

# Festivals

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## The Naming and Circumcision of Jesus White

*1 January*

### *Invitation to Confession*

Hear the words of the angel to Joseph:  
 'You shall call his name Jesus,  
 for he will save his people from their sins.'  
 Therefore let us seek the forgiveness of God  
 through Jesus the Saviour of the world.

*cf Matthew 1.21*

### *Kyrie Confession*

Jesus, name above all names,  
 forgive us our lack of reverence and awe in your presence.  
 Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

Jesus, name of our salvation,  
 forgive us our attempts to live in our own strength.  
 Christ, have mercy.  
**Christ, have mercy.**

Jesus, name of life and healing,  
 forgive us our sins and offences.  
 Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

### *Collect*

Almighty God,  
 whose blessed Son was circumcised  
 in obedience to the law for our sake  
 and given the Name that is above every name:  
 give us grace faithfully to bear his Name,  
 to worship him in the freedom of the Spirit,  
 and to proclaim him as the Saviour of the world;  
 who is alive and reigns with you,  
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
 one God, now and for ever.

## Lectionary

### Principal Service

Numbers 6.22-end  
Psalm 8  
Galatians 4.4-7  
Luke 2.15-21

### Second Service

Deuteronomy 30.[1-10]  
11-end  
Acts 3.1-16  
**Evening Psalm**  
Psalm 115

### Third Service

Genesis 17.1-13  
Romans 2.17-end  
**Morning Psalms**  
Psalms 103, 150

## Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.

God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law,  
so that we might receive adoption as children. *Galatians 4.4,5*

**Alleluia.**

## Intercession

In and through the name of Jesus let us pray to the Father:

How sweet the name of Jesus sounds  
in a believer's ear!  
It soothes his sorrows, heals his wounds,  
and drives away his fear.

We give thanks for the name of Jesus ...  
We pray for the worship and mission of Christ's Church ...  
Lord, hear us.

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

It makes the wounded spirit whole,  
and calms the troubled breast;  
'tis manna to the hungry soul,  
and to the weary rest.

We pray for the world and for its healing ...  
We pray for all who carry heavy loads ...  
Lord, hear us.

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

Weak is the effort of my heart,  
and cold my warmest thought;  
but when I see thee as thou art,  
I'll praise thee as I ought.

We pray at the beginning of this new year  
for renewed discipleship and consecration to the way of the Lord ...  
Lord, hear us.

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

Till then I would thy love proclaim  
with every fleeting breath;  
and may the music of thy name  
refresh my soul in death.

We remember with thanksgiving all who have loved the name  
of Jesus ...

We pray that, surrounded by such a cloud of witnesses,  
we may run with perseverance the race that is set before us.

Merciful Father,  
**accept these prayers  
for the sake of your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ.  
Amen.**

### *Introduction to the Peace*

Glory to God in the highest heaven,  
and on earth peace among those whom he favours.

### *Prayer at the Preparation of the Table*

Jesus, true joy of loving hearts,  
we turn unfilled to you again.  
Come and be known to us in the breaking of the bread.

### *Preface*

And now we give you thanks  
because you have highly exalted him,  
and given him the name which is above all other names,  
that at the name of Jesus every knee shall bow.

### *Extended Preface*

All glory and honour be yours always and everywhere,  
mighty creator, ever-living God,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
We praise you that on the eighth day  
he was circumcised in obedience to the law of Moses,  
that he might fulfil the law and reveal to us your grace and truth.  
For here is foreshadowed  
his perfect self-offering upon the cross,  
the shedding of his blood to set us free from sin and death.  
In baptism we die with him and are raised in him,  
that we might walk in newness of life,  
and proclaim the wonders of his saving name.  
Therefore with all the angels of heaven  
we lift our voices to proclaim the glory of your name  
and sing our joyful hymn of praise:

### *Post Communion*

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

### *Blessing*

The love of the Lord Jesus draw you to himself,  
the power of the Lord Jesus strengthen you in his service,  
the joy of the Lord Jesus fill your hearts;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

### *Acclamation*

You will name him Jesus;  
**he will save his people from their sins.**

He will be great;  
**he will be called the Son of the Most High.**

He will be called Emmanuel:  
**God is with us.**

### *Short Passages of Scripture*

The Law was given through Moses;  
grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. *John 1.17*

Whatever you do, in word or deed,  
do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus. *Colossians 3.17*

*25 January***The Conversion of Paul***White**Invitation to Confession*

We were once dead through the trespasses and sins in  
which we lived,

but now we are alive together with Christ.

Through him we have access in one Spirit to the Father,

to whom we humbly confess our sins. *cf Ephesians 2.1,5,18*

*Kyrie Confession*

Open our eyes to your presence in our midst.

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Turn our hearts from selfish ends.

Christ, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Draw us into your company on the way.

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

*(or)*

Lord Jesus, in your love you invite us to be your friends:

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, in your joy you choose us to go out and bear fruit:

Christ, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, in your power you send us to be your faithful witnesses:

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

## Collect

Almighty God,  
 who caused the light of the gospel  
 to shine throughout the world  
 through the preaching of your servant Saint Paul:  
 grant that we who celebrate his wonderful conversion  
 may follow him in bearing witness to your truth;  
 through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
 who is alive and reigns with you,  
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
 one God, now and for ever.

## Lectionary

### Principal Service

Jeremiah 1.4-10  
 Psalm 67  
 Acts 9.1-22  
 Matthew 19.27-end

(or)

Acts 9.1-22  
 Psalm 67  
 Galatians 1.11-16a  
 Matthew 19.27-30

### Second Service

Ecclesiasticus 39.1-10  
 or Isaiah 56.1-8  
 Colossians 1.24 – 2.7  
**Evening Psalm**  
 Psalm 119.41-56

### Third Service

Ezekiel 3.22-end  
 Philippians 3.1-14  
**Morning Psalms**  
 Psalms 66, 147.13-end

## Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.  
 Many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.  
 Alleluia.

## Intercession

Encouraged by our fellowship with all the saints,  
 let us make our prayers to the Father through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Father, your Son called men and women to leave the past behind  
 them and to follow him as his disciples in the way of the cross. Look  
 with mercy upon those whom he calls today, marks with the cross  
 and makes his disciples within the Church ...

Lord, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Your Son told his disciples not to be afraid, and at Easter breathed on them his gift of peace. Look with mercy upon the world into which he sent them out, and give it that peace for which it longs ...  
Lord, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Your Son formed around him a company who were no longer servants but friends, and he called all those who obeyed him his brother and sister and mother. Look with mercy upon our families and our friends and upon the communities in which we share ...  
Lord, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Your Son sent out disciples to preach and to heal the sick. Look with mercy on all those who yearn to hear the good news of salvation, and renew among your people the gifts of healing ...  
Lord, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Your Son promised to those who followed him that they would sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel and would share the banquet of the kingdom. According to your promise, look with mercy on those who have walked with Christ in this life and now have passed through death ...  
Lord, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Almighty God,  
you have built your Church upon the foundation of the  
apostles and prophets,  
with Jesus Christ himself as the chief cornerstone:  
so join us together in unity of spirit by their doctrine,  
that we may be made a holy temple acceptable to you;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

### *Introduction to the Peace*

Let the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding,  
guard our hearts and our minds in Christ Jesus.

### *Prayer at the Preparation of the Table*

Almighty Father,  
as we celebrate this holy sacrament of our redemption  
may your Spirit fill us with the light of faith;  
by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

### *Preface*

And now we give you thanks  
because your Son Jesus Christ can call to his service  
even those who persecute your Church,  
and send them forth to the nations to preach the gospel,  
teaching them the way of truth.

### *Extended Preface*

It is indeed right and good,  
our duty and our joy,  
at all times and in all places  
to give you thanks and praise,  
holy Father, almighty and eternal God,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
For on this day he called to his service  
the blasphemer and persecutor of your Church.  
Saul, who had resisted your grace,  
became Paul, the apostle to the Gentiles.  
Because he was faithful and true in his ministry,  
you made him an example of patient service,  
to instruct in the way of eternal life  
all those who heard his preaching and believed your word.  
Now, therefore, he who became your chosen instrument  
for the salvation of the nations  
has made us also eager to proclaim your mercy,  
and sing in union with all the powers of heaven  
the joyful hymn of your praise:

### *Post Communion of Apostles and Evangelists*

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

*(or)*

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

### *Blessing*

May Christ who called Paul to his service,  
and to preach the good news to the world,  
strengthen you to witness to his grace and love.  
And the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

### *Short Passages of Scripture*

The Lord said, 'Paul is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring  
my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel.'

*Acts 9.15*

Paul took bread; and giving thanks to God in the presence of all, he  
broke it and began to eat. Then all were encouraged.

*Acts 27.35*

I am unfit to be called an apostle,  
because I persecuted the Church of God,  
but by the grace of God I am what I am.

*1 Corinthians 15.9,10*

*19 March***Joseph of Nazareth** *White**Invitation to Confession*

Hear the words of the angel to Joseph:  
 'You shall call his name Jesus,  
 for he will save his people from their sins.'  
 Therefore let us seek the forgiveness of God,  
 through Jesus the Saviour of the world.

*cf Matthew 1.21**Kyrie Confession*

Lord, you are gracious and compassionate:  
 Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

You are loving to all,  
 and your mercy is over all your creation:  
 Christ, have mercy.  
**Christ, have mercy.**

Your faithful servants bless your name  
 and speak of the glory of your kingdom:  
 Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

*Collect*

God our Father,  
 who from the family of your servant David  
 raised up Joseph the carpenter  
 to be the guardian of your incarnate Son  
 and husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary:  
 give us grace to follow him  
 in faithful obedience to your commands;  
 through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
 who is alive and reigns with you,  
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
 one God, now and for ever.

## Lectionary

### Principal Service

2 Samuel 7.4-16  
Psalm 89.26-36  
Romans 4.13-18  
Matthew 1.18-end

### Second Service

Genesis 50.22-end  
Matthew 2.13-end  
**Evening Psalms**  
Psalms 1, 112

### Third Service

Isaiah 11.1-10  
Matthew 13.54-end  
**Morning Psalms**  
Psalms 25, 147.1-12

## Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.  
Blessed are they who dwell in your house;  
they will always be praising you.

**Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.**

## Intercession

Let us pray for the Church and God's world  
and, inspired by the example of Joseph,  
for grace to grow in faith and holiness  
and to follow ever more closely in the way of Christ.

Joseph was the husband of Mary, of whom Jesus was born,  
who is called the Messiah:  
may we value our family life at home and in the wider family  
of the Church.

We pray for ... [*the Church universal/local*]

Lord, hear us.

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

Joseph was not afraid to take Mary as his wife  
when he learned that the child conceived in her was from the  
Holy Spirit:

may we have no fear when we hear God's call to his service.

We pray for ... [*vocations to ministry/religious life/public service*]

Lord, hear us.

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

Joseph was a righteous man and unwilling to expose Mary to  
public disgrace:

may we lead lives of integrity and be concerned for the reputation  
of others.

We pray for ... [*leaders/those in public life*]

Lord, hear us.

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

Joseph named the child Jesus,  
 the One who will save his people from their sins:  
 may we make known to others the salvation he came to bring.  
 We pray for those who have not heard the gospel of Christ.  
 Lord, hear us.

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

Joseph protected the infant Jesus and his mother from the wrath  
 of Herod:  
 may we always seek to shield those who are weak and vulnerable.  
 We pray for ... [*the sick, suffering, helpless*]  
 Lord, hear us.

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

Joseph took his family and returned to his native land:  
 we remember those who have died recently ...  
 May we, with them and all the faithful departed,  
 be welcomed to the banquet of eternal life.  
 Lord, hear us.

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

Almighty God,  
 we give you thanks for Joseph  
 and for the whole company of your saints in glory,  
 with whom in fellowship we join our prayers and praises;  
 by your grace may we, like them, be made perfect in your love;  
 through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

### *Introduction to the Peace*

Blessed are the peacemakers:  
 they shall be called children of God.  
 We meet in the name of Christ and share his peace.

