

Common of the Saints

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The Blessed Virgin Mary White

Invitation to Confession

We have done what was wrong in the Lord's sight
and chosen what displeased him.
Yet as a mother comforts her child,
so shall the Lord himself comfort us.
So let us come to him who knows our every deed and thought.

(or)

Born of a woman, born under the law,
Christ has redeemed us from the curse of sin:
let us come to him that he may heal us and set us free:

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

Almighty and everlasting God,
 who stooped to raise fallen humanity
 through the child-bearing of blessed Mary:
 grant that we, who have seen your glory
 revealed in our human nature
 and your love made perfect in our weakness,
 may daily be renewed in your image
 and conformed to the pattern of your Son
 Jesus Christ our Lord,
 who is alive and reigns with you,
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 one God, now and for ever.

Lectionary

Genesis 3.8-15,20; Isaiah 7.10-14; Micah 5.1-4
 Psalms 45.10-17; 113; 131
 Acts 1.12-14; Romans 8.18-30; Galatians 4.4-7
 Luke 1.26-38 or 1.39-47; John 19.25-27

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.

My soul magnifies the Lord
 and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour.

Luke 1.46,47

Alleluia.

(or)

Alleluia, alleluia.

My spirit rejoices in God my Saviour,
 for he has looked with favour on
 the lowliness of his servant.

Luke 1.47,48

Alleluia.

(or)

Alleluia, alleluia.

Greetings, favoured one. The Lord is with you.
 Blessed are you among women,
 and blessed is the fruit of your womb.

cf Luke 1.28,42

Alleluia.

(or)

Alleluia, alleluia.

Hail, Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you.

Blessed are you among women,
and blessed is the fruit of your womb.

cf Luke 1.28,42

Alleluia.

Intercession

As we pray to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
we say with Mary:

Lord, have mercy on those who fear you.

Holy is your name.

Your prophet of old foretold a day when a virgin would conceive
and bear a son who would be called God-with-us.

Help us to look forward to your deliverance
and to seek the fullness of your kingdom.

Lord, have mercy on those who fear you.

Holy is your name.

Your angel declared to Mary that she was to be
the mother of the Saviour.

Help [... and] every Christian person to be open to your word
and obedient to your will.

Lord, have mercy on those who fear you.

Holy is your name.

Mary rejoiced with Elizabeth and sang your praise,
'My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord.'

Help us to live joyful lives that sing your praise.

Lord, have mercy on those who fear you.

Holy is your name.

Mary bore a son of David's line,
a king whose reign would never end.

Bless [... and] all the nations of the world with Christ's gift of peace.

Lord, have mercy on those who fear you.

Holy is your name.

The child Jesus grew in wisdom and stature
in the home of Mary and Joseph.

Strengthen our homes and families,

and keep under your protection [... and] all those whom we love.

Lord, have mercy on those who fear you.

Holy is your name.

At the foot of the cross of Christ stood his mother,
and from the cross she received his lifeless body in her arms.
Give comfort and healing to [... and] all who suffer
and all who watch the suffering of those they love.
Lord, have mercy on those who fear you.

Holy is your name.

The apostle John saw a vision of a woman in heaven,
robed with the sun.

Bring us with [... and] all those who have died in the faith of Christ
to share the joy of heaven with Mary and all the saints.
Lord, have mercy on those who fear you.

Holy is your name.

Almighty and everlasting God,
your handmaid Mary magnified your name
and rejoiced in your saving love:
trusting in that same love,
we ask all these our prayers
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

Introduction to the Peace

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

Isaiah 9.6

Prayer at the Preparation of the Table

God our Father,
your handmaid Mary fed your Son at her virgin breast.
Nourish us at this table with the bread of heaven
and the cup of 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.

(or)

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.

(or)

And now we give you thanks
that he is your eternal Son, the King of glory.
When he took our flesh to set us free
he did not abhor the Virgin's womb.
Seated at your right hand in glory,
he will come to be our judge
and to bring us with the saints to glory everlasting.

(or)

And now we give you thanks
because he shared our life in human form
from the warmth of Mary's womb
to the stillness of the grave.

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 the 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:

(or)

It is indeed right and good,
 our duty and our salvation,
 almighty Father, ever-living God,
 to give you thanks and praise
 for the work of your grace in the Blessed Virgin Mary.
 For by the overshadowing of your Holy Spirit
 she conceived and bore the Word made flesh.
 At the cross she kept her vigil,
 and saw the saving work of your Son brought to its perfection.
 She rejoiced in his resurrection,
 and joining her prayers with those of the apostles,
 was filled with the gift of your promised Spirit.
 In her you show us the greatness of your love,
 and the wonderful purpose you intend for all your children.
 Therefore we join our voice with hers,
 and all the company of heaven,
 as they sing with joy the hymn of your glory:

(or)

All glory and honour be yours always and everywhere,
mighty creator, ever-living God.
We give you thanks and praise for your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ,
who for love of our fallen race humbled himself,
was born of the Virgin Mary by the power of your Spirit,
and lived as one of us.
In this mystery of the Word made flesh
you have caused his light to shine in our hearts,
to give knowledge of your glory in the face of Jesus Christ.
In him we see our God made visible
and so are caught up in the love of the God we cannot see.
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:

See also the Extended Preface for the Annunciation (page 55).

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.

(or)

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.

(or)

May the Father,
who has loved the eternal Son
from before the foundation of the world,
shed that love upon you his children.

Amen.

May Christ,
who by his incarnation gathered into one
things earthly and heavenly,
fill you with joy and peace.

Amen.

May the Holy Spirit,
by whose overshadowing Mary became the God-bearer,
give you grace to carry the good news of Christ.

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)

When the Word became flesh
 earth was joined to heaven in the womb of Mary:
 may the love and obedience of Mary be your example.

Amen.

May the peace of Christ
 rule in your hearts and homes.

Amen.

May you be filled with the joy of the Spirit
 and the gifts of your eternal home.

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

Blessed is she who had faith
 that the Lord's promise would be fulfilled.

All generations shall call her blessed.

So tenderly has he looked upon his servant.

All generations shall call her blessed.

