12:1-11	Mark 14:3-9
Maundy Thursday	1 Cor. 10:16, 17	Luke 22:14-20
Good Friday	Rev. 5:6-10	Matt. 27:33-54
Easter Sunday	1 Pet. 1:3-12	Matt. 28:1-8
Easter Monday	1 Cor. 15:12-20	John 20:1-18
Quasimodogeniti, 1. Sunday after Easter	1 Pet. 1:17—2:3	John 21:15-19
Misericordias Domini, 2. Sunday after Easter	Heb. 13:20, 21	John 5:22-30
Jubilate, 3. Sunday after Easter	Heb. 4:14-16	John 14:1-11
Cantate, 4. Sunday after Easter	2 Cor. 5:14-21	John 8:21-36
Rogate, 5. Sunday after Easter	Rom. 8:24-28	John 17:1-19
Ascension Day	Eph. 1:3-14	Luke 24:46-53

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<i>Sundays and Feasts</i>	<i>Epistles</i>	<i>Gospels</i>
Exaudi, Sunday after Ascension	Rom. 8:29-39	John 17:20-26
Whitsunday	Eph. 4:7-16	John 14:15-21
Whitmonday	Acts 2:42-47	John 4:5-26
Trinity Sunday	2 Cor. 13:14	Matt. 28:18-20
1. Sunday after Trinity	1 Tim. 6:6-19	Luke 12:13-21
2. Sunday after Trinity	Rev. 3:14-22	Luke 14:25-35
3. Sunday after Trinity	Acts 9:1-18	Luke 15:11-32
4. Sunday after Trinity	Rom. 14:7-17	Matt. 5:43-48
5. Sunday after Trinity	1 Pet. 2:4-10	Matt. 16:13-26
6. Sunday after Trinity	Eph. 2:4-10	Matt. 19:16-30
7. Sunday after Trinity	Acts 14:8-23	Matt. 10:24-31
8. Sunday after Trinity	Acts 20:17-38	Matt. 7:22-29
9. Sunday after Trinity	2 Tim. 1:3-14	Luke 12:32-48
10. Sunday after Trinity	Heb. 3:7-15	Matt. 11:16-24
11. Sunday after Trinity	Rom. 10:4-18	Luke 7:36-50
12. Sunday after Trinity	James 3:1-12	Matt. 12:31-42
13. Sunday after Trinity	1 Tim. 1:5-17	Matt. 20:20-28
14. Sunday after Trinity	Acts 3:1-10	John 5:1-15
15. Sunday after Trinity	Acts 8:26-39	Luke 10:38-42
16. Sunday after Trinity	1 Cor. 15:21-28	John 11:19-45
17. Sunday after Trinity	Jude 20-25	Mark 2:18-28
18. Sunday after Trinity	1 John 3:1-8	John 15:1-17
19. Sunday after Trinity	1 Cor. 12:12-27	John 1:35-51
20. Sunday after Trinity	Rom. 11:25-32	Matt. 21:28-44
21. Sunday after Trinity	Rev. 3:7-13	John 4:31-42
22. Sunday after Trinity	Eph. 4:30-32	Matt. 18:1-20
23. Sunday after Trinity	Rom. 13:1-7	Mark 12:41-44
24. Sunday after Trinity	2 Cor. 5:1-10	John 5:17-29
25. Sunday after Trinity	2 Pet. 3:3-15	Luke 17:20-33
26. Sunday after Trinity	Heb. 4:9-13	Matt. 11:25-30
27. Sunday after Trinity	Rev. 21:1-7	Matt. 5:13-16
St. Michael's Day	Rev. 5:11-14	Luke 10:16-20
Reformation	Gal. 2:16-21	John 2:13-17
Harvest	Acts 14:15, 16	Matt. 6:24-34
Thanksgiving	Gal. 6:7-10	
Dedication	Heb. 10:1-31	Matt. 3:1-12
Humiliation	2 Tim. 3:14-17	