*cf Matthew 5.19*

### *Prayer at the Preparation of the Table*

Lord our God,  
 grant that as Joseph faithfully cared for your only Son,  
 born of the Virgin Mary,  
 so we may serve you with pure and loyal hearts;  
 through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### *Preface*

And now we give you thanks  
because in his earthly childhood  
you entrusted him to the care of a human family.  
In Mary and Joseph you give us an example  
of love and devotion to him  
and also a pattern of family life.

### *Extended Preface*

It is indeed right and good,  
our duty and our salvation,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Today we honour Joseph,  
the just man whom you gave as husband  
to the Virgin Mother of your Son,  
the wise and faithful servant whom you placed over your household.  
With a father's love he cared for Jesus, your only Son,  
conceived by the overshadowing of the Holy Spirit.  
Through Christ the choirs of angels and all the powers of heaven  
worship in awe before your presence.  
May our voices blend with theirs,  
as they sing with joy the hymn of your glory:

### *Post Communion*

Heavenly Father,  
whose Son grew in wisdom and stature  
in the home of Joseph the carpenter of Nazareth  
and on the wood of the cross  
perfected the work of the world's salvation:  
help us, strengthened by this sacrament of his passion,  
to count the wisdom of the world as foolishness,  
and to walk with him in simplicity and trust;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## Blessing

May the love of the Holy Family surround you.  
 May the joy that was Mary's refresh you.  
 May the faithfulness that was Joseph's encourage you.  
 May the peace of the Christ-child fill your lives.  
 And the blessing of God almighty,  
 the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
 be among you and remain with you always.

## Acclamation

Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised:  
**there is no end of his greatness.**  
 One generation shall praise your works to another:  
**and shall declare your power.**  
 All your works praise you, Lord:  
**and your faithful servants bless you.**  
 They make known the glory of your kingdom:  
**and speak of your power.**  
 My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord:  
**let all flesh bless his holy name for ever and ever.**

## Short Passages of Scripture

Joseph was the husband of Mary, of whom Jesus was born,  
 who is called the Messiah. *Matthew 1.16*

Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife,  
 for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. *Matthew 1.20*

Joseph made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had  
 been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled. *Matthew 2.23*

When Joseph and Mary had finished everything required by the  
 law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town  
 of Nazareth. *Luke 2.39*

Who then is the faithful and wise servant,  
 whom his master will set over his household? *Luke 12.42 (RSV)*

**25 March      The Annunciation of Our Lord      Gold or  
Principal Feast      White**

**Invitation to Confession**

The grace of God has dawned upon the world  
through our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
who sacrificed himself for us to purify a people as his own.  
Let us confess our sins. *cf Titus 2.11-14*

**Kyrie Confession**

Lord Jesus, you are mighty God and Prince of Peace:  
Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you are Son of God and Son of Mary:  
Christ, have mercy.  
**Christ, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you are Word made flesh and splendour of the Father:  
Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

**Collect**

We beseech you, O Lord,  
pour your grace into our hearts,  
that as we have known the incarnation of your Son Jesus Christ  
by the message of an angel,  
so by his cross and passion  
we may be brought to the glory of his resurrection;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Lectionary**

**Principal Service**

Isaiah 7.10-14  
Psalm 40.5-10  
Hebrews 10.4-10  
Luke 1.26-38

**Second Service**

Isaiah 52.1-12  
Hebrews 2.5-end  
**Evening Psalms**  
Psalms 131, 146

**Third Service**

1 Samuel 2.1-10  
Romans 5.12-end  
**Morning Psalms**  
Psalms 111, 113

### **Gospel Acclamation**

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.  
The Word became flesh and lived among us,  
and we have seen his glory.

*John 1.14*

**Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.**

*or, in Easter*

Alleluia, alleluia.  
The Word became flesh and dwelt among us,  
and we have seen his glory.

*John 1.14*

**Alleluia.**

### **Intercession**

On this day the Father made our salvation known to Mary  
by the message of an angel.  
Filled with confidence, let us pray.

You chose the Virgin Mary to be the mother of your Son.  
Have mercy on all who wait for your redemption.  
We pray for ... [*the Church universal*]

Through your angel Gabriel you brought a message of peace and  
joy to Mary.

Give to the world the joy and peace of salvation.  
We pray for ... [*the peace of the world*]

By the consent of your handmaid and the power of the Holy Spirit,  
your Word came to dwell among us.  
Open our hearts to receive Christ, as Mary the Virgin received him.  
We pray for ... [*those present*]

You look with compassion on the lowly  
and fill the hungry with good things.  
Encourage the downhearted, help all those in need  
and comfort those near to death.  
We pray for ... [*the sick, the suffering, the helpless*]

To you, O God, nothing is impossible,  
and you alone do marvellous things;  
save us, and bring us on the last day  
with ... and all the faithful departed  
into your glorious kingdom.

Grant, O Lord,  
 that by the riches of your grace  
 we may grow up into him who unites our life to yours,  
 even he who is the first-born of all creation,  
 your Son Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**Amen.**

### *Introduction to the Peace*

In the tender mercy of our God,  
 the dayspring from on high shall break upon us,  
 to give light to those who dwell in darkness  
 and in the shadow of death  
 and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

*Luke 1.78,79*

*(In Easter, add Alleluia.)*

### *Prayer at the Preparation of the Table*

Almighty God,  
 so fill us with your grace,  
 that we in all things may accept your holy will  
 and with the Virgin Mary, full of grace,  
 rejoice in your salvation;  
 through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### *Preface*

And now we give you thanks  
 because, by the power of the Holy Spirit,  
 he took our nature upon him  
 and was born of the Virgin Mary his mother,  
 that being himself without sin,  
 he might make us clean from all sin.

### *Extended Preface*

It is indeed right and good,  
our duty and our salvation,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks,  
holy Father, almighty and eternal God,  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.  
We give you thanks and praise  
that the Virgin Mary heard with faith the message of the angel,  
and by the power of your Holy Spirit  
conceived and bore the Word made flesh.  
From the warmth of her womb  
to the stillness of the grave  
he shared our life in human form.  
In him new light has dawned upon the world  
and you have become one with us  
that we might become one with you  
in your glorious kingdom.  
Therefore earth unites with heaven  
to sing a new song of praise;  
we too join with angels and archangels  
as they proclaim your glory without end:

### *Post Communion*

God most high,  
whose handmaid bore the Word made flesh:  
we thank you that in this sacrament of our redemption  
you visit us with your Holy Spirit  
and overshadow us by your power;  
strengthen us to walk with Mary the joyful path of obedience  
and so to bring forth the fruits of holiness;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### *Blessing*

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

### *Acclamation*

The Word became flesh and dwelt among us,  
full of grace and truth.

**The Word became flesh and dwelt among us,  
full of grace and truth.**

And we have seen his glory,  
the glory as of a father's only son,

**full of grace and truth.**

Glory to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit.

**The Word became flesh and dwelt among us,  
full of grace and truth.**

*from John 1*

### *Short Passages of Scripture*

Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign.

Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son,  
and shall name him Immanuel.

*Isaiah 7.14*

And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son,  
and you will name him Jesus.

He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High,  
and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David.

*Luke 1.31,32*

And the Word became flesh and lived among us,  
and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son,  
full of grace and truth.

*John 1.14*

**23 April****George****Red**

Martyr, Patron of England, c.304

**Collect**

God of hosts,  
 who so kindled the flame of love  
 in the heart of your servant George  
 that he bore witness to the risen Lord  
 by his life and by his death:  
 give us the same faith and power of love  
 that we who rejoice in his triumphs  
 may come to share with him the fullness of the resurrection;  
 through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
 who is alive and reigns with you,  
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
 one God, now and for ever.

**Lectionary****Principal Service**

1 Maccabees 2.59-64  
 or Revelation 12.7-12  
 Psalm 126  
 2 Timothy 2.3-13  
 John 15.18-21

**Second Service**

Isaiah 43.1-7  
 John 15.1-8  
**Evening Psalms**  
 Psalms 3, 11

**Third Service**

Joshua 1.1-9  
 Ephesians 6.10-20  
**Morning Psalms**  
 Psalms 5, 146

*Common of Martyrs (pages 284–290).*

**25 April****Mark**  
Evangelist**Red****Collect**

Almighty God,  
 who enlightened your holy Church  
 through the inspired witness of your evangelist Saint Mark:  
 grant that we, being firmly grounded  
     in the truth of the gospel,  
 may be faithful to its teaching both in word and deed;  
 through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
 who is alive and reigns with you,  
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
 one God, now and for ever.

**Lectionary****Principal Service**

Proverbs 15.28-end  
 or Acts 15.35-end  
 Psalm 119.9-16  
 Ephesians 4.7-16  
 Mark 13.5-13

**Second Service**

Ezekiel 1.4-14  
 2 Timothy 4.1-11  
**Evening Psalm**  
 Psalm 45

**Third Service**

Isaiah 62.6-10  
 or Ecclesiasticus 51.13-end  
 Acts 12.25 – 13.13  
**Morning Psalms**  
 Psalms 37.23-end, 148

*Common of Apostles and Evangelists (pages 277–283).*

*I May***Philip and James**  
Apostles*Red**Collect*

Almighty Father,  
 whom truly to know is eternal life:  
 teach us to know your Son Jesus Christ  
 as the way, the truth and the life;  
 that we may follow the steps  
     of your holy apostles Philip and James,  
 and walk steadfastly in the way that leads to your glory;  
 through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
 who is alive and reigns with you,  
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
 one God, now and for ever.

*Lectionary***Principal Service**

Isaiah 30.15-21  
 Psalm 119.1-8  
 Ephesians 1.3-10  
 John 14.1-14

**Second Service**

Job 23.1-12  
 John 1.43-51  
**Evening Psalm**  
 Psalm 149

**Third Service**

Proverbs 4.10-18  
 James 1.1-12  
**Morning Psalms**  
 Psalms 139, 146

*Common of Apostles and Evangelists (pages 277–283).*

*14 May***Matthias**  
Apostle*Red**Collect*

Almighty God,  
 who in the place of the traitor Judas  
 chose your faithful servant Matthias  
 to be of the number of the Twelve:  
 preserve your Church from false apostles  
 and, by the ministry of faithful pastors and teachers,  
 keep us steadfast in your truth;  
 through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
 who is alive and reigns with you,  
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
 one God, now and for ever.

*Lectionary***Principal Service**

Isaiah 22.15-end  
 Psalm 15  
 Acts 1.15-end  
 John 15.9-17

**Second Service**

I Samuel 16.1-13a  
 Matthew 7.15-27  
**Evening Psalm**  
 Psalm 80

**Third Service**

I Samuel 2.27-35  
 Acts 2.37-end  
**Morning Psalms**  
 Psalms 16, 147.1-12

*(or)*

Acts 1.15-end  
 Psalm 15  
 I Corinthians 4.1-7  
 John 15.9-17

*Common of Apostles and Evangelists (pages 277–283).*

*The Thursday after Trinity Sunday may be observed as*

## The Day of Thanksgiving for the Institution of Holy Communion

(Corpus Christi)

*White*

### *Invitation to Confession*

You then, who truly and earnestly repent of your sins,  
and are in love and charity with your neighbours,  
and intend to lead a new life,  
following the commandments of God,  
and walking from this day forward in his holy ways:  
draw near with faith,  
and take this holy sacrament to your comfort;  
and make your humble confession to almighty God.

*(or)*

As we prepare to celebrate the mystery of God's love,  
revealed in Word and Sacrament,  
let us call to mind our sins.

*(or)*

Whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord  
in an unworthy manner  
eats and drinks judgement upon themselves.  
Examine yourselves, therefore, and call to mind your sins.

*cf 1 Corinthians 11.27-29*

### *Kyrie Confession*

Like as the hart longs for flowing streams,  
so longs my soul for you, O God:  
Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

O send out your light and your truth,  
that they may lead me:  
Christ, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

May we come to your altar, O God,  
the God of our salvation:  
Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

*(or)*

*Corpus Christi* **61**

Lord Jesus, you raise us to new life:

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you forgive our sins:

Christ, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you feed us with your body and blood:

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

### *Collect*

Lord Jesus Christ,  
 we thank you that in this wonderful sacrament  
 you have given us the memorial of your passion:  
 grant us so to reverence the sacred mysteries  
     of your body and blood  
 that we may know within ourselves  
 and show forth in our lives  
 the fruits of your redemption;  
 for you are alive and reign with the Father  
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
 one God, now and for ever.