Blessed is she among women and blessed is the fruit of her womb.

All generations shall call her blessed.

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

Holy is his name.

All generations shall call her blessed.

Short Passages of Scripture

Mary said, 'Here am I, the servant of the Lord;
 let it be to me according to your word.'

Luke 1.38

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

Luke 1.45

Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart.

Luke 2.19

Jesus said,

'Blessed are those who hear the word of God and obey it!'

Luke 11.28

Apostles and Evangelists Red

Invitation to Confession

We run the race set before us,
surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses.
Therefore let us lay aside every weight,
and the sin which clings so closely,
bringing them to Jesus in penitence and faith.

Hebrews 12.1

(or)

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

Kyrie Confession

You were sent to preach the good news of light
in the darkness of the world:
Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

You were sent to plant in our hearts the seed of eternal life:
Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

You were sent to reconcile us to yourself
by the shedding of your blood:

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 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.

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. *John 15.15*
Alleluia.

(or)

Alleluia, alleluia.
 I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last. *John 15.16*
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 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,
Grant that your Church
may faithfully hold and make known
the faith that has come to us through the apostles,
that with them and all your saints
we may inherit the glories of eternal life;
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.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

(or)

God our Father,
keep us united in the apostles' teaching and fellowship,
in the breaking of bread and the prayers,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

cf Acts 2.42

Preface

And now we give you thanks
because your Son Jesus Christ after his resurrection
sent forth his apostles and evangelists
to preach the gospel to all nations
and to teach us the way of truth.

(or)

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

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 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.

Ending

May the infinite and glorious Trinity,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
direct our life in good works,
and after our journey through this world,
grant us eternal rest with the saints.

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

Jesus said,
'I am with you always, to the end of the age.'

Matthew 28.20

Do not be afraid:
you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified.
He has been raised; you will see him, just as he told you.

Mark 16.6,7

Jesus said to the disciples,
'Go into all the world
and proclaim the good news to the whole creation.'

Mark 16.15

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

Martyrs *Red**Invitation to Confession*

The saints were faithful unto death
and now dwell in the heavenly kingdom for ever.
As we celebrate their joy,
let us bring to the Lord our sins and weaknesses,
and ask for his mercy.

Kyrie Confession

We are often slow to follow the example of Christ.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

We often fail to be known as Christ's disciples.
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

We often fail to walk the way of the cross.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Collect

Almighty God,
by whose grace and power your holy martyr *N*
triumphed over suffering and was faithful unto death:
strengthen us with your grace,
that we may endure reproach and persecution
and faithfully bear witness to the name
 of 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

2 Chronicles 24.17-21; Isaiah 43.1-7; Jeremiah 11.18-20; Wisdom 4.10-15
 Psalms 3; 11; 31.1-5; 44.18-24; 126
 Romans 8.35-end; 2 Corinthians 4.7-15; 2 Timothy 2.3-7 [8-13]; Hebrews 11.32-end;
 1 Peter 4.12-end; Revelation 12.10-12a
 Matthew 10.16-22 *or* 10.28-39 *or* 16.24-26; John 12.24-26 *or* 15.18-21

Agnes (21 January): *also* Revelation 7.13-end
 Alban (22 June): *especially* 2 Timothy 2.3-13; John 12.24-26
 Alphege (19 April): *also* Hebrews 5.1-4
 Boniface (5 June): *also* Acts 20.24-28
 Charles (30 January): *also* Ecclesiasticus 2.12-end; 1 Timothy 6.12-16
 Clement (23 November): *also* Philippians 3.17-4.3; Matthew 16.13-19
 Cyprian (15 September): *especially* 1 Peter 4.12-end; *also* Matthew 18.18-22
 Edmund (20 November): *also* Proverbs 20.28; 21.1-4, 7
 Ignatius (17 October): *also* Philippians 3.7-12; John 6.52-58
 James Hannington (29 October): *especially* Matthew 10.28-39
 Janani Luwum (17 February): *also* Ecclesiasticus 4.20-28; John 12.24-32
 John Coleridge Patteson (20 September): *especially* 2 Chronicles 24.17-21;
also Acts 7.55-end
 Justin (1 June): *especially* John 15.18-21; *also* 1 Maccabees 2.15-22; 1 Corinthians 1.18-25
 Laurence (10 August): *also* 2 Corinthians 9.6-10
 Lucy (13 December): *also* Wisdom 3.1-7; 2 Corinthians 4.6-15
 Oswald (5 August): *especially* 1 Peter 4.12-end; John 16.29-end
 Perpetua, Felicity and companions (7 March): *especially* Revelation 12.10-12a;
also Wisdom 3.1-7
 Polycarp (23 February): *also* Revelation 2.8-11
 Thomas Becket (29 December *or* 7 July): *especially* Matthew 10.28-33;
also Ecclesiasticus 51.1-8
 William Tyndale (6 October): *also* Proverbs 8.4-11; 2 Timothy 3.12-end

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.

The one who endures to the end will be saved. *Matthew 16.24*

Alleluia.

(*or*)

Alleluia, alleluia.

Whoever would become my followers,

let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.

Alleluia. *John 15.16*

Intercession

[We pray for strength to follow Jesus.
Saviour, we hear your call.

Help us to follow.]

Jesus said: 'Whoever wishes to be great among you
must be your servant.'

Saviour, we hear your call.

Help us to follow.

Jesus said: 'Unless you change
and become humble like little children,
you can never enter the kingdom of heaven.'

Saviour, we hear your call.

Help us to follow.

Jesus said: 'Happy are the humble;
they will receive what God has promised.'

Saviour, we hear your call.

Help us to follow.

Jesus said: 'Be merciful as your Father is merciful;
love your enemies and do good to them.'

Saviour, we hear your call.

Help us to follow.

Jesus said: 'Love one another, as I love you;
there is no greater love than this,
to lay down your life for your friends.'

Saviour, we hear your call.

Help us to follow.

Jesus said: 'Go to people everywhere
and make them my disciples,
and I will be with you always, to the end of time.'

Saviour, we hear your call.

Help us to follow.