SYNODICAL CONFERENCE SERIES

<i>Sundays and Feasts</i>	<i>Epistles</i>	<i>Gospels</i>
1. Sunday in Advent _____	Rom. 1:16-20	Matt. 11:25-30 Luke 17:20-25
2. Sunday in Advent _____	2 Tim. 3:10-17	Luke 17:26-37 Luke 1:67-80
3. Sunday in Advent _____	1 Cor. 9:16-23	Matt. 3:1-12 Luke 3:3-14
4. Sunday in Advent _____	1 Tim. 2:1-6	Mark 6:17-29 John 1:29-34
Christmas Day _____	Heb. 1:1-12	Matt. 1:18-25 John 1:1-14
Sunday after Christmas _____	1 Pet. 2:1-10	Luke 2:22-32 Luke 9:57-62
Circumcision and Name of Jesus _____	Col. 2:6-15	Luke 13:1-9 Luke 12:4-9
Sunday after New Year _____	Rom. 3:21-26	Matt. 9:9-13 Luke 13:18-24
Epiphany _____	Acts 8:26-39	Luke 4:16-21 Matt. 4:12-17
1. Sunday after Epiphany _____	Rom. 10:8b-18	John 6:28-40 Matt. 10:32-39
2. Sunday after Epiphany _____	Eph. 5:22-33	Matt. 12:46-50 John 1:35-42
3. Sunday after Epiphany _____	Rom. 8:24-30	Luke 4:38-44 John 4:1-14
4. Sunday after Epiphany _____	1 Cor. 3:1-11	Matt. 14:22-33 John 4:15-26
5. Sunday after Epiphany _____	Col. 2:16-23	Matt. 13:31-35 Mark 4:26-32
The Transfiguration _____	2 Pet. 3:14-18	Mark 9:2-13 John 4:27-42
Septuagesima Sunday _____	Eph. 1:3-14	Matt. 5:17-19 Luke 10:38-42
Sexagesima Sunday _____	Acts 16:25-34	John 8:25-36 Matt. 16:13-20
Quinquagesima Sunday _____	Heb. 13:12-21	Matt. 20:17-28 Matt. 16:21-28
Invocavit, 1. Sunday in Lent _____	Rom. 3:27-31	Luke 4:1-15 John 15:9-17
Reminiscere, 2. Sunday in Lent _____	1 Cor. 1:18-25	John 12:20-26 John 15:18-25

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<i>Sundays and Feasts</i>	<i>Epistles</i>	<i>Gospels</i>
Oculi, 3. Sunday in Lent _____	Gal. 2:17-21	John 2:13-25 Mark 10:35-45
Laetare, 4. Sunday in Lent _____	Rev. 5:8-14	John 11:46-57 John 17:1-16
Judica, 5. Sunday in Lent _____	Eph. 2:1-10	John 12:27-36 Matt. 23:34-39
Palmarum, 6. Sunday in Lent _____	Phil. 2:12-18	John 3:22-36 John 12:1-11
Maunder Thursday _____	1 Cor. 10:14-21	Matt. 26:17-30 Luke 22:7-20
Good Friday _____	2 Cor. 5:14-21	Luke 23:39-53 John 19:17-30
Easter Sunday _____	Acts 13:26-39	Luke 24:1-12 Matt. 28:1-10
Easter Monday _____	1 Cor. 15:50-58	Luke 24:36-49 John 20:11-18
Quasimodogeniti, 1. Sunday after Easter _____	Eph. 2:11-18	Matt. 12:38-42 John 21:1-14
Misericordias Domini, 2. Sunday after Easter _____	Heb. 4:1-13	John 10:1-11 John 10:17-21
Jubilate, 3. Sunday after Easter _____	1 John 2:3-11	Mark 2:18-22 John 11:1-16
Cantate, 4. Sunday after Easter _____	Eph. 2:19-22	John 5:19-29 John 11:17-27
Rogate, 5. Sunday after Easter _____	1 John 3:19-24	Luke 18:1-8 John 11:28-45
Ascension Day _____	Eph. 4:7-16	Luke 24:50-53 John 17:17-26
Exaudi, Sunday after Ascension _____	2 Cor. 5:1-10	John 8:12-20 Luke 11:5-13
Whitsunday _____	1 Cor. 2:6-16	John 14:15-21 John 6:60-71
Whitmonday _____	Acts 2:33-42	John 7:33-39 Matt. 10:16-22
Trinity Sunday _____	1 Pet. 1:1-9	Matt. 3:13-17 Matt. 28:16-20
1. Sunday after Trinity _____	Rom. 8:1-11	Matt. 19:16-26 John 15:1-8
2. Sunday after Trinity _____	Heb. 13:1-9	John 8:1-11 Matt. 11:16-24