### *Lectionary*

#### **Principal Service**

Genesis 14.18-20  
 Psalm 116.10-end  
 I Corinthians 11.23-26  
 John 6.51-58

#### **Second Service**

Proverbs 9.1-5  
 Luke 9.11-17  
**Evening Psalms**  
 Psalms 23, 42, 43

#### **Third Service**

Deuteronomy 8.2-16  
 I Corinthians 10.1-17  
**Morning Psalm**  
 Psalm 147

### *Gospel Acclamation*

Alleluia, alleluia.

I am the living bread that came down from heaven, says the Lord.

Whoever eats of this bread will live for ever.

*John 6.51*

**Alleluia.**

## *Intercession*

We pray to the Lord.

Lord, listen to the prayers of your people,  
gathered at your table.

In faith we pray:

**we pray to you our God.**

Here, where we celebrate how Christ gave us his body  
to be our spiritual food,  
listen as we pray for his body the Church,  
spread throughout the world ...

In faith we pray:

**we pray to you our God.**

Here, where we recognize the presence of Christ,  
who takes away the sin of the world,  
listen as we pray for that world  
and for its peoples for whom his blood was shed ...

In faith we pray:

**we pray to you our God.**

Here, where we come together as Christ gathered with his friends  
to give us this meal of holy fellowship,  
listen as we pray for all whom you have given us,  
our friends and all whose lives are joined with ours ...

In faith we pray:

**we pray to you our God.**

Here, where we remember the night of Christ's agony and trial,  
listen as we pray for all who share his sufferings  
through fear or pain or distress of many kinds ...

In faith we pray:

**we pray to you our God.**

Here, where we join our praises with the whole company of heaven,  
listen as we pray for all who have trusted Christ's promise  
to raise up on the last day those who eat his flesh and  
drink his blood ...

In faith we pray:

**we pray to you our God.**

Lord, satisfy our hunger with the food that lasts,  
the bread of God which comes down from heaven  
and gives life to the world,  
Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.  
**Amen.**

### *Introduction to the Peace*

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

*(or)*

Our Lord Jesus Christ says:  
If, when you are bringing your gift to the altar,  
you remember your brother or sister has a  
grievance against you,  
leave your gift where it lies before the altar.  
Go, make peace;  
and only then come and offer your gift.

### *Prayer at the Preparation of the Table*

God our sustainer,  
receive the gifts we bring before you,  
and feed us continually with that bread which satisfies all hunger,  
your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ.

## Preface

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

*(or)*

And now we give you thanks  
because when his hour had come,  
in his great love he gave this supper to his disciples,  
that we might proclaim his death,  
and feast with him in his kingdom.

*(or)*

And now we give you thanks  
because by water and the Holy Spirit  
you have made us a holy people  
in Jesus Christ our Lord;  
you renew that mystery in bread and wine  
to show forth your glory in all the world.

*(or)*

And now we give you thanks  
because at the last supper,  
as he sat at table with his apostles,  
he gave us this memorial of his passion  
to bring us its saving power until the end of time.  
In this sacrament you feed your people  
and strengthen them in holiness,  
so that the family of humankind  
may come to walk in the light of one faith,  
in one communion of love.

### *Extended Preface*

It is indeed right and good,  
our duty and our salvation  
always and everywhere to give you thanks and praise  
holy Father, almighty and eternal God,  
through Jesus Christ our great high priest.  
He offered himself to you as the Lamb without blemish,  
the acceptable gift that gives you perfect praise.  
At the Last Supper, seated with his apostles,  
he left this memorial of his passion  
to bring us its saving power until the end of time.  
In this great sacrament you feed your people  
and strengthen them in holiness,  
so that throughout the world the human family  
may be enlightened by one faith  
and drawn together in one communion of love.  
We come to this foretaste of your heavenly banquet  
to be transformed by your grace  
and restored in the image and likeness of the risen Christ.  
Therefore earth unites with heaven  
to sing a new song of praise;  
we too join with angels and archangels  
as they proclaim your glory without end:

### *Post Communion*

All praise to you, our God and Father,  
for you have fed us with the bread of heaven  
and quenched our thirst from the true vine:  
hear our prayer that, being grafted into Christ,  
we may grow together in unity  
and feast with him in his kingdom;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## *Blessing*

Christ, who has nourished us with himself the living bread,  
make you one in praise and love,  
and raise you up at the last day;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

*(or)*

May the Father,  
who fed his children with manna in the wilderness,  
strengthen you in your pilgrimage to the Promised Land.  
**Amen.**

May the Son,  
who gave his flesh for food and his blood for drink,  
keep you in eternal life and raise you up on the last day.  
**Amen.**

May the Holy Spirit,  
who leads us into all truth,  
help you discern the Lord's body  
and empower you to proclaim his death until he comes.  
**Amen.**

And the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.  
**Amen.**

### Acclamation

I am the bread of life,  
 anyone who comes to me shall not hunger,  
 anyone who believes in me shall never thirst.  
**Alleluia. Lord, give us this bread always.**

The bread of God comes down from heaven,  
 and gives life to the world.  
**Alleluia. Lord, give us this bread always.**

Anyone who eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life  
 and I will raise them up on the last day.  
**Alleluia. Lord, give us this bread always.**

It is the Spirit that gives life; the flesh is of no avail.  
 The words I speak, they are spirit and they are life.  
**Alleluia. Lord, give us this bread always.**

### Short Passages of Scripture

Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him.  
 He had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.  
*Luke 24.31a,35*

Jesus said,  
 'I am the bread of life.  
 Whoever comes to me will never be hungry,  
 and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.'  
*John 6.35*

The cup of blessing that we bless,  
 is it not a sharing in the blood of Christ?  
 The bread that we break,  
 is it not a sharing in the body of Christ?  
 Because there is one bread,  
 we who are many are one body,  
 for we all partake of the one bread. *1 Corinthians 10.16,17*

As often as you eat this bread and drink this cup,  
 you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. *1 Corinthians 11.26*

31 May

## The Visit of the Blessed Virgin Mary to Elizabeth

White

### Invitation to Confession

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good.

*Romans 12.9*

Let us confess our sins and failings to God our merciful Father.

### Kyrie Confession

We have done what was wrong in your sight  
and chosen what has displeased you.

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

As a mother comforts her child so shall you comfort us.

Christ, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Let us return to you, for you know our every deed and thought.

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

### Collect

Mighty God,  
by whose grace Elizabeth rejoiced with Mary  
and greeted her as the mother of the Lord:  
look with favour on your lowly servants  
that, with Mary, we may magnify your holy name  
and rejoice to acclaim her Son our Saviour,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### Lectionary

#### Principal Service

Zephaniah 3.14-18  
Psalm 113  
Romans 12.9-16  
Luke 1.39-49[50-56]

#### Second Service

Zechariah 2.10-end  
John 3.25-30  
**Evening Psalms**  
Psalms 122, 127, 128

#### Third Service

1 Samuel 2.1-10  
Mark 3.31-end  
**Morning Psalms**  
Psalms 85, 150

## *Gospel Acclamation*

Alleluia, alleluia.

Blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of  
what was spoken to her by the Lord. *Luke 1.45*

**Alleluia.**

## *Intercession*

Let us proclaim the greatness of the Lord  
and rejoice together in the God who saves us.

Lord, you do great things for us:

**holy is your name.**

You have mercy on those who fear you in every generation.

We pray for your Church ...

Lord, you do great things for us:

**holy is your name.**

You show the strength of your arm  
and cast down the mighty from their thrones.

We pray for the nations of the world and their leaders ...

Lord, you do great things for us:

**holy is your name.**

You lift up the lowly and fill the hungry with good things.

We pray for all those in any kind of need ...

Lord, you do great things for us:

**holy is your name.**

You come to the aid of your servants  
and remember your promises with mercy.

We remember ... and all who have died in the faith of Christ.

Bring us with them to share the joy of heaven  
with Mary and all the saints.

Lord, you do great things for us:

**holy is your name.**

Father most holy,  
so guide us in the way of humility and obedience like Mary,  
that our lives may be a constant hymn of praise  
to you from whom all good things come.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## *Introduction to the Peace*

Steadfast love and faithfulness have met;  
righteousness and peace have kissed each other. *cf Psalm 85.10*

## *Prayer at the Preparation of the Table*

God of mercy,  
accept our gifts and all we bring before you,  
as you accepted the love of Mary,  
the mother of your Son Jesus Christ,  
who is Lord, now and for ever.

## *Preface*

And now we give you thanks  
because in choosing the blessed Virgin Mary  
to be the mother of your Son  
you have exalted the humble and meek.  
Your angel hailed her as most highly favoured;  
with all generations we call her blessed  
and with her we rejoice and magnify your holy name.

## *Extended Preface*

It is indeed right and good,  
our duty and our salvation,  
almighty Father, ever-living God,  
to proclaim the wonders you have worked in all your saints,  
and on this feast of Mary, ever blessed,  
to echo her praise of your loving kindness.  
For you have truly done great things  
and holy is your name,  
and your mercy is on those who fear you  
in every generation.  
When you looked with favour on your lowly servant  
you remembered your promise of mercy  
and gave the world through her  
your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.  
Through him the hosts of heaven adore you  
and rejoice in your presence for ever.  
May our voices join with theirs  
in the triumphant hymn of praise:

### *Post Communion*

Gracious God,  
 who gave joy to Elizabeth and Mary  
 as they recognized the signs of redemption  
     at work within them:  
 help us, who have shared in the joy of this eucharist,  
 to know the Lord deep within us  
 and his love shining out in our lives,  
 that the world may rejoice in your salvation;  
 through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### *Blessing*

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

*(or)*

May God who sent Mary to visit Elizabeth  
 to share with her the joy of the divine plan,  
 give you grace to tell out the good news of Christ.  
 And the blessing of God almighty,  
 the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
 be among you and remain with you always.

### *Acclamation*

Your salvation is near to those who fear you;  
 that glory may dwell in our land.  
**Your salvation is near to those who fear you;  
 that glory may dwell in our land.**  
 Mercy and truth have met together;  
 righteousness and peace have kissed each other.  
**That glory may dwell in our land.**  
 Glory to the Father and to the Son  
 and to the Holy Spirit.  
**Your salvation is near to those who fear you;  
 that glory may dwell in our land.**

### *Short Passages of Scripture*

My heart exults in the Lord,  
my strength is exalted in my God. *1 Samuel 2.1*

Come and listen, all you who fear God,  
and I will tell you what he has done for my soul. *Psalm 66.14*

All generations will call me blessed;  
for the Mighty One has done great things for me,  
and holy is his name. *Luke 1.48,49*

The Lord has filled the hungry with good things. *Luke 1.53*

*11 June***Barnabas**  
Apostle*Red**Collect*

Bountiful God, giver of all gifts,  
 who poured your Spirit upon your servant Barnabas  
 and gave him grace to encourage others:  
 help us, by his example,  
 to be generous in our judgements  
 and unselfish in our service;  
 through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
 who is alive and reigns with you,  
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
 one God, now and for ever.

*Lectionary***Principal Service**

Job 29.11-16  
 Psalm 112  
 Acts 11.19-end  
 John 15.12-17

*(or)*

Acts 11.19-end  
 Psalm 112  
 Galatians 2.1-10  
 John 15.12-17

**Second Service**

Ecclesiastes 12.9-end  
 or Tobit 4.5-11  
 Acts 9.26-31

**Evening Psalm**  
 Psalm 147

**Third Service**

Jeremiah 9.23,24  
 Acts 4.32-end  
**Morning Psalms**  
 Psalms 100, 101, 117

*Common of Apostles and Evangelists (pages 277–283).*

24 June

**The Birth of John the Baptist**

White

*Invitation to Confession*

John the Baptist proclaimed,  
 'Repent for the kingdom of heaven has come near.' *Matthew 3.2*  
 Let us turn to the Lord in penitence and faith  
 and humbly confess our sin.