God of mercy,
**you know us and love us
and hear our prayer:
keep us in the eternal fellowship of
Jesus Christ our Saviour.
Amen.**

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

Prayer at the Preparation of the Table

God of faithfulness,
your servant *N* praised you in *his/her* death.
Receive all we bring before you this day,
and give us the strength of will
to proclaim your righteousness and love.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Preface

For one martyr

And now we give you thanks
that in the witness of your martyr *N*,
who followed Christ even to death,
you reveal your power made perfect in our human weakness.

or, for many martyrs

And now we give you thanks,
glorified in the assembly of your saints,
for your martyrs who bless you and praise you,
confessing before the powers of this world
the great name of your only Son.

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.

For following the example of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ,
your holy martyr *N* shed *his/her* blood for the glory of your name.
His/her death reveals your power made perfect in our human frailty.
You choose the weak and make them strong
in bearing witness to you
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
With joyful hearts we echo on earth
the song of the angels in heaven
as they praise your glory without end:

(or)

It is indeed right and good,
our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
holy Father, almighty and eternal God,
and to praise the wonder of your work
revealed in the lives of *N* (*N*) and all your holy martyrs.
Before the foundation of the universe
you chose them in Christ as your witnesses,
to glorify your name
and reveal before the world the light of your truth.
By the Holy Spirit you gave them great courage
so that in the very weakness of this mortal body
they might conquer death and overcome its power.
And so we join with them and all the powers of heaven
to glorify your holy name
in this their joyful hymn of praise:

Post Communion

Eternal God,
who gave us this holy meal
in which we have celebrated the glory of the cross
and the victory of your martyr *N*:
by our communion with Christ
in his saving death and resurrection,
give us with all your saints the courage to conquer evil
and so to share the fruit of the tree of life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

(or)

God our redeemer,
whose Church was strengthened by the blood of your martyr *N*:
so bind us, in life and death, to Christ's sacrifice
that our lives, broken and offered with his,
may carry his death and proclaim his resurrection in the world;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Blessing

God give you grace to follow his saints
in faith and love and steadfastness
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

Jesus said,
'Those who want to save their life will lose it,
and those who lose their life for my sake,
and for the sake of the gospel,
will save it.'

Mark 8.35

Jesus said,
'Very truly, I tell you,
unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies,
it remains just a single grain;
but if it dies, it bears much fruit.'

John 12.24

If we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him.

Romans 6.8

Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present,
nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth,
nor anything else in all creation,
will be able to separate us from the love of God
in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 8.38,39

Teachers of the Faith and Spiritual Writers White

Invitation to Confession

In sorrow for our sins and with faith in his mercy,
let us turn to the Lord,
for with him there is mercy and plenteous redemption.

Kyrie Confession

May your loving mercy come to me, O Lord,
and your salvation according to your word:
Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Your word is a lantern to my feet and a light to my path:
Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

O let your mercy come to me that I may live,
for your law is my delight:

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Collect

Almighty God,
who enlightened your Church
by the teaching of your servant *N*:
enrich it evermore with your heavenly grace
and raise up faithful witnesses
who, by their life and teaching,
may proclaim the truth of your salvation;
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

I Kings 3.[6-10] 11-14; Proverbs 4.1-9; Wisdom 7.7-10,15,16; Ecclesiasticus 39.1-10
Psalms 19.7-10; 34.11-17; 37.31-35; 119.89-96; 119.97-104

I Corinthians 1.18-25; or 2.1-10; or 2.9-end; Ephesians 3.8-12; 2 Timothy 4.1-8;
Titus 2.1-8

Matthew 5.13-19; or 13.52-end; or 23. 8-12; Mark 4.1-9; John 16.12-15

Ambrose (7 December): *also* Isaiah 41.9b-13; Luke 22.24-30

Anselm (21 April): *also* Wisdom 9.13-end; Romans 5.8-11

Athanasius (2 May): *also* Ecclesiasticus 4.20-28; *also* Matthew 10.24-27

Augustine of Hippo (28 August): *especially* Ecclesiasticus 39.1-10; *also* Romans 13.11-13

Basil and Gregory (2 January): *especially* 2 Timothy 4.1-8; Matthew 5.13-19

Bernard (20 August): *especially* Revelation 19.5-9

Catherine of Siena (29 April): *also* Proverbs 8.1,6-11; John 17.12-end

Francis de Sales (24 January): *also* Proverbs 3.13-18; John 3.17-21

Gregory the Great (3 September): *also* I Thessalonians 2.3-8

Gregory of Nyssa and Macrina (19 July): *especially* I Corinthians 2.9-13;
also Wisdom 9.13-17

Hilary (13 January): *also* I John 2.18-25; John 8.25-32

Irenæus (28 June): *also* 2 Peter 1.16-end

Jeremy Taylor (13 August): *also* Titus 2.7,8,11-14

John Bunyan (30 August): *also* Hebrews 12.1,2; Luke 21.21,34-36

John Chrysostom (13 September): *especially* Matthew 5.13-19; *also* Jeremiah 1.4-10

John of the Cross (14 December): *especially* I Corinthians 2.1-10; *also* John 14.18-23

Julian of Norwich (8 May): *also* I Corinthians 13.8-end; Matthew 5.13-16

Leo (10 November): *also* I Peter 5.1-11

Richard Hooker (3 November): *especially* John 16.12-15; *also* Ecclesiasticus 44.10-15

Teresa of Avila (15 October): *also* Romans 8.22-27

Thomas Aquinas (28 January): *especially* Wisdom 7.7-10,15,16; I Corinthians 2.9-end;
John 16.12-15

William Law (10 April): *especially* I Corinthians 2.9-end; *also* Matthew 17.1-9

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.

You are the light of the world:

no one after lighting a lamp puts it under a basket

but on the lampstand and it gives light to all.

Matthew 5.14

Alleluia.

(or)

Alleluia, alleluia.

Whoever keeps the commandments and teaches them

will be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

Matthew 5.19

Alleluia.

Intercession

[We pray to Jesus who is present with us to eternity.
Jesus, Lord of life,
in your mercy, hear us.]