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<i>Sundays and Feasts</i>	<i>Epistles</i>	<i>Gospels</i>
3. Sunday after Trinity _____	1 Tim. 1:8-17	Luke 15:11-32 Mark 10:13-16
4. Sunday after Trinity _____	Acts 7:54—8:3	Matt. 7:1-6 Luke 17:1-10
5. Sunday after Trinity _____	Acts 9:1-22	John 1:43-51 John 21:15-19
6. Sunday after Trinity _____	Rom. 6:12-18	Matt. 18:1-14 Matt. 15:1-9
7. Sunday after Trinity _____	Eph. 4:29-32	Matt. 18:15-22 Matt. 15:10-20
8. Sunday after Trinity _____	1 John 4:1-6	John 7:14-24 John 5:30-38
9. Sunday after Trinity _____	1 Tim. 6:6-10	Mark 12:38-44 John 5:39-47
10. Sunday after Trinity _____	Acts 4:8-20	Matt. 21:33-46 Matt. 21:12-22
11. Sunday after Trinity _____	2 Tim. 4:1-8	Mark 2:13-17 John 9:1-7
12. Sunday after Trinity _____	2 Cor. 3:12-18	Matt. 9:27-34 John 9:24-41
13. Sunday after Trinity _____	James 1:2-12	John 7:25-31 Mark 12:28-37
14. Sunday after Trinity _____	Rom. 7:14-25	Luke 7:36-50 Matt. 12:9-21
15. Sunday after Trinity _____	2 Cor. 9:6-11	John 14:7-14 Luke 14:12-15
16. Sunday after Trinity _____	1 John 3:1-9	Matt. 22:23-33 Luke 20:27-40
17. Sunday after Trinity _____	Acts 6:1-7	Luke 13:10-17 Matt. 12:1-8
18. Sunday after Trinity _____	2 Thess. 3:1-5	Matt. 5:1-12 Matt. 6:5-15
19. Sunday after Trinity _____	Col. 3:1-10	Matt. 10:40-42 Matt. 6:19-23
20. Sunday after Trinity _____	1 John 1:5—2:2	Luke 6:43-49 Matt. 7:24-29
21. Sunday after Trinity _____	Rom. 14:4-12	Mark 10:46-52 John 5:1-9a
22. Sunday after Trinity _____	Rom. 4:1-8	Luke 14:25-35 Luke 8:27-39

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<i>Sundays and Feasts</i>	<i>Epistles</i>	<i>Gospels</i>
23. Sunday after Trinity _____	Acts 20:26-32	Matt. 17:24-27 John 7:1-13
24. Sunday after Trinity _____	Rev. 3:7-13	Mark 8:34-38 John 10:22-30
25. Sunday after Trinity _____	Rom. 8:31-39	Matt. 13:44-52 Matt. 16:1-12
26. Sunday after Trinity _____	Heb. 4:14-16	Luke 19:11-27 Luke 16:10-17
27. Sunday after Trinity _____	Rev. 22:12-21	Matt. 25:13-30 Luke 22:24-30