*Kyrie Confession*

Lord Jesus, you stand among us, and we do not recognize you.  
 Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, we are not worthy to untie the thong of your sandals.  
 Christ, have mercy.  
**Christ, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you are the Lamb of God  
 who takes away the sin of the world.  
 Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

*Collect*

Almighty God,  
 by whose providence your servant John the Baptist  
     was wonderfully born,  
 and sent to prepare the way of your Son our Saviour  
 by the preaching of repentance:  
 lead us to repent according to his preaching  
 and, after his example,  
 constantly to speak the truth, boldly to rebuke vice,  
 and patiently to suffer for the truth's sake;  
 through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
 who is alive and reigns with you,  
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
 one God, now and for ever.

## Lectionary

### Principal Service

Isaiah 40.1-11  
 Psalm 85.7-end  
 Acts 13.14b-26  
 or Galatians 3.23-end  
 Luke 1.57-66,80

### Second Service

Malachi 4  
 Matthew 11.2-19  
**Evening Psalms**  
 Psalms 80, 82

### Third Service

Ecclesiasticus 48.1-10  
 or Malachi 3.1-6  
 Luke 3.1-17  
**Morning Psalms**  
 Psalms 50, 149

## Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.

You, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High  
 for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways.

*Luke 1.76*

**Alleluia.**

## Intercession

In the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ,  
 let us pray to the Father.

Lord God,  
 who promised Zechariah a son filled with  
 the spirit and power of Elijah,  
 to prepare a people fit for the Lord:  
 we pray for reconciliation between all people.  
 Lord, hear us.

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

Lord God,  
 when Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting  
 the baby leapt in her womb:  
 may she who believed your promise be blessed among women,  
 and may we proclaim with joy the good news of your Christ.  
 Lord, hear us.

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

Lord God,  
 at John's birth Zechariah proclaimed he would be  
 the prophet of the Most High:  
 we pray for all who preach the Good News,  
 [especially ...].  
 Lord, hear us.

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

Lord God,  
 when your Son came to the Jordan and was baptized by John  
 he saw the heavens open and the Spirit descending as a dove:  
 may we who are baptized into your Church  
 faithfully proclaim in the world the words of your beloved Son.  
 Lord, hear us.  
**Lord, graciously hear us.**

Lord God,  
 John proclaimed your Son as the Lamb of God  
 and John's disciples followed Jesus:  
 help us to follow him also,  
 and by our words and deeds  
 to bring our families and friends closer to you.  
 Lord, hear us.  
**Lord, graciously hear us.**

Lord God,  
 who sent John to witness to the light,  
 to be the voice of one crying in the wilderness  
 and to prepare the way of the Lord:  
 comfort your people  
 and bring your healing to the sick and needy,  
 to the broken-hearted and the oppressed,  
 to prisoners and captives.  
 [Especially we pray for ...]  
 Lord, hear us.  
**Lord, graciously hear us.**

Lord God,  
 John preached the baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins  
 and suffered imprisonment and death for proclaiming your Law:  
 we remember all who have died in your service,  
 joining our prayers with John the Baptist and all the saints;  
 grant us with them a share in your eternal kingdom.  
 Lord, hear us.  
**Lord, graciously hear us.**

God our Father,  
 in your tender compassion  
 the dawn from on high has broken upon us.  
 Shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death  
 and guide our feet into the way of peace;  
 through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.  
**Amen.**

### *Introduction to the Peace*

The Lord God of Israel has come to his people to set them free  
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

### *Prayer at the Preparation of the Table*

God of our salvation,  
as we praise you for your servant John the Baptist,  
accept all we bring to you this day,  
and free us to worship you without fear,  
in holiness and righteousness all the days of our life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### *Preface*

And now we give you thanks  
because you prepared the way of your Son Jesus Christ  
by the preaching of your servant John the Baptist,  
who proclaimed him as the Lamb of God, our Saviour.

### *Extended Preface*

It is indeed right and good,  
our duty and our salvation,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks,  
holy Father, almighty and eternal God,  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.  
Among those born of women  
you marked out John the Baptist with your special favour  
as the one who prepared the way before your Son.  
His birth brought great rejoicing;  
even in the womb he leapt for joy, so near was our salvation.  
Alone of all the prophets,  
John hailed the Lamb who takes away the sin of the world.  
He baptized Jesus, the author of baptism,  
in waters made holy by the one baptized.  
By shedding his blood  
he gave his last and greatest witness to your Son.  
And so with angels and archangels  
and all the heavenly host  
we proclaim your glory  
and join in their unending hymn of praise:

### *Post Communion*

Merciful Lord,  
whose prophet John the Baptist  
proclaimed your Son as the Lamb of God  
    who takes away the sin of the world:  
grant that we who in this sacrament  
    have known your forgiveness and your life-giving love  
may ever tell of your mercy and your peace;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### *Blessing*

Through the tender compassion of our God  
may the dawn from on high break upon you  
and guide your feet into the way of peace.  
And the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

### *Acclamation*

The Father's voice bears witness to the Son.

**God the Holy Trinity has revealed himself to us.**

The Son bows his head beneath the Baptist's hand.

**God the Holy Trinity has revealed himself to us.**

The Spirit as a dove descends from the heavens.

**God the Holy Trinity has revealed himself to us.**

Submitting to John's baptism, Christ delivers us from bondage.

**God the Holy Trinity has revealed himself to us.**

### *Short Passages of Scripture*

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,  
for he has looked favourably on his people and redeemed them.

*Luke 1.68*

You, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High,  
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways.

*Luke 1.76*

In the tender compassion of our God  
the dawn from on high shall break upon us.

*Luke 1.78*

There was a man sent from God whose name was John.  
He came as a witness to testify to the light.

*John 1.6,7*

**29 June****Peter and Paul**  
Apostles**Red****Invitation to Confession**

Jesus said to his apostles,  
 'You are my friends if you obey my commands.'  
 Let us now confess our disobedience to him.

*John 15.14***Kyrie Confession**

Lord Jesus, in your love you invite us to be your friends:  
 Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, in your joy you choose us to go out and bear fruit:  
 Christ, have mercy.  
**Christ, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, in your power you send us to be your faithful witnesses:  
 Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

**Collect**

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

*(or)*

*where Peter is celebrated alone*

Almighty God,  
 who inspired your apostle Saint Peter  
 to confess Jesus as Christ and Son of the living God:  
 build up your Church upon this rock,  
 that in unity and peace it may proclaim one truth  
 and follow one Lord, your Son our Saviour Christ,  
 who is alive and reigns with you,  
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
 one God, now and for ever.

### *Lectionary*

#### **Principal Service**

Zechariah 4.1-6a, 10b-end  
 Psalm 125  
 Acts 12.1-11  
 Matthew 16.13-19

#### **Second Service**

Ezekiel 34.11-16  
 John 21.15-22  
**Evening Psalms**  
 Psalms 124, 138

#### **Third Service**

Isaiah 49.1-6  
 Acts 11.1-18  
**Morning Psalms**  
 Psalms 71, 113

*(or)*

Acts 12.1-11  
 Psalm 125  
 2 Timothy 2.19-end  
 Matthew 16.13-19

*or, where Peter is celebrated alone*

#### **Principal Service**

Ezekiel 3.22-end  
 Psalm 125  
 Acts 12.1-11  
 Matthew 16.13-19

#### **Second Service**

Ezekiel 34.11-16  
 John 21.15-22  
**Evening Psalms**  
 Psalms 124, 138

#### **Third Service**

Isaiah 49.1-6  
 Acts 11.1-18  
**Morning Psalms**  
 Psalms 71, 113

*(or)*

Acts 12.1-11  
 Psalm 125  
 1 Peter 2.19-end  
 Matthew 16.13-19

### *Gospel Acclamation*

Alleluia, alleluia.  
 I do not call you servants but friends,  
 because I have made known to you  
 everything that I have heard from my Father.  
**Alleluia.**

*John 15.15*

## *Intercession*

Encouraged by our fellowship with all the saints,  
let us make our prayers to the Father through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Father, your Son called men and women to leave the past behind  
them and to follow him as his disciples in the way of the cross. Look  
with mercy upon those whom he calls today, marks with the cross  
and makes his disciples within the Church ...

Lord, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Your Son told his disciples not to be afraid and at Easter breathed on  
them his gift of peace. Look with mercy upon the world into which  
he sent them out, and give it that peace for which it longs ...

Lord, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Your Son formed around him a company who were no longer  
servants but friends, and he called all those who obeyed him his  
brother and sister and mother. Look with mercy upon our families  
and our friends and upon the communities in which we share ...

Lord, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Your Son sent out disciples to preach and heal the sick. Look with  
mercy on all those who yearn to hear the good news of salvation,  
and renew among your people the gifts of healing ...

Lord, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Your Son promised to those who followed him that they would sit  
on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel and would share the  
banquet of the kingdom. According to your promise, look with  
mercy on those who have walked with Christ in this life and now  
have passed through death ...

Lord, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Almighty God,  
you have built your Church upon the foundation  
of the apostles and prophets,  
with Jesus Christ himself as the chief cornerstone:  
so join us together in unity of spirit by their doctrine,  
that we may be made a holy temple acceptable to you;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

### *Introduction to the Peace*

We are fellow-citizens with the saints and of the household of God,  
through Christ our Lord, who came and preached peace  
to those who were far off and those who were near.

*Ephesians 2.19,17*

### *Prayer at the Preparation of the Table*

Father, accept all we bring before you this day.  
Guide us with your love and feed us at your table  
as you nourish the faith of the Church  
by the preaching of your apostles Peter and Paul.  
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### *Preface*

And now we give you thanks  
because you formed your Church on the apostles  
to stand firm for ever,  
as a sign on earth of your infinite holiness  
and the living gospel for all to hear.

### *Extended Preface*

It is indeed right and good  
that we should give you thanks, praise and glory,  
almighty and everlasting God,  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.  
For after his resurrection  
he sent out his apostles and evangelists  
to preach the gospel to all nations  
and lead us in the way of truth.  
Himself the chief cornerstone,  
he founded his Church upon the apostles  
firmly to stand for ever  
as a sign of your holiness upon earth  
and a living witness to all  
of the way that leads to heaven.  
And so with angels and archangels,  
and with all the company of heaven,  
we lift our voices  
and join in their unending hymn of praise:

### *Post Communion of Apostles and Evangelists*

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

*(or)*

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

## Blessing

God, who has prepared for you a city with eternal foundations,  
bring you, with Peter and Paul and all the saints,  
to the eternal and triumphant joy of that city;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

## Acclamation

The Lord is righteous and delights in righteous deeds;  
the just shall see his face.

**The Lord is righteous and delights in righteous deeds;  
the just shall see his face.**

When the foundations are being destroyed,  
what can the righteous do?

**The just shall see his face.**

His eyes behold the inhabited world;  
his piercing eye weighs our worth.

**The just shall see his face.**

The Lord weighs the righteous as well as the wicked,  
but those that delight in violence he abhors.

**The just shall see his face.**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

**The Lord is righteous and delights in righteous deeds;  
the just shall see his face.**

## Short Passages of Scripture

You are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church. *Matthew 16.18*

Jesus said, 'Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.'

*Matthew 28.19,20*

Jesus said to his disciples,

'I will do whatever you ask in my name,

so that the Father may be glorified in the Son.'

*John 14.13*

**3 July****Thomas**  
Apostle**Red****Collect**

Almighty and eternal God,  
 who, for the firmer foundation of our faith,  
 allowed your holy apostle Thomas  
     to doubt the resurrection of your Son  
 till word and sight convinced him:  
 grant to us, who have not seen, that we also may believe  
 and so confess Christ as our Lord and our God;  
 who is alive and reigns with you,  
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
 one God, now and for ever.