Jesus, light of the world,
bring the light and peace of your gospel to the nations ...
Jesus, Lord of life,
in your mercy, hear us.

Jesus, bread of life,
give food to the hungry ...
and nourish us all with your word.
Jesus, Lord of life,
in your mercy, hear us.

Jesus, our way, our truth, our life,
be with us and all who follow you in the way ...
Deepen our appreciation of your truth
and fill us with your life.
Jesus, Lord of life,
in your mercy, hear us.

Jesus, Good Shepherd who gave your life for the sheep,
recover the straggler,
bind up the injured,
strengthen the sick
and lead the healthy and strong to new pastures.
Jesus, Lord of life,
in your mercy, hear us.

Jesus, the resurrection and the life,
we give you thanks for all who have lived and
believed in you ...
Raise us with them to eternal life.
Jesus, Lord of life,
**in your mercy, hear us,
accept our prayers, and be with us always.
Amen.**

Introduction to the Peace

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly;
teach and admonish one another in all wisdom,
and may the peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

Prayer at the Preparation of the Table

God of truth,
accept our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving.
May we share in the wisdom of your eternal Word,
who makes himself known in the breaking of bread,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Preface

And now we give you thanks
that *N* became a teacher in your Church
through the gifts of the Holy Spirit of Christ.
His/her learning shines as a burning light,
a guide for all who follow the way to eternal life.

Extended Preface

It is truly right and good,
 our duty and our salvation,
 always and everywhere to give you thanks,
 Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God,
 through Jesus Christ our Lord.
 For he has named his Church
 the salt of the earth and light of the world;
 a city set on a hill which cannot be hidden.
 Within this faithful company
 your servant *N* became a learned teacher
 through the gifts of the Holy Spirit of Christ,
 that all might welcome *his/her* teaching as your gift,
 a beacon on the path of holiness
 that leads to eternal life.
 As now we celebrate *his/her* memory
 we join with angels and archangels
 and all who have served you on earth
 and worship you now in heaven
 to raise our voices and proclaim your glory
 for ever praising you and *saying*:

Post Communion

God of truth,
 whose Wisdom set her table
 and invited us to eat the bread and drink the wine
 of the kingdom:
 help us to lay aside all foolishness
 and to live and walk in the way of insight,
 that we may come with *N* to the eternal feast of heaven;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Blessing

God grant you grace to be good servants of Christ Jesus,
 nourished on the words of the faith
 and on the sound teaching that you have followed; *cf I Timothy 4.6*
 and the blessing of God almighty,
 the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
 be among you and remain with you always.

Acclamation

There are varieties of gifts,

but the same Spirit.

There are varieties of service,

but the same Lord.

There are different kinds of working,

but the same God is at work in all.

There is one body, one Spirit, one hope in God's call,

one Lord, one faith, one baptism.

There is one God, Father of all, over all and in all,

to whom Christ ascended on high.

And through his Spirit he gives us gifts:

some are apostles, some are his prophets.

Evangelists, pastors and teachers he gives us,

so we can minister together

to build up his body,

to be mature in the fullness of Christ.

cf 1 Corinthians 12.4-6, Ephesians 4.4-13

Short Passages of Scripture

Let your heart hold fast my words; get wisdom; do not forsake her, and she will keep you; love her, and she will guard you. *Proverbs 4.4,6*

Wisdom will open his mouth in the midst of the assembly.

He will find gladness and a crown of rejoicing. *Ecclesiasticus 15.5,6*

Jesus said,

'Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out of the treasury what is new and what is old.'

Matthew 13.52

Jesus said,

'Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honour.'

John 12.26

Show yourself in all respects a model of good works,

and in your teaching show integrity, gravity,

and sound speech that cannot be censured.

Titus 2.7,8

Bishops and other Pastors White

Invitation to Confession

Jesus is the Good Shepherd:
 in every generation he raises up overseers,
 to shepherd the Church of God that he obtained with his
 own blood. *cf Acts 20.28*

We are sinners:

let us call to mind the times when we have failed to hear his voice
 and not followed where he has led.

Kyrie Confession

Lord Jesus, you call by name those who are yours:

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you lead us in the right paths for your name's sake:

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you are the door of the sheepfold;

those who enter by you will be saved:

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Collect

Eternal God,
 you called *N* to proclaim your glory
 in a life of prayer and pastoral zeal:
 keep the leaders of your Church faithful
 and bless your people through their ministry,
 that the Church may grow into the full stature
 of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord,
 who is alive and reigns with you,
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 one God, now and for ever.

(or)

for a bishop

Almighty God,
 the light of the faithful and shepherd of souls,
 who set your servant *N* to be a bishop in the Church,
 to feed your sheep by the word of Christ
 and to guide them by good example:
 give us grace to keep the faith of the Church
 and to follow in the footsteps
 of 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

1 Samuel 16.1,6-13; Isaiah 6.1-8; Jeremiah 1.4-10; Ezekiel 3.16-21; Malachi 2.5-7
 Psalms 1; 15; 16.5-end; 96; 110
 Acts 20.28-35; 1 Corinthians 4.1-5; 2 Corinthians 4.1-10 [or 1,2,5-7];
 or 5.14-20; 1 Peter 5.1-4
 Matthew 11.25-end; or 24.42-46; John 10.11-16; or 15.9-17; or 21.15-17

Augustine of Canterbury (26 May): *also* 1 Thessalonians 2.2b-8; Matthew 13.31-33

Charles Simeon (13 November): *especially* Malachi 2.5-7;
 also Colossians 1.3-8; Luke 8.4-8

David (1 March): *also* 2 Samuel 23.1-4; Psalm 89.19-22,24

Dunstan (19 May): *especially* Matthew 24.42-46; *also* Exodus 31.1-5

Edward King (8 March): *also* Hebrews 13.1-8

George Herbert (27 February): *especially* Malachi 2.5-7; Matthew 11.25-end;
 also Revelation 19.5-9

Hugh (17 November): *also* 1 Timothy 6.11-16

John Keble (14 July): *also* Lamentations 3.19-26; Matthew 5.1-8

John and Charles Wesley (24 May): *also* Ephesians 5.15-20

Lancelot Andrewes (25 September): *especially* Isaiah 6.1-8

Martin of Tours (11 November): *also* 1 Thessalonians 5.1-11; Matthew 25.34-40

Nicholas (6 December): *also* Isaiah 61.1-3; 1 Timothy 6.6-11; Mark 10.13-16

Richard (16 June): *also* John 21.15-19

Swithun (15 July): *also* James 5.7-11,13-18

Thomas Ken (8 June): *especially* 2 Corinthians 4.1-10 [or 1,2,5-7]; Matthew 24.42-46

Wulfstan (19 January): *especially* Matthew 24.42-46

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.