A TABLE OF LESSONS FOR MINOR FESTIVALS

<i>Minor Festivals</i>	<i>Epistles</i>	<i>Gospels</i>
The Presentation _____	Mal. 3:1-4	Luke 2:22-32
The Annunciation _____	Is. 7:10-16	Luke 1:26-38
The Visitation _____	Is. 11:1-5	Luke 1:39-56
St. Thomas the Apostle _____	Eph. 1:3-6	John 20:24-31
St. Stephen the Martyr _____	Acts 6:8-15; 7:54-60	Matt. 23:34-39
St. John the Apostle _____	1 John 1:1-10	John 21:20-24
The Holy Innocents _____	Rev. 14:1-5	Matt. 2:13-18
The Conversion of St. Paul _____	Acts 9:1-22	Matt. 19:27-30
St. Matthias the Apostle _____	Acts 1:15-26	Matt. 11:25-30
St. Mark the Evangelist _____	Eph. 4:7-16	Luke 10:1-9
St. Philip and St. James the Apostles _____	Eph. 2:19-22	John 14:1-14
St. John the Baptist _____	Is. 40:1-5	Luke 1:57-80
St. Peter and St. Paul the Apostles _____	Acts 12:1-11	Matt. 16:13-20
St. Mary Magdalene _____	Prov. 31:10-31	Luke 7:36-50
St. James the Elder the Apostle _____	Rom. 8:28-39	Matt. 20:20-28
St. Bartholomew the Apostle _____	2 Cor. 4:7-10	Luke 22:24-30
St. Matthew the Apostle _____	Eph. 4:7-14	Matt. 9:9-13
St. Luke the Evangelist _____	2 Tim. 4:5-15	Luke 10:1-9
St. Simon and St. Jude the Apostles _____	1 Pet. 1:3-9	John 15:17-21
All Saints _____	Rev. 7:2-17	Matt. 5:1-12
St. Andrew the Apostle _____	Rom. 10:8-18	Matt. 4:18-22

OLD TESTAMENT LESSONS

<i>Sundays and Feasts</i>	<i>First Series</i>	<i>Synodical Conference Series</i>
1. Sunday in Advent _____	Jer. 33:14-18	Ps. 24
2. Sunday in Advent _____	Micah 4:1-7	Deut. 18:15-22
3. Sunday in Advent _____	Mal. 3:1-6	Is. 61
4. Sunday in Advent _____	Is. 40:1-8	Hag. 2:7-10
Christmas Day _____	Is. 7:10-14	Is. 9:2-7
Second Christmas Day _____	Micah 5:2-4	
Sunday after Christmas _____	Is. 11:1-5	Is. 28:14-19
New Year's Eve _____	Is. 63:7-18	
Circumcision and Name of Jesus _____	Is. 55:1-13	Ps. 121
Sunday after New Year _____	Is. 42:1-9	Lam. 3:22-33
Epiphany _____	Is. 49:1-7	Is. 60:1-11
1. Sunday after Epiphany _____	Is. 61:1-3	Ps. 78:1-7
2. Sunday after Epiphany _____	Deut. 18:15-19	Ps. 104:24-35
3. Sunday after Epiphany _____	Jer. 33:6-9	Dan. 6:10-23
4. Sunday after Epiphany _____	Is. 43:1-3	1 Kings 19:9b-18
5. Sunday after Epiphany _____	Jer. 17:5-10	Gen. 11:1-9
The Transfiguration _____	Is. 61:10, 11	Gen. 28:10-22
Septuagesima Sunday _____	Jer. 1:4-10	Jer. 31:31-34
Sexagesima Sunday _____	Is. 55:10-13	1 Sam. 17:42-51
Quinquagesima Sunday _____	Is. 35:3-7	Jonah 3:10—4:11
Ash Wednesday _____	Jonah 3:1-10; or Is. 59:12-21	
Invocavit, 1. Sunday in Lent _____	Gen. 3:1-24	Gen. 3:1-15
Reminiscere, 2. Sunday in Lent _____	Is. 45:20-25	Gen. 22:1-19
Oculi, 3. Sunday in Lent _____	2 Sam. 22:1-7	Ps. 25
Laetare, 4. Sunday in Lent _____	Is. 49:8-13	Deut. 7:6-11
Judica, 5. Sunday in Lent _____	Gen. 12:1-3	Gen. 14:8-20
Palmarum, 6. Sunday in Lent _____	Zech. 9:9, 10	Ps. 8
Maundy Thursday _____	Ex. 12:1-14	Ex. 12:1-14
Good Friday _____	Is. 50:6-9	Is. 53
Easter Sunday _____	Is. 52:13-15	Job 19:23-27
Easter Monday _____	Hos. 13:14	Is. 52:7-10
Quasimodogeniti, 1. Sunday after Easter _____	Job 19:25-27	2 Sam. 12:1-10, 13, 14
Misericordias Domini, 2. Sunday after Easter _____	Ezek. 34:11-16	Ps. 23
Jubilate, 3. Sunday after Easter _____	Lam. 3:18-26	Ps. 100
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