**Lectionary****Principal Service**

Habakkuk 2.1-4  
 Psalm 31.1-6  
 Ephesians 2.19-end  
 John 20.24-29

**Second Service**

Job 42.1-6  
 1 Peter 1.3-12  
**Evening Psalm**  
 Psalm 139

**Third Service**

2 Samuel 15.17-21  
 or Ecclesiasticus 2  
 John 11.1-16  
**Morning Psalms**  
 Psalms 92, 146

*Common of Apostles and Evangelists (pages 277–283).*

22 July

**Mary Magdalene**

White

**Invitation to Confession**

If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:  
 everything old has passed away; everything becomes new.  
 That we may put behind us all that is past,  
 let us call to mind our sins. cf 2 Corinthians 5.17

**Kyrie Confession**

Lord, in your love you invite us to be your friends:  
 Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

Lord, in your joy you choose us to go out and bear fruit:  
 Christ, have mercy.  
**Christ, have mercy.**

Lord, in your power you send us to be your faithful witnesses:  
 Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

**Collect**

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

**Lectionary****Principal Service**

Song of Solomon 3.1-4  
 Psalm 42.1-10  
 2 Corinthians 5.14-17  
 John 20.1-2,11-18

**Second Service**

Zephaniah 3.14-end  
 Mark 15.40 – 16.7  
**Evening Psalm**  
 Psalm 63

**Third Service**

1 Samuel 16.14-end  
 Luke 8.1-3  
**Morning Psalms**  
 Psalms 30, 32, 150

### *Gospel Acclamation*

Alleluia, alleluia.

Mary Magdalene announced to the disciples,  
'I have seen the Lord.'

**Alleluia.**

### *Intercession*

With Mary Magdalene and all holy women,  
let us praise our God and call upon him in prayer.

Father, your Son said of the woman who was a sinner,  
'Her many sins are forgiven because she has loved much.'  
Forgive the sins of all who love you  
and strengthen your Church to show forth your love in  
today's world.

Lord, hear us.

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

Many women ministered to the needs of your Son on his  
saving journeys.

Open our eyes to see you in those in need or sickness  
and hear our prayer for ... and all those we hold before you.

Lord, hear us.

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

Mary Magdalene was the first to greet your risen Son  
and carried the news of his triumph over death to the disciples.  
Strengthen us to be faithful witnesses to the gospel in the world  
and grant your grace to all who preach and teach the faith.

Lord, hear us.

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

Your Son called those who do your will his brother and sister  
and mother.

Teach us to live as members of one family, united in faith and love.

Lord, hear us.

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

Joining in fellowship with Mary Magdalene and all your saints,  
 we thank you for ... , recently departed,  
 and all those who have gone before us in the faith.  
 Grant that with them we may see your Son face to face  
 in everlasting glory.  
 Merciful Father,  
**accept these prayers  
 for the sake of your Son,  
 our Saviour Jesus Christ.  
 Amen.**

### *Introduction to the Peace*

God is love  
 and those who live in love live in God  
 and God lives in them.

### *Prayer at the Preparation of the Table*

God of life and health,  
 in your Son Jesus Christ  
 we find the forgiveness of all that is past;  
 grant that in this eucharist today  
 we may find the healing of all our sins.  
 This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*(or)*

Lord Jesus Christ,  
 grant that by the mystery of your body and blood  
 we may watch at your cross,  
 weep at your tomb  
 and witness to your resurrection;  
 for you are alive and reign,  
 now and for ever.

### *Preface*

And now we give you thanks that Mary Magdalene,  
 who followed Christ in love,  
 was first to announce to his apostles  
 that he had risen from the dead.

### *Extended Preface*

It is indeed right and good,  
our duty and our salvation,  
to praise you, the all-powerful Father, in every season,  
and on this holy day to celebrate the glory of your saints.  
In Mary Magdalene you kindled a fire of love for Christ,  
whose word had set her free.  
You gave her the courage of love  
to follow him even to the cross.  
Seeking her teacher after his death,  
so great was her longing  
that you made her the first to behold him  
risen from the dead,  
and the first to announce to the apostles  
his new and glorious risen life.  
Her words still ring throughout your Church,  
to strengthen faith and encourage hope  
in those who gather faithfully for prayer.  
And so with her, and all the citizens of heaven,  
we join our voices to acclaim your glory  
in this their joyful hymn of praise:

### *Post Communion*

God of life and love,  
whose risen Son called Mary Magdalene by name  
and sent her to tell of his resurrection to his apostles:  
in your mercy, help us,  
who have been united with him in this eucharist,  
to proclaim the good news  
that he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

### *Blessing*

May Christ, who makes saints of sinners,  
who has transformed those we remember today,  
raise and strengthen you that you may transform the world;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

### *Acclamation*

Mary, do not cling to me,  
**for I have not yet ascended to the Father.**  
Go to my brothers and say to them,  
**'I am ascending to my Father and your Father,  
to my God and your God.'**  
Mary went and said to the disciples,  
**'I have seen the Lord.' Alleluia.**

### *Short Passages of Scripture*

Go quickly and tell his disciples:  
Jesus has been raised from the dead. *Matthew 28.7*

Jesus said to Mary Magdalene,  
'Go to my brothers and say to them:  
I am ascending to my Father and your Father,  
to my God and your God.' *John 20.17*

Those who live, live no longer for themselves,  
but for him who died and was raised for them. *2 Corinthians 5.15*

*25 July***James**  
Apostle*Red**Collect*

Merciful God,  
 whose holy apostle Saint James,  
 leaving his father and all that he had,  
 was obedient to the calling of your Son Jesus Christ  
 and followed him even to death:  
 help us, forsaking the false attractions of the world,  
 to be ready at all times to answer your call without delay;  
 through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
 who is alive and reigns with you,  
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
 one God, now and for ever.

*Lectionary***Principal Service**

Jeremiah 45.1-5  
 Psalm 126  
 Acts 11.27 – 12.2  
 Matthew 20.20-28

*(or)*

Acts 11.27 – 12.2  
 Psalm 126  
 2 Corinthians 4.7-15  
 Matthew 20.20-28

**Second Service**

Jeremiah 26.1-15  
 Mark 1.14-20  
**Evening Psalm**  
 Psalm 94

**Third Service**

2 Kings 1.9-15  
 Luke 9.46-56  
**Morning Psalms**  
 Psalms 7, 29, 117

*Common of Apostles and Evangelists (pages 277–283).*

**6 August The Transfiguration of Our Lord***Gold or  
White**Invitation to Confession*

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

*Kyrie Confession*

Your unfailing kindness, O Lord, is in the heavens,  
and your faithfulness reaches to the clouds:  
Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

Your righteousness is like the strong mountains,  
and your justice as the great deep:  
Christ, have mercy.  
**Christ, have mercy.**

For with you is the well of life  
and in your light shall we see light:  
Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

*Collect*

Father in heaven,  
whose Son Jesus Christ was wonderfully transfigured  
before chosen witnesses upon the holy mountain,  
and spoke of the exodus he would accomplish at Jerusalem:  
give us strength so to hear his voice and bear our cross  
that in the world to come we may see him as he is;  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

## Lectionary

### Principal Service

Daniel 7.9,10,13,14  
Psalm 97  
2 Peter 1.16-19  
Luke 9.28-36

### Second Service

Exodus 34.29-end  
2 Corinthians 3  
**Evening Psalm**  
Psalm 72

### Third Service

Ecclesiasticus 48.1-10  
or 1 Kings 19.1-16  
1 John 3.1-3  
**Morning Psalms**  
Psalms 27, 150

## Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.

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

**Alleluia.**

## Intercession

In the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ,  
let us pray to the Father.

Lord of glory, it is good that we are here.

In peace we make our prayer to you.

In trust we confirm our faith in you ...

Help us to set our faces steadfastly to where you would have us go.

Lord, look with favour.

**Lord, transfigure and heal.**

Lord of glory, look with favour on your Church,

proclaiming your beloved Son to the world

and listening to the promptings of his Spirit ...

May she be renewed in holiness that she may reflect your glory.

Lord, look with favour.

**Lord, transfigure and heal.**

Lord of glory, look with favour on the nations of the world,

scarred by hatred, strife and war ...

May they be healed by the touch of your hand.

Lord, look with favour.

**Lord, transfigure and heal.**

Lord of glory, look with favour on those in need and distress,  
suffering as your Son has suffered  
and waiting for the salvation you promise ...  
May the day break  
and Christ the Morning Star bring them the light of his presence.  
Lord, look with favour.

**Lord, transfigure and heal.**

Lord of glory, it is good if we suffer with you  
so that we shall be glorified with you.  
According to your promise bring all Christ's brothers and sisters ...  
to see him with their own eyes in majesty  
and to be changed into his likeness from glory to glory.

To him be praise, dominion and worship  
now and for all eternity.

**Amen.**

### *Introduction to the Peace*

Christ will transfigure our human body  
and give it a form like that of his own glorious body.  
We are the body of Christ.  
We share his peace.

### *Prayer at the Preparation of the Table*

Holy God,  
receive all we bring before you this day,  
and bring us also to that radiant glory  
which we see in the transfigured face  
of Jesus Christ our Lord.

## *Preface*

And now we give you thanks  
because the divine glory of the incarnate Word  
shone forth upon the holy mountain  
before the chosen witnesses of his majesty;  
and your own voice from heaven proclaimed your beloved Son.

## *Extended Preface*

It is indeed right and good,  
our duty and our joy,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks,  
holy Father, almighty and eternal God,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
For on this day he revealed his glory  
before his chosen witnesses  
and filled with divine splendour  
the human flesh in which he is one with us.  
So he prepared his disciples  
to bear the scandal of the cross  
and showed that in the Church, his body,  
the same glory would be fulfilled  
that shone forth from him, its head.  
And so with joyful hearts we echo on earth  
the song of the angels in heaven  
as they praise your glory without end:

## *Post Communion*

Holy God,  
we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ:  
may we who are partakers at his table  
reflect his life in word and deed,  
that all the world may know his power to change and save.  
This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### *Blessing*

Christ, whose glory fills the skies,  
fill you with radiance  
and scatter the darkness from your path.

**Amen.**

Christ, the Sun of Righteousness,  
gladden your eyes and warm your heart.

**Amen.**

Christ, the Dayspring from on high,  
draw near to guide your feet into the way of peace.

**Amen.**

And the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

**Amen.**

*(or)*

Christ Jesus,  
the splendour of the Father and the image of his being,  
draw you to himself  
that you may live in his light and share his glory;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

### Acclamation

By the appearance on earth of our Saviour Jesus Christ  
**God has broken the power of death  
and brought life and immortality to light.**

Arise, shine, for your light has come  
**and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.**

For though darkness shall cover the earth  
**and thick darkness the nations,**  
the Lord will rise upon you  
**and his glory will be seen upon you.**

By the appearance on earth of our Saviour Jesus Christ  
**God has broken the power of death  
and brought life and immortality to light.**

### Short Passages of Scripture

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;  
those who lived in a land of deep darkness –  
on them light has shined. *Isaiah 9.2*

Arise, shine, for your light has come,  
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. *Isaiah 60.1*

It is good, Lord, to be here. *Matthew 17.4*

Jesus spoke to them, saying,  
'I am the light of the world.  
Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness  
but will have the light of life.' *John 8.12*

Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest,  
but was appointed by the one who said to him,  
'You are my Son, today have I begotten you.' *Hebrews 5.5*

*15 August***The Blessed Virgin Mary***White**Collect*

Almighty God,  
 who looked upon the lowliness of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
 and chose her to be the mother of your only Son:  
 grant that we who are redeemed by his blood  
 may share with her in the glory of your eternal kingdom;  
 through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
 who is alive and reigns with you,  
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
 one God, now and for ever.

*Lectionary***Principal Service**

Isaiah 61.10-end  
 or Revelation 11.19 – 12.6,10  
 Psalm 45.10-end  
 Galatians 4.4-7  
 Luke 1.46-55

**Second Service**

Song of Solomon 2.1-7  
 Acts 1.6-14  
**Evening Psalm**  
 Psalm 132

**Third Service**

Isaiah 7.10-15  
 Luke 11.27,28  
**Morning Psalms**  
 Psalms 98, 138, 147.1-12

*Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary (pages 268–276).*

**24 August****Bartholomew**  
Apostle**Red****Collect**

Almighty and everlasting God,  
 who gave to your apostle Bartholomew grace  
 truly to believe and to preach your word:  
 grant that your Church  
 may love that word which he believed  
 and may faithfully preach and receive the same;  
 through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
 who is alive and reigns with you,  
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
 one God, now and for ever.