I am the good shepherd:

I know my own and my own know me.

John 10.14

Alleluia.

(or)

Alleluia, alleluia.

Make disciples of the nations:

baptizing and teaching them, as I have commanded you.

Alleluia.

Matthew 28.19,20

Intercession

Heavenly Father,

in every age you raise up pastors and leaders for your Church
to reflect the light of Christ and to lead us in the way of holiness.

We thank you for those who have been shepherds of your flock:

bless your Church today with gifts of care and nurture,

give a pastoral heart to bishops, priests and deacons,

and strengthen all who are called to be leaders of your people.

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

We thank you for the gifts of grace in the life of Saint N:

give wisdom and insight to all in authority in Church and state,

that they may use their power for good

and the benefit of those over whom they are set.

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

We thank you for those pastors and spiritual directors

whose influence is hidden from the world:

bless them in their quiet guidance of those who seek after your

holiness and truth.

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

We thank you for those who give pastoral care to the
sick and the suffering:
help those who are distressed through following bad advice.
Have mercy on those whose lives lack purpose or direction
and bring them the care they need for wholeness and healing.
Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

We thank you for all who have worked to lead others into the
way of truth and are now at rest:
grant us in this life the spiritual guidance and pastoral care
that will lead us to eternal life.
Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

Father, make us worthy of everlasting joy
in the fellowship of *N* and all your saints
in the glory of your kingdom,
where you live and reign,
God for ever and ever.

Amen.

Prayer at the Preparation of the Table

Shepherd of Israel, your flock is never without care.
Accept our sacrifice of praise
and grant that your Church may always rejoice
in faithful pastors, servants of Christ
and stewards of your mysteries.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Preface

And now we give you thanks
for the work of your grace in the life of Saint *N*.
As a shepherd of your flock he imitated your Son,
inspired us by his life
and taught us by his preaching.

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 our Lord.

Today we honour *N*, who in your loving providence
enabled your Church to grow in spirit as the body of Christ.
To your children he faithfully proclaimed the good news of salvation
and nourished them by ministering your sacraments.
Through a pastor's love he led your people to share your grace
and witness to the world
in the communion of one true faith
and in the work of selfless charity.
On this his feast, we join with him to praise you
and in the company of angels and all the host of heaven
we sing for ever of your glory:

Post Communion

God, shepherd of your people,
whose servant *N* revealed the loving service of Christ
in his ministry as a pastor of your people:
by this eucharist in which we share
awaken within us the love of Christ
and keep us faithful to our Christian calling;
through him who laid down his life for us,
but is alive and reigns with you, now and for ever.

Blessing

Christ the good shepherd,
who laid down his life for the sheep,
draw you and all who hear his voice,
to be one flock within one fold;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

Acclamation

Jesus says: I am the good shepherd.

The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.

The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

I know my sheep and call them by name.

The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

Short Passages of Scripture

Jesus said, 'Blessed is that servant whom the master will find at work when he arrives.'

Matthew 24.46

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me to bring good news;
he has sent me to proclaim release to the oppressed,
to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.

Luke 4.18,19

You did not choose me but I chose you.
And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last.

John 15.16

Keep watch over yourselves and over all the flock,
of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers,
to shepherd the Church of God
that he obtained with the blood of his own Son.

Acts 20.28

Members of Religious Communities

White

Invitation to Confession

God chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world,
that we should be holy and blameless before him in love.
Let us confess our sins and failings
and ask him who is rich in mercy for forgiveness and peace.

Kyrie Confession

You give your kingdom to the poor in spirit:
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

You give the earth for an inheritance to those who are meek:
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

You show yourself to those who are pure in heart:
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Collect

Almighty God,
by whose grace *N*, kindled with the fire of your love,
became a burning and a shining light in the Church:
in flame us with the same spirit of discipline and love,
that we may ever walk before you as children of light;
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

I Kings 19.9-18; Proverbs 10.27-end; Song of Solomon 8.6,7; Isaiah 61.10–62.5;
Hosea 2.14,15,19,20
Psalms 34.1-8; 112.1-9; 119.57-64; 123; 131
Acts 4.32-35; 2 Corinthians 10.17–11.2; Philippians 3.7-14; I John 2.15-17;
Revelation 19.1,5-9
Matthew 11.25-end; or 19.3-12; or 19.23-end; Luke 9.57-end; or 12.32-37

Aelred (12 January): *also* Ecclesiasticus 15.1-6
Alcuin (20 May): *also* Colossians 3.12-16; John 4.19-24
Antony (17 January): *especially* Philippians 3.7-14; *also* Matthew 19.16-26
Bede (25 May): *also* Ecclesiasticus 39.1-10
Benedict (11 July): *also* I Corinthians 3.10,11; Luke 18.18-22
Clare (11 August): *especially* Song of Solomon 8.6,7
Dominic (8 August): *also* Ecclesiasticus 39.1-10
Etheldreda (23 June): *also* Matthew 25.1-13
Francis of Assisi (4 October): *also* Galatians 6.14-end; Luke 12.22-34
Hilda (19 November): *especially* Isaiah 61.10–62.5
Hildegard (17 September): *also* I Corinthians 2.9-13; Luke 10.21-24
Vincent de Paul (27 September): *also* I Corinthians 1.25-end; Matthew 25.34-40

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.

Behold the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ,
who is the very image of God.

cf 2 Corinthians 4.4

Alleluia.

(or)

Alleluia, alleluia.

How beautiful on the mountains
are the feet of those who bring good news.

Isaiah 52.7

Alleluia.

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.'

Prayer at the Preparation of the Table

Lord, accept the gifts we bring to your table
on this feast of Saint N.

Free us from the things that keep us from you
and teach us to seek you as our only good.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Preface

And now we give you thanks for *N*
and all who have consecrated their lives to Christ
for the sake of the kingdom;
for in them you show us your saving love
and call us back to holiness.
Therefore with angels ...

Extended Preface

It is truly right and good,
our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
holy Father, almighty and eternal God,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
This day we honour you in Saint *N*,
who consecrated *his/her* life to Christ
for the sake of the kingdom of heaven.
In *him/her* you show us your saving love
as you call the human race back to its first holiness,
and invite us to taste on earth
the gifts of the world to come.
In communion with angels and archangels,
and all who served you on earth
and worship you now in heaven,
we raise our voice to proclaim your glory,
for ever praising you and saying:

Post Communion

Merciful God,
who gave such grace to your servant *N*
that *he/she* served you with singleness of heart
and loved you above all things:
help us, whose communion with you
has been renewed in this sacrament,
to forsake all that holds us back from following Christ
and to grow into his likeness from glory to glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Blessing

God give you grace to follow his saints
in faith and hope and steadfastness;
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 our God the Almighty reigns.
Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory.
The marriage of the Lamb has come.
The bride has made herself ready.
I have found him whom my soul loves.
I held him, and would not let him go.
The Lord our God the Almighty reigns.
Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory.

Revelation 19.6,7; Song of Solomon 3.4

Short Passages of Scripture

I will meditate on your commandments
and give attention to your ways, O Lord. *Psalms 119.15*

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord,
my whole being shall exult in my God. *Isaiah 61.10*

Everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father
or mother or children or fields, for my name's sake, will receive
a hundredfold, and will inherit eternal life. *Matthew 19.29*

Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out,
an unfailing treasure in heaven,
for where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. *Luke 12.33*

Missionaries *White*

Invitation to Confession

Jesus said to the apostles, 'Go and make disciples of all the nations.'
Conscious of our failure to obey his commands,
let us call to mind our sins.

Kyrie Confession

Lord Jesus, you came to gather the nations
into the peace of God's kingdom:
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

You come in word and sacrament to strengthen us in holiness:
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

You will come in glory with salvation for your people:
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Collect

Everlasting God,
whose servant *N* carried the good news of your Son
to the people of ... :
grant that we who commemorate *his/her* service
may know the hope of the gospel in our hearts
and manifest its light in all our ways;
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

Isaiah 52.7-10; or 61.1-3a; Ezekiel 34.11-16; Jonah 3.1-5
 Psalms 67; or 87; or 100; or 117
 Acts 2.14, 22-36; or 13.46-49; or 16.6-10; or 26.19-23; Romans 15.17-21;
 2 Corinthians 5.11-6.2
 Matthew 9.35-end; or 28.16-end; Mark 16.15-20; Luke 5.1-11; or 10.1-9

Aidan (31 August): *also* 1 Corinthians 9.16-19
 Anskar (3 February): *especially* Isaiah 52.7-10; *also* Romans 10.11-15
 Chad (2 March or 26 October): *also* 1 Timothy 6.11b-16
 Columba (9 June): *also* Titus 2.11-end
 Cuthbert (20 March or 4 September): *especially* Ezekiel 34.11-16; *also* Matthew 18.12-14
 Cyril and Methodius (14 February): *especially* Isaiah 52.7-10; *also* Romans 10.11-15
 Henry Martyn (19 October): *especially* Mark 16.15-end; *also* Isaiah 55.6-11
 Ninian (16 September): *especially* Acts 13.46-49; Mark 16.15-end
 Patrick (17 March): *also* Psalm 91.1-4, 13-16; Luke 10.1-12, 17-20
 Paulinus (10 October): *especially* Matthew 28.16-end
 Wilfrid (12 October): *especially* Luke 5.1-11; *also* 1 Corinthians 1.18-25
 Willibrord (7 November): *especially* Isaiah 52.7-10; Matthew 28.16-end

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.

If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation. 2 Corinthians 5.17

Alleluia.

(or)

Alleluia, alleluia.

The kingdom of God has come near to you. Luke 10.9

Alleluia.

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

God of our salvation,
 your love for the world is without end.
 May our participation in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving
 renew us in our dedication to your mission.
 We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Preface

And now we give you thanks
that your servant *N* was called by your Spirit
to preach the gospel to the nations
and to bring to your people
the glorious light of your truth.

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 Jesus Christ our Lord.
Christ has never ceased to call disciples;
he sends them to bring salvation to the nations
by the light of the gospel.
For this work your servant *N* was set apart by the Spirit;
in faith and obedience *he/she* went to peoples far away.
You called *him/her* to be all things to everyone
as a minister of your word,
so that in your sight the nations might become
a holy sacrifice, acceptable to you.
And so we join with all your saints
to sing of your great glory
in this their joyful hymn of praise:

Post Communion

Holy Father,
who gathered us here around the table of your Son
to share this meal with the whole household of God:
in that new world where you reveal
the fullness of your peace,
gather people of every race and language
to share with *N* and all your saints
in the eternal banquet of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Blessing

May God, whose glory is reflected in the lives of his saints,
pour upon you the riches of his grace,
and equip you and strengthen you to proclaim his word.
And the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

Acclamation

Go, make disciples of all nations,
baptizing them in the name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**We will tell of his wonderful deeds
and be glad and exult in him.**

Sing praise to the name of the Lord most high.

**We will tell of his wonderful deeds
and be glad and exult in him.**

Sing praise to the Lord, who dwells in Zion.

We will declare his deeds among the peoples.

We will sing and be glad and rejoice in his holy name.