**Lectionary****Principal Service**

Isaiah 43.8-13  
 Psalm 145.1-7  
 Acts 5.12-16  
 Luke 22.24-30

*(or)*

Acts 5.12-16  
 Psalm 145.1-7  
 I Corinthians 4.9-15  
 Luke 22.24-30

**Second Service**

Ecclesiasticus 39.1-10  
 or Deuteronomy 18.15-19  
 Matthew 10.1-22  
**Evening Psalms**  
 Psalms 91, 116

**Third Service**

Genesis 28.10-17  
 John 1.43-end  
**Morning Psalms**  
 Psalms 86, 117

***Common of Apostles and Evangelists (pages 277–283).***

*14 September***Holy Cross Day***Red**Invitation to Confession*

God shows his love for us

in that, while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Let us then show our love for him

by confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

*Romans 5.8**(or)*

Christ himself carried up our sins in his body to the tree,

so that, free from sins,

we might live for righteousness;

by his wounds we have been healed.

Let us confess our sins.

*cf 1 Peter 2.24**Kyrie Confession*

Lord Jesus,

you came to reconcile us to one another and the Father:

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus,

you heal the wounds of sin and division:

Christ, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus,

you intercede for us with your Father:

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

*Collect*

Almighty God,

who in the passion of your blessed Son

made an instrument of painful death

to be for us the means of life and peace:

grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ

that we may gladly suffer for his sake;

who is alive and reigns with you,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever.

## Lectionary

### Principal Service

Numbers 21.4-9  
Psalm 22.23-28  
Philippians 2.6-11  
John 3.13-17

### Second Service

Isaiah 63.1-16  
I Corinthians 1.18-25  
**Evening Psalms**  
Psalms 110, 150

### Third Service

Genesis 3.1-15  
John 12.27-36a  
**Morning Psalms**  
Psalms 2, 8, 146

## Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you,  
because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

**Alleluia.**

## Intercession

Let us pray to the Father through his Son,  
who suffered on the cross for the world's redemption.

Fill with your Spirit Christ's broken body, the Church ...  
Give to Christian people everywhere a deep longing  
to take up the cross and to understand its mysterious glory.

By the Saviour's cross and passion,

**Lord, save us and help us.**

Bless those who lead the Church's worship ...

In the preaching of the word  
and the celebration of the sacraments,  
draw your people close to you.

By the Saviour's cross and passion,

**Lord, save us and help us.**

Give your grace to those who preach your word to the nations ...

Help us to witness to the faith we have received  
by our words and in our deeds,  
and daily conform us more and more to Christ,  
that we may glory in his cross.

By the Saviour's cross and passion,

**Lord, save us and help us.**

Look in your mercy upon the world you loved so much  
that you sent your Son to suffer and to die ...

Strengthen those who work to share  
the reconciliation won at such a cost upon the cross.

By the Saviour's cross and passion,

**Lord, save us and help us.**

Bring healing by the wounds of Christ  
to all who are weighed down by pain and injustice ...  
Help the lonely and the betrayed, the suffering and the dying,  
to find strength in the companionship of Jesus,  
and in his passion to know their salvation.  
By the Saviour's cross and passion,  
**Lord, save us and help us.**

Welcome into paradise all who have left this world in  
your friendship ...  
According to your promises,  
bring them with all your saints  
to share in the benefits of Christ's death and resurrection.  
By the Saviour's cross and passion,  
**Lord, save us and help us.**

**Holy God, holy and strong,  
holy and immortal,  
have mercy on us.**

### *Introduction to the Peace*

Once we were far off,  
but now in union with Christ Jesus we have been brought near  
through the shedding of Christ's blood,  
for he is our peace.

*Ephesians 2.13*

*(or)*

Christ is our peace.  
He has reconciled us to God  
in one body by the cross.  
We meet in his name and share his peace.

### *Prayer at the Preparation of the Table*

Merciful God,  
through the death of your beloved Son  
you transformed an instrument of shame  
into a sign of hope and glory.  
Receive all we bring before you this day,  
and renew us in the mystery of his love;  
through the same Jesus Christ,  
the Lord of glory.

## *Preface*

And now we give you thanks  
because, for our salvation,  
he was obedient even to death on the cross.  
The tree of shame was made the tree of glory;  
and where life was lost, there life has been restored.

*(or)*

And now we give you thanks  
because for our sins he was lifted high upon the cross,  
that he might draw the whole world to himself;  
and, by his suffering and death,  
became the source of eternal salvation  
for all who put their trust in him.

*(or)*

And now we give you thanks  
that through his suffering and death  
you have brought life to the whole world  
and moved our hearts to praise your glory.  
The power of the cross reveals your judgement on this world  
and the kingship of Christ crucified.

### *Extended Preface*

It is indeed right and good,  
our duty and our joy,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks,  
holy Father, almighty and eternal God,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Today we celebrate with songs of praise  
the cross, the victory-sign of Christ.  
Once through the fruit of the forbidden tree we fell,  
now through this tree our Saviour cancels all our sin.  
An instrument of shameful death  
has become for Christ a throne of glory.  
The power of the life-giving cross  
reveals the judgement that has come upon the world  
and the triumph of Christ crucified.  
And so, with choirs of angels  
and with all the heavenly host,  
we proclaim your glory  
and join their unending hymn of praise:

### *Post Communion*

Faithful God,  
whose Son bore our sins in his body on the tree  
and gave us this sacrament to show forth his death until he comes:  
give us grace to glory in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
for he is our salvation, our life and our hope,  
who reigns as Lord, now and for ever.

### *Blessing*

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

### Acclamation

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you;

**by your holy cross, you have redeemed the world.**

God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong.

**We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.**

We preach Christ crucified,

the power of God and the wisdom of God.

**By your holy cross, you have redeemed the world.**

God forbid that I should glory,

save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you;**

**by your holy cross, you have redeemed the world.**

*cf 1 Corinthians 1 and Galatians 6*

### Short Passages of Scripture

Jesus said,

‘When I am lifted up from the earth,

I will draw all people to myself.’

*John 12.32*

May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus

Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to

the world.

*Galatians 6.14*

Through Christ God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things,

whether on earth or in heaven,

by making peace through the blood of his cross.

*Colossians 1.20*

*21 September***Matthew**  
Apostle and Evangelist*Red**Collect*

O Almighty God,  
 whose blessed Son called Matthew the tax collector  
 to be an apostle and evangelist:  
 give us grace to forsake the selfish pursuit of gain  
     and the possessive love of riches  
 that we may follow in the way of your Son Jesus Christ,  
 who is alive and reigns with you,  
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
 one God, now and for ever.

*Lectionary***Principal Service**

Proverbs 3.13-18  
 Psalm 119.65-72  
 2 Corinthians 4.1-6  
 Matthew 9.9-13

**Second Service**

Ecclesiastes 5.4-12  
 Matthew 19.16-end  
**Evening Psalm**  
 Psalm 119.33-40, 89-96

**Third Service**

1 Kings 19.15-end  
 2 Timothy 3.14-end  
**Morning Psalms**  
 Psalms 49, 117

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29 September

**Michael and All Angels**

White

*Invitation to Confession*

We have come to Mount Zion,  
 the city of the living God,  
 the heavenly Jerusalem,  
 to myriads of angels,  
 to God, the judge of all,  
 and to Jesus the mediator of a new covenant.  
 Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith.

*Hebrews 12.22-24**Kyrie Confession*

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;  
 the whole earth is full of his glory.  
 Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

Woe is me, for I am lost;  
 I am a person of unclean lips.  
 Christ, have mercy.  
**Christ, have mercy.**

Our guilt is taken away,  
 and our sin is forgiven.  
 Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

*Collect*

Everlasting God,  
 you have ordained and constituted  
     the ministries of angels and mortals in a wonderful order:  
 grant that as your holy angels always serve you in heaven,  
 so, at your command,  
 they may help and defend us on earth;  
 through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
 who is alive and reigns with you,  
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
 one God, now and for ever.

## Lectionary

### Principal Service

Genesis 28.10-17  
Psalm 103.19-end  
Revelation 12.7-12  
John 1.47-end

(or)

Revelation 12.7-12  
Psalm 103.19-22  
Hebrews 1.5-end  
John 1.47-end

### Second Service

Daniel 10.4-end  
Revelation 5  
**Evening Psalms**  
Psalms 138, 148

### Third Service

Tobit 12.6-22  
or Daniel 12.1-4  
Acts 12.1-11  
**Morning Psalms**  
Psalms 34, 150

## Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.

Bless the Lord, all you his hosts,  
you ministers of his who do his will.

*Psalms 103.21*

**Alleluia.**

## Intercession

In the power of the Spirit,  
and in union with Christ,  
let us pray to the Father.

Father in heaven,  
by his blood your Christ has ransomed us to you,  
and has made us a kingdom and priests to you our God.  
As the angels minister to you in heaven,  
strengthen your Church to serve you here on earth.  
Lord, hear us,  
**Lord, graciously hear us.**

Father in heaven,  
when the angels greeted the birth of your Son  
they sang for joy 'Glory to God and peace on earth'.  
Bless with Christ's peace the nations of the world.  
Lord, hear us,  
**Lord, graciously hear us.**

Father in heaven,

your Son has promised to your children  
 the care of the guardian angels who look upon your face.  
 Protect by your mercy our neighbours, families and friends.  
 Lord, hear us,  
**Lord, graciously hear us.**

Father in heaven,  
 you give your angels charge over those who trust in you  
 to guard them in all their ways.  
 Be with those in trouble ... ,  
 rescue them and show them your salvation.  
 Lord, hear us,  
**Lord, graciously hear us.**

Father in heaven,  
 your angel declares 'Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord.'  
 'Blessed indeed,' says the Spirit,  
 'for they may rest from their labours,  
 for they take with them the record of their deeds.'  
 Enfold in your love [... and] all who come in faith  
 to your judgement seat in heaven.  
 Lord, hear us,  
**Lord, graciously hear us.**

Father in heaven,  
 the angels sing by day and night around your throne:  
 'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God almighty.'  
 With Michael, prince of the angels, who contends by our side,  
 with Gabriel, your herald, who brings glad tidings,  
 with Raphael, the protector, who ministers your healing,  
 and with the whole company of heaven,  
 we worship you, we give you glory,  
 we sing your praise and exalt you for ever.  
**Amen.**

### *Introduction to the Peace*

Hear again the song of the angels:  
 'Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace.'

### *Prayer at the Preparation of the Table*

God of glory,  
as you appointed angels to minister in your presence,  
so may all our worship bring you worthy praise;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### *Preface*

Through him the archangels sing your praise,  
the angels fulfil your commands,  
the cherubim and seraphim continually proclaim your holiness;  
the whole company of heaven glorifies your name  
and rejoices to do your will.  
Therefore we pray that our voices may be heard with theirs,  
for ever praising you and *saying*:

*(or)*

And now we give you thanks  
and praise your holy name  
because the splendour of your faithful angels and archangels  
shows us your greatness,  
which surpasses in goodness the whole of creation.  
So as the hosts of angels rejoice in your glory,  
we give you, their Creator, glory and worship.  
In adoration and joy we make their hymn of praise our own:

### *Extended Preface*

It is indeed right and good,  
our duty and our salvation,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks,  
Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God,  
through your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.  
You reveal your wise purpose  
for the salvation of the human race  
by assigning to the angels and archangels  
the ministry of your steadfast love and protection.  
While they contemplate your glory,  
standing before you and singing your praise,  
they keep a faithful vigil for us,  
guarding us along the way that leads to life,  
and guiding us towards the kingdom of your light.  
In joyful gladness we unite our voices with theirs  
and sing the ageless hymn of your praise:

### *Post Communion*

Lord of heaven,  
in this eucharist you have brought us near  
to an innumerable company of angels  
and to the spirits of the saints made perfect:  
as in this food of our earthly pilgrimage  
we have shared their fellowship,  
so may we come to share their joy in heaven;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### *Blessing*

God keep you in the fellowship of his saints;  
Christ protect you by the ministry of the angels;  
the Spirit make you holy in God's service;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

*(or)*

God bring you to the home  
that Christ prepares for all who love him.