Short Passages of Scripture

The Lord gave the word;
great was the company of those who bore the tidings. *Psalm 68.11*

How beautiful upon the mountains
are the feet of the messenger who announces peace,
who brings good news,
who announces salvation,
who says to Zion, 'Your God reigns.' *Isaiah 52.7*

Proclaim to the city the message that I tell you. *Jonah 3.2*

Jesus said,
'Go into all the world
and proclaim the good news to the whole creation.' *Mark 16.15*

God has reconciled us to himself through Christ
and has enlisted us in this service of reconciliation. *2 Corinthians 5.18*

Any Saint; Holy Men and Women*White**Invitation to Confession*

The saints were faithful unto death
and now dwell in the heavenly kingdom for ever.
As we celebrate their joy,
let us bring to the Lord our sins and weaknesses,
and ask for his mercy.

(or)

Christ calls us to share the heavenly banquet of his love
with all the saints in earth and heaven.
Knowing our unworthiness and sin,
let us ask from him both mercy and forgiveness.

Kyrie Confession

Let judgement for me come forth from your presence,
and let your eyes discern the right:

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Search my heart and visit me;
try me by fire:

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Keep me as the apple of your eye;
hide me under the shadow of your wings:

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

(or)

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.

(or)

You give your kingdom to the poor in spirit:

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

You satisfy those who hunger for righteousness and justice:

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

You give joy and gladness to those who mourn:

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Collect

(general)

Almighty Father,
you have built up your Church
through the love and devotion of your saints:
inspire us to follow the example of *N*,
whom we commemorate today,
that we in our generation may rejoice with *him/her*
in the vision of 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.

or (for Christian rulers)

Sovereign God,
who called *N* to be a ruler among *his/her* people
and gave *him/her* grace to be their servant:
help us, following our Saviour Christ
in the path of humble service,
to see his kingdom set forward on earth
and to enjoy its fullness in heaven;
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.

or (for those working with the poor and underprivileged)

Merciful God,
 you have compassion on all that you have made
 and your whole creation is enfolded in your love:
 help us to stand firm for your truth,
 to struggle against poverty,
 and to share your love with our neighbour,
 that with your servant N
 we may be instruments of your 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.

or (for men and women of learning)

God our Father,
 who gave wisdom and insight to your servant N
 to fathom the depths of your love
 and to understand your design for the world you have made:
 grant us the help of your Holy Spirit
 that we also may come to a full knowledge of your purposes
 revealed in your Son Jesus Christ, our wisdom and our life;
 who is alive and reigns with you,
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 one God, now and for ever.

or (for those whose holiness was revealed in marriage and family life)

Eternal God,
 whose love is revealed in the mystery of the Trinity:
 help us, like your servant N,
 to find in our human loving a mirror of your divine love
 and to see in all your children our brothers and sisters in Christ,
 who is alive and reigns with you,
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 one God, now and for ever.

Lectionary

General

Genesis 12.1-4; Proverbs 8.1-11; Micah 6.6-8; Ecclesiasticus 2.7-13 [14-end]
 Psalms 32; 33.1-5; 119.1-8; 139.1-4 [5-12]; 145.8-14
 Ephesians 3.14-19; or 6.11-18; Hebrews 13.7,8,15,16; James 2.14-17; I John 4.7-16;
 Revelation 21.[1-4] 5-7
 Matthew 19.16-21; or 25.1-13; or 25.14-30; John 15.1-8; or 17.20-end

Christian rulers

I Samuel 16.1-13a; I Kings 3.3-14
 Psalms 72.1-7; 99
 I Timothy 2.1-6
 Mark 10.42-45; Luke 14.27-33
 Alfred the Great (26 October): *also* 2 Samuel 23.1-5; John 18.33-37
 Edward the Confessor (13 October): *also* 2 Samuel 23.1-5; I John 4.13-16
 Margaret of Scotland (16 November): *also* Proverbs 31.10-12,20,26-end;
 I Corinthians 12.13-13.3; Matthew 25.34-end

Those working for the poor and underprivileged

Isaiah 58.6-11
 Psalms 82; 146.5-10
 Hebrews 13.1-3; I John 3.14-18
 Matthew 5.1-12; or 25.31-end
 Elizabeth of Hungary (18 November): *especially* Matthew 25.31-end;
also Proverbs 31.10-end
 Josephine Butler (30 May): *especially* Isaiah 58.6-11; *also* I John 3.18-23; Matthew 9.10-13
 William Wilberforce (30 July): *also* Job 31.16-23; Galatians 3.26-end; Luke 4.16-21

Men and women of learning

Proverbs 8.22-31; Ecclesiasticus 44.1-15
 Psalms 36.5-10; 49.1-4
 Philippians 4.7,8
 Matthew 13.44-46,52; John 7.14-18

Those whose holiness was revealed in marriage and family life

Proverbs 31.10-13,19,20,30-end; Tobit 8.4-7
 Psalms 127; 128
 I Peter 3.1-9
 Mark 3.31-end; Luke 10.38-end
 Mary Sumner (9 August): *also* Hebrews 13.1-5
 Monica (27 August): *also* Ecclesiasticus 26.1-3,13-16

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.

I have called you friends, says the Lord,
for all that I have heard from my Father
I have made known to you.

cf John 15.15

Alleluia.

(or, in Lent)

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.
I have called you friends, says the Lord,
for all that I have heard from my Father
I have made known to you.

cf John 15.15

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

(or)

Alleluia, alleluia.

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

Matthew 5.8

Alleluia.

(or)

Alleluia, alleluia.

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

Matthew 5.9

Alleluia.

Intercession

Not every section of this intercession need be used on every occasion.

In every age you have raised up holy men and women
to reflect the light of Christ and to teach us the way of holiness.

We thank you for those who have been teachers in the
school of Christ:

give understanding to those who study the faith the
Church has handed on,
and clarity to those who communicate the gospel in a
changing world ...

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

We thank you for those who have been shepherds of your people:
give a pastoral heart to deacons, priests and bishops,
and the needful gifts to all your people in their ministry ...

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

We thank you for those who have been Christian rulers in
the world,
and for those who carried the good news to lands where it
had not been before:

give wisdom to all who have power and influence among the nations,
and establish God's sovereignty among people of every race ...

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

We thank you for those whom you have called to live in community:
establish mutual love among those drawn into fellowship in
your service,
and bless with Christ's presence all the communities to which
we relate ...