**Amen.**

God give you the will to live each day  
in life eternal.

**Amen.**

God make you citizens of heaven,  
with the whole company of the redeemed.

**Amen.**

And the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

**Amen.**

### *Ending*

Blessing and honour and thanksgiving and praise  
more than we can utter, more than we can conceive,  
be to you, most holy and glorious Trinity,  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
from all angels, and all people, all creatures  
for ever and ever.

### *Acclamation*

The Lord commands his angels

**to keep you in all your ways.**

Give thanks to the Lord, all his angels, mighty in power,

**who fulfil his command and heed the voice of his word.**

Give thanks to the Lord, all his hosts,

**his servants that do his will.**

Give thanks to the Lord, all his works,

in every place where he rules,

**my soul, give thanks to the Lord.**

For he commands his angels,

**to keep you in all your ways.**

### *Short Passages of Scripture*

Mortals ate the bread of angels;  
the Lord sent them food in plenty.

*Psalm 78.25*

Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights.  
Praise him, all you his angels; praise him all his host. *Psalm 148.1,2*

And the angel said to me, 'Write this:  
Blessed are those who are invited  
to the marriage supper of the Lamb.'

*Revelation 19.9*

*18 October***Luke**  
Evangelist*Red**Collect*

Almighty God,  
 you called Luke the physician,  
 whose praise is in the gospel,  
 to be an evangelist and physician of the soul:  
 by the grace of the Spirit  
 and through the wholesome medicine of the gospel,  
 give your Church the same love and power to heal;  
 through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
 who is alive and reigns with you,  
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
 one God, now and for ever.

*Lectionary***Principal Service**

Isaiah 35.3-6  
 or Acts 16.6-12a  
 Psalm 147.1-7  
 2 Timothy 4.5-17  
 Luke 10.1-9

**Second Service**

Ecclesiasticus 38.1-14  
 or Isaiah 61.1-6  
 Colossians 4.7-end  
**Evening Psalm**  
 Psalm 103

**Third Service**

Isaiah 55  
 Luke 1.1-4  
**Morning Psalms**  
 Psalms 145, 146

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28 October

**Simon and Jude**

Red

Apostles

**Collect**

Almighty God,  
 who built your Church upon the foundation  
 of the apostles and prophets,  
 with Jesus Christ himself as the chief cornerstone:  
 so join us together in unity of spirit by their doctrine,  
 that we may be made a holy temple acceptable to you;  
 through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
 who is alive and reigns with you,  
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
 one God, now and for ever.

**Lectionary****Principal Service**

Isaiah 28.14-16  
 Psalm 119.89-96  
 Ephesians 2.19-end  
 John 15.17-end

**Second Service**

I Maccabees 2.42-66  
 or Jeremiah 3.11-18  
 Jude 1-4,17-end  
**Evening Psalm**  
 Psalm 119.1-16

**Third Service**

Wisdom 5.1-16  
 or Isaiah 45.18-end  
 Luke 6.12-16  
**Morning Psalms**  
 Psalms 116, 117

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30 November

**Andrew**  
Apostle

Red

*Collect*

Almighty God,  
who gave such grace to your apostle Saint Andrew  
that he readily obeyed the call of your Son Jesus Christ  
and brought his brother with him:  
call us by your holy word,  
and give us grace to follow you without delay  
and to tell the good news of your kingdom;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*Lectionary*

**Principal Service**

Isaiah 52.7-10  
Psalm 19.1-6  
Romans 10.12-18  
Matthew 4.18-22

**Second Service**

Zechariah 8.20-end  
John 1.35-42  
**Evening Psalms**  
Psalms 87, 96

**Third Service**

Ezekiel 47.1-12  
or Ecclesiasticus 14.20-end  
John 12.20-32  
**Morning Psalms**  
Psalms 47, 147.1-12

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26 December

**Stephen** Red  
Deacon, First Martyr

### *Invitation to Confession*

As Stephen rebuked God's people  
for not listening to the word of God,  
let us confess our stubbornness and sin which resist the Holy Spirit.

### *Kyrie Confession*

You call us to listen to your voice.  
Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

You command us to flee from idolatry.  
Christ, have mercy.  
**Christ, have mercy.**

You ask us to forgive our persecutors.  
Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

### *Collect*

Gracious Father,  
who gave the first martyr Stephen  
grace to pray for those who took up stones against him:  
grant that in all our sufferings for the truth  
we may learn to love even our enemies  
and to seek forgiveness for those who desire our hurt,  
looking up to heaven to him who was crucified for us,  
Jesus Christ, our mediator and advocate,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

## Lectionary

### Principal Service

2 Chronicles 24.20-22  
Psalm 119.161-168  
Acts 7.51-end  
Matthew 10.17-22

(or)

Acts 7.51-60  
Psalm 119.161-168  
Galatians 2.16b-20  
Matthew 10.17-22

### Second Service

Genesis 4.1-10  
Matthew 23.34-end  
**Evening Psalms**  
Psalms 57, 86

### Third Service

Jeremiah 26.12-15  
Acts 6  
**Morning Psalms**  
Psalms 13, 31.1-8, 150

## Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.

I see the heavens opened

and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God. Acts 7.56

**Alleluia.**

## Intercession

Full of the Holy Spirit, let us approach the throne of grace,  
and bring our prayers to Jesus the Lord.

Incarnate Lord,  
you came down to earth from heaven  
to embrace the pain and sorrows of our sinful world,  
for the cause of truth.

We pray for all Christians who are persecuted ...

We pray for all who hold authority over people  
as political or religious leaders,  
that they may exercise their power with justice  
and for the common good ...

We pray for those who use violence to silence their opponents ...

We pray for grace to witness to your truth with constancy and faith  
and to bear the cost of following your righteous ways.

We pray for those for whom the joy of this holy season is  
overshadowed by pain, grief or failure ...

We remember all who have gone before us looking for the vision  
of your heavenly glory ...

We rejoice in our communion with Stephen  
and all the saints and martyrs,  
whose hope was in you, the Word made flesh  
and with whom we for evermore are one.

Lord, receive our prayers  
and perfect them by your heavenly intercession,  
to the glory of the Father.

**Amen.**

### *Introduction to the Peace*

Jesus said, 'In the world you face persecution.  
But take courage; I have conquered the world.'

*John 16.33*

### *Prayer at the Preparation of the Table*

Look upon us in mercy not in judgement;  
draw us from hatred to love;  
make the frailty of our praise  
a dwelling place for your glory.

### *Preface*

And now we give you thanks  
for the example of your chosen servant Stephen;  
as a deacon he preached the good news of your Kingdom;  
he saw your glory, and as the first martyr  
he committed his spirit to the Saviour.

### *Extended Preface*

All glory and honour be yours always and everywhere,  
mighty creator, ever-living God,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
For love of us fallen sinners  
he most wonderfully and humbly chose to be made human,  
and to take our nature upon him,  
so that we might be born again by your Spirit  
and restored in your image.  
The love that brought him down to earth  
lifted your martyr Stephen from earth to heaven.  
By that love he spoke your word  
with wisdom and the Spirit;  
by that love he saw your glory  
and Jesus at your right hand;  
by that love he overcame the anger of his accusers  
and forgave their cruelty;  
by that love he committed his spirit into your hands  
and won the crown of righteousness.  
Therefore with all the angels of heaven  
we lift our voices to proclaim the glory of your name  
and sing our joyful hymn of praise:

### *Post Communion*

Merciful Lord,  
we thank you for the signs of your mercy  
revealed in birth and death:  
save us by the coming of your Son,  
and give us joy in honouring Stephen,  
first martyr of the new Israel;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### *Blessing*

God give you grace to be faithful witnesses,  
to see heaven opened  
and the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

### *Acclamation*

Stephen, full of grace and power,  
**did great wonders and signs among the people.**  
Precious in the sight of the Lord  
**is the death of his saints.**

### *Short Passages of Scripture*

Stephen, full of grace and power,  
did great signs and wonders among the people. *Acts 6.8*

I see the heavens opened  
and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God.  
Lord Jesus, receive my spirit. *Acts 7.56,59*

27 December

**John** White  
Apostle and Evangelist

### *Invitation to Confession*

Hear what Saint John says:

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves,  
and the truth is not in us.

If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just,  
and will forgive us our sins, and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*1 John 1.8,9*

### *Kyrie Confession*

Lord Jesus, you are the Lamb of God  
who takes away the sin of the world.

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you came not to condemn the world,  
but that the world might be saved.

Christ, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you are the Saviour of the world.

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

### *Collect*

Merciful Lord,

cast your bright beams of light upon the Church:  
that, being enlightened by the teaching

of your blessed apostle and evangelist Saint John,  
we may so walk in the light of your truth

that we may at last attain to the light of everlasting life;

through Jesus Christ your incarnate Son our Lord,

who is alive and reigns with you,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever.

## Lectionary

### Principal Service

Exodus 33.7-11a  
 Psalm 117  
 1 John 1  
 John 21.19b-end

### Second Service

Isaiah 6.1-8  
 1 John 5.1-12  
**Evening Psalm**  
 Psalm 97

### Third Service

Exodus 33.12-end  
 1 John 2.1-11  
**Morning Psalms**  
 Psalms 21, 147.13-end

## Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.

The Word became flesh and dwelt among us,  
 and we have seen his glory.

*John 1.14*

**Alleluia.**

## Intercession

Rejoicing in the love and life of God made visible among us,  
 let us pray to Jesus, the only-begotten Son.

Bread of life,

your beloved disciple John has brought us your living word,  
 inspire all evangelists and teachers to build up your Church ...

Light of the world,

illuminate the dark places of this world,  
 where sin, violence and death cast their shadow over human lives ...

Door of the sheepfold,

protect all who are in trouble or danger,  
 and give grace to our loved ones, families and friends ...

Way, truth and life,

minister to all who are lost, misguided or without faith;  
 bind up the broken, and give rest to the weary ...

Resurrection and the life,

raise us up at the last day  
 with all who have gone before us in faith,  
 with those whom we love but see no longer,  
 with John and all your saints,  
 that in your Father's house we may come to the place  
 you have prepared for us.

Incarnate Lord, accept these our prayers  
 for the sake of your most holy name.

**Amen.**

### *Introduction to the Peace*

Jesus says, 'Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.  
I do not give to you as the world gives.' *John 14.27*

### *Prayer at the Preparation of the Table*

Word made flesh, life of the world,  
in your incarnation you embraced our poverty:  
by your Spirit may we share in your riches.

### *Preface*

And now we give you thanks  
for the grace and truth shown forth  
in John, your evangelist and apostle;  
by the light of Christ's appearing  
we behold your glory  
and are born again to life eternal.

### *Extended Preface*

All glory and honour be yours always and everywhere,  
mighty creator, ever-living God,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord;  
for he is the Word before all creation,  
the Life made manifest,  
the Light who shines in the darkness.  
He is the living Bread who has come down from heaven,  
the Good Shepherd, who lays down his life for the sheep,  
the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.  
He stands among us in his risen power,  
and shows us his hands and his side.  
With joy we worship him as our Lord and our God.  
Therefore with all the angels of heaven  
we lift our voices to proclaim the glory of your name  
and sing our joyful hymn of praise:

### *Post Communion*

Grant, O Lord, we pray,  
that the Word made flesh  
proclaimed by your apostle John  
may, by the celebration of these holy mysteries,  
ever abide and live within us;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### *Blessing*

Grace from the eternal Father be with you;  
grace from the Word made flesh be with you;  
grace from the Spirit of truth be with you;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

### *Acclamation*

This is the message we have heard,  
**the message we proclaim:**  
that God is light.

**In him there is no darkness at all.**

If we walk in the light

**as he is in the light,**

we have fellowship with one another,

**and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.**

### *Short Passages of Scripture*

These things are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus  
is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may  
have life in his name. *John 20.31*

This is the disciple who is bearing witness to these things,  
and we know that his testimony is true. *John 21.24*

28 December

**The Holy Innocents**

Red

*Invitation to Confession*

On this day when we recall the murder of innocent lives,  
let us stand before our just and holy God,  
and remembering the violence and injustice of our world,  
confess our sins in penitence and faith.

*Kyrie Confession*

You are the God of the weak and the vulnerable.

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

You judge the tyrant and the cruel.

Christ, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

You wipe away the tears of the broken-hearted.

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

*Collect*

Heavenly Father,  
whose children suffered at the hands of Herod,  
though they had done no wrong:  
by the suffering of your Son  
and by the innocence of our lives  
frustrate all evil designs  
and establish your reign of justice and peace;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*Lectionary***Principal Service**

Jeremiah 31.15-17  
Psalm 124  
1 Corinthians 1.26-29  
Matthew 2.13-18

**Second Service**

Isaiah 49.14-25  
Mark 10.13-16  
**Evening Psalms**  
Psalms 123, 128

**Third Service**

Baruch 4.21-27  
or Genesis 37.13-20  
Matthew 18.1-10  
**Morning Psalms**  
Psalms 36, 146

### *Gospel Acclamation*

Alleluia, alleluia.

Never despise these little ones;  
their guardian angels in heaven look continuously  
on the face of my heavenly Father.

*Matthew 18.10*

**Alleluia.**

### *Intercession*

In peace let us pray to the God of love.

Righteous God,  
your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ dwelt among us  
and shared our grief and our pain.

We pray for the children of our world,  
that they may grow up knowing love and security.

*Silence is kept.*

We pray for all children who suffer physical or mental abuse.

*Silence is kept.*

We pray for all communities in our world  
who live with the memories of massacre and gross cruelty.

*Silence is kept.*

We pray for all who are corrupted by power  
and who regard human life as cheap.

*Silence is kept.*

We pray for parents who have suffered the death of a child.

*Silence is kept.*

We pray for parents and guardians,  
that they may be given grace to care for the children  
entrusted to them.

*Silence is kept.*

As we celebrate the coming of the Christ-child,  
we rejoice in the fellowship of the Holy Innocents  
and commit the children of this community,  
our nation and our world to you,  
our righteous God.

Merciful Father,  
**accept these prayers  
for the sake of your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ.  
Amen.**

### *Introduction to the Peace*

'I will comfort you,' says the Lord, 'as a mother comforts her child,  
and you shall be comforted.' *Isaiah 66.13*

### *Prayer at the Preparation of the Table*

Pour upon the poverty of our love,  
and the weakness of our praise,  
the transforming fire of your presence.

### *Preface*

And now we give you thanks  
for the witness of the infants who died cruelly,  
not knowing the newborn Christ,  
that your grace might be made perfect in human weakness,  
and the way of salvation prepared in our sinful world.

### *Extended Preface*

All glory and honour be yours always and everywhere,  
mighty creator, ever-living God,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
In love for our fallen human race,  
you sent your Son into the world to lighten our darkness.  
In his life  
he rejoiced in the innocence and beauty of children;  
in his death  
he carried in his body the violence and cruelty of our world;  
in his resurrection  
he brought life and salvation to his people  
and began the new creation.  
As our ascended and merciful high priest,  
he hears our cries and knows our grief;  
and will come as universal Lord to whom all must give account.  
Therefore with all the angels of heaven  
we lift our voices to proclaim the glory of your name  
and sing our joyful hymn of praise:

### *Post Communion*

Lord Jesus Christ,  
in your humility you have stooped to share our human life  
with the most defenceless of your children:  
may we who have received these gifts of your passion  
rejoice in celebrating the witness of the Holy Innocents  
to the purity of your sacrifice  
made once for all upon the cross;  
for you are alive and reign, now and for ever.

### *Blessing*

God, who gives life to the dead and comfort to the desolate,  
sustain you, keep you and console you,  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

### *Acclamation*

Let the little children come to me  
**for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.**  
Whoever does not receive the kingdom of heaven like a child  
**will never enter it.**

### *Short Passages of Scripture*

I will turn their mourning into joy;  
I will comfort them and give them gladness for sorrow.

*Jeremiah 31.13*

They have been ransomed as the first fruits of humankind,  
and they follow the Lamb wherever he goes.

*Revelation 14.4*

**Dedication Festival***Gold or  
White**Invitation to Confession*

We are a temple of God's indwelling Holy Spirit,  
yet we have grieved him.  
The temple of our bodies does not belong to us,  
but was bought at the price of Christ's precious blood.  
So we come, in sorrow yet with confidence,  
to ask forgiveness of our Father in heaven.

*Kyrie Confession*

Zeal for your house has eaten me up  
and the taunts of those who taunt you have fallen upon me.  
Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

I would rather stand at the threshold of the house of my God  
than dwell in the tents of ungodliness.

Christ, have mercy.  
**Christ, have mercy.**

The Lord will defend your coming out and your coming in  
from this time forward for evermore.  
Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

*Collect*

Almighty God,  
to whose glory we celebrate the dedication  
of this house of prayer:  
we praise you for the many blessings  
you have given to those who worship you here;  
and we pray that all who seek you in this place may find you,  
and, being filled with the Holy Spirit,  
may become a living temple acceptable to you;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

## Lectionary

|  | Year A  | Year B  | Year C  |
|--|---|---|---|
| <b>Principal Service</b>                                     | I Kings 8.22-30<br>or Revelation 21.9-14<br>Psalm 122<br>Hebrews 12.18-24<br>Matthew 21.12-16                             | Genesis 28.11-18<br>or Revelation 21.9-14<br>Psalm 122<br>I Peter 2.1-10<br>John 10.22-29 | I Chronicles 29.6-19<br>Psalm 122<br>Ephesians 2.19-end<br>John 2.13-22     |
| <b>Second Service</b>  | Jeremiah 7.1-11<br>I Corinthians 3.9-17<br>Gospel at Holy Communion:<br>Luke 19.1-10<br><b>Evening Psalm</b><br>Psalm 132 | Jeremiah 7.1-11<br>Luke 19.1-10<br><b>Evening Psalm</b><br>Psalm 132                      | Jeremiah 7.1-11<br>Luke 19.1-10<br><b>Evening Psalm</b><br>Psalm 132        |
| <b>Third Service (Readings for Years A,B,C are the same)</b> | Haggai 2.6-9<br>Hebrews 10.19-25<br><b>Morning Psalms</b><br>Psalms 48, 150   | Haggai 2.6-9<br>Hebrews 10.19-25<br><b>Morning Psalms</b><br>Psalms 48, 150               | Haggai 2.6-9<br>Hebrews 10.19-25<br><b>Morning Psalms</b><br>Psalms 48, 150 |

## Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.

Lord, we love the house of your habitation  
and the place where your glory abides.

*cf Psalm 26.8*

**Alleluia.**

## Intercession

The risen Christ is here in the midst of us.  
We bring our prayers to him as Lord of the Church.

For the Church universal,  
of which these buildings are a visible symbol,  
**Lord, receive our thanks and prayer.**

For this congregation,  
as we remember your promise  
that when two or three are gathered in your name  
you are there in the midst of them,  
**Lord, receive our thanks and prayer.**

For this place, that we may be still and know that you are God,  
**Lord, receive our thanks and prayer.**

For the fulfilling of our desires and petitions as you see best for us,  
**Lord, receive our thanks and prayer.**

For your blessings in the past and for a vision for the future,  
**Lord, receive our thanks and prayer.**

For the gift of the Holy Spirit and new life in baptism,  
**Lord, receive our thanks and prayer.**

For the pardon of our sins when we fall short of your glory,  
**Lord, receive our thanks and prayer.**

For a foretaste of your eternal kingdom  
in the sacrament of the eucharist,  
**Lord, receive our thanks and prayer.**

For the blessing of our vows  
and the crowning of our years with your goodness,  
**Lord, receive our thanks and prayer.**

For the faith of those who have gone before us  
and for grace to persevere like them,  
**Lord, receive our thanks and prayer.**

For the benefactors of this place who have died in the  
peace of Christ  
and are at rest,  
**Lord, receive our thanks and prayer.**

For a sense of our fellowship with [*N our patron and*] all your saints,  
**Lord, receive our thanks and prayer.**

O God, from living stones  
you prepare an everlasting dwelling-place for your majesty.  
Grant that in the power of the Holy Spirit  
those who serve you here  
may always be kept within your presence.  
This we pray through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

### *Introduction to the Peace*

Peace to this house from God our heavenly Father.  
Peace to this house from his Son who is our peace.  
Peace to this house from the Holy Spirit, the life-giver.

### *Prayer at the Preparation of the Table*

Lord, teach us how to repay you for your goodness towards us.  
We will lift up the cup of salvation  
and call upon your name.

### *Preface*

And now we give you thanks  
for your blessing on this house of prayer,  
where through your grace we offer you the sacrifice of praise  
and are built by your Spirit into a temple made without hands,  
even the body of your Son Jesus Christ.

*(or)*

And now we give you thanks that,  
though the heaven of heavens cannot contain you,  
and your glory is in all the world,  
yet you chose to hallow places for your worship,  
and in them you pour forth gifts of grace  
upon your faithful people.

### *Extended Preface*

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks,  
almighty and eternal Father,  
enthroned upon the praises of your people.  
We thank you for this house of prayer,  
in which you bless your family  
as we come to you in pilgrimage.  
Here you reveal your presence in sacramental signs  
and make us one with you through the unseen bond of grace.  
Here you build your temple of living stones  
and bring the Church to its full stature  
as the body of Christ throughout the world,  
to reach its perfection at last  
in the heavenly city of Jerusalem,  
which is the vision of your peace.  
Therefore, in union with the heavenly Jerusalem,  
with angels in joyful assembly,  
with all whose names are written in heaven  
and with the spirits of the righteous made perfect,  
we lift up our voices to join in the triumphal song of praise:

### *Post Communion*

Father in heaven,  
 whose Church on earth is a sign of your heavenly peace,  
 an image of the new and eternal Jerusalem:  
 grant to us in the days of our pilgrimage  
 that, fed with the living bread of heaven,  
 and united in the body of your Son,  
 we may be the temple of your presence,  
 the place of your glory on earth,  
 and a sign of your peace in the world;  
 through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### *Blessing*

Christ, whose glory is in the heavens,  
 fill this house and illuminate your hearts;  
 and the blessing of God almighty,  
 the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
 be among you and remain with you always.

*(or)*

God has given you the citizenship of heaven,  
 with his blessed and beloved,  
 and the whole company of the redeemed.

**Amen.**

God give you the will to live each day in life eternal.

**Amen.**

God bring you to the home  
 that Christ prepares for all who love him.

**Amen.**

And the blessing of God almighty,  
 the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
 be among you and remain with you always.

**Amen.**

### *Dismissal*

Like living stones, precious in his sight,  
 go in peace to proclaim the mighty acts of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

*For an alternative dismissal for a Dedication Festival, see Common  
 Worship: Times and Seasons, pages 525–526.*

## Acclamation

How awesome is this place.

**This is none other than the house of God,  
and this is the gateway of heaven.**

I saw a ladder which rested on the ground  
with its top reaching to heaven,  
and the angels of God were going up and down it.

**This is none other than the house of God,  
and this is the gateway of heaven.**

You will see greater things than this.

You will see heaven wide open,  
and God's angels ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.

**This is none other than the house of God,  
and this is the gateway of heaven.**

You are the temple of the living God,  
and the Spirit of God dwells in you.

The temple of God is holy, and you are that temple.

**This is none other than the house of God,  
and this is the gateway of heaven.**

## Short Passages of Scripture

How awesome is this place!

This is none other than the house of God,  
and this is the gate of heaven.

*Genesis 28.17*

We have waited on your loving-kindness, O God,  
in the midst of your temple.

*Psalm 48.9*

Unless the Lord builds the house,  
those who build it labour in vain.

*Psalm 127.1*

God is spirit,

and those who worship him must worship in spirit and in truth.

*John 4.24*

Like living stones,  
let yourselves be built into a spiritual house,  
to be a holy priesthood,  
to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God  
through Jesus Christ.

*1 Peter 2.5*