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

We thank you for those who have lived out their
 vocation in family life:
 give your grace to all who nurture children
 and all who care for the aged,
 and enfold in your love all your sons and daughters ...
 Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

We thank you for those who have brought wholeness
 through the medicine of the gospel:
 give skill to all who minister healing and reconciliation in your name,
 and comfort all who cry out to you from any sort of distress ...
 Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

We thank you for the noble army of martyrs
 by the shedding of whose blood the Church has been enriched:
 keep under your protection those who are persecuted for
 the cause of Christ,
 and acknowledge, we pray,
 those who have passed through death trusting your promises ...
 Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

[We thank you today for ...
 As we celebrate *his/her* memory and rejoice in *his/her* friendship,
 we ask you to bless ...
 Keep in one communion and fellowship all those for whom
 Christ died.

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.]

Hasten, Lord, the day when people will come from east and west,
 from north and south,
 and sit at table in your kingdom,
 and we shall see your Son in his glory.

Merciful Father,

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

(or)

United in the company of all the faithful
and looking for the coming of the kingdom,
let us offer our prayers to God, the source of all life and holiness.

Merciful Lord,
strengthen all Christian people by your Holy Spirit,
that we may live as a royal priesthood and a holy nation
to the praise of Christ Jesus our Saviour.

Lord, have mercy.

Bless *N* our bishop, and all ministers of your Church,
that by faithful proclamation of your word
we may be built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets
into a holy temple in the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Empower us by the gift of your holy and life-giving Spirit,
that we may be transformed into the likeness of Christ
from glory to glory.

Lord, have mercy.

Give to the world and its peoples
the peace that comes from above,
that they may find Christ's way of freedom and life.

Lord, have mercy.

Hold in your embrace all who witness to your love
in the service of the poor and needy;
all those who minister to the sick and dying;
and all who bring light to those in darkness.

Lord, have mercy.

Touch and heal all those whose lives are scarred by sin and pain,
that, raised from death to life in Christ,
their sorrow may be turned to eternal joy.

Lord, have mercy.

Remember in your mercy those gone before us
who have been well-pleasing to you from eternity;
preserve us who live here in your faith,
guide us to your kingdom, and grant us your peace at all times.

Lord, have mercy.

Hasten the day when those who fear you in every nation
will come from east and west, from north and south,
and sit at table in your kingdom.

Lord, have mercy.

And so we give you thanks
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.
Blessing and glory and wisdom,
thanksgiving and honour and power,
be to our God for ever and ever.

Amen.

Introduction to the Peace

May the God of peace sanctify you:
may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness
that you may be blameless before him
at the coming of our Lord Jesus with his saints.

1 Thessalonians 5.23; 3.13

Prayer at the Preparation of the Table

Eternal God,
we give you thanks for the triumph of Christ
in the life of your servant N.
Accept this sacrifice of thanks and praise
and give us grace to run our course with faith,
that we may come with all your saints
to the eternal banquet in heaven,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Preface

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

(or)

And now we give you thanks
for the work of your grace in the life of Saint N
and that by the same grace you lead us in the way of holiness,
setting before us the vision of your glory.

(or)

And now we give you thanks
for the hope to which you call us in your Son,
that following in the faith of all your saints,
we may run with perseverance the race that is set before us,
and with them receive the unfading crown of glory.

(or)

And now we give you thanks
because in him you have received us as your sons and daughters,
joined us in one fellowship with the saints,
and made us citizens of your kingdom.

Extended Preface

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
holy Father, almighty and eternal God,
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.
We rejoice in the glorious splendour of your majesty
for you have given us a share with *N*
in the inheritance of the saints in light.
In the darkness of this passing age
they proclaim the glory of your kingdom.
Chosen as lights in the world,
they surround our steps as we journey on
towards the city of eternal light
where they sing the everlasting song of triumph.
In communion with angels and archangels
and all who have served you on earth
and worship you now in heaven,
we raise our voices to proclaim your glory,
for ever praising you and saying:

Post Communion

Faithful God,
 who called *N* to serve you
 and gave *him/her* joy in walking the path of holiness:
 by this eucharist,
 in which you renew within us the vision of your glory,
 strengthen us all to follow the way of perfection
 until we come to see you face to face;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord.

(or)

God our redeemer,
 who inspired *N* to witness to your love
 and to work for the coming of your kingdom:
 may we, who in this sacrament share the bread of heaven,
 be fired by your Spirit to proclaim the gospel in our daily living
 and never to rest content until your kingdom come,
 on earth as it is in heaven;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord.

(or)

Father,
 from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name,
 your servant *N* revealed your goodness
 in a life of tranquillity and service:
 grant that we who have gathered in faith around this table
 may like *him/her* know the love of Christ
 that surpasses knowledge
 and be filled with all your fullness;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord.

(or)

God, the source of all holiness and giver of all good things:
 may we who have shared at this table
 as strangers and pilgrims here on earth
 be welcomed with all your saints
 to the heavenly feast on the day of your kingdom;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Blessing

God give you grace to follow his saints
in faith and hope and love;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

(or)

God give you grace to share the inheritance
of his saints in glory;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

(or)

God give you grace to follow his saints
in faith and truth and gentleness;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

(or)

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.

(or)

God,
 the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
 give you the spirit of wisdom and revelation,
 to know the hope to which he has called you.
Amen.

God,
 who has shown you a pattern of holy living and holy dying
 in the lives of the saints,
 bring you to share their glorious inheritance.
Amen.

God,
 who calls you no longer strangers
 but fellow citizens with the saints,
 set your hearts and minds on things above,
 where Christ is seated at God's right hand.
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)

May God the Father bring us to the home
 which his Son prepares for all who love him.
Amen.

May God the Son give us the will
 to live for him each day in life eternal.
Amen.

May God the Holy Spirit give us the assurance
 that our citizenship is in heaven
 with the blessed and beloved,
 and 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.

(or)

May God,
who kindled the fire of his love in the hearts of the saints,
pour upon you the riches of his grace.

Amen.

May he give you joy and fellowship
and a share in their praises.

Amen.

May he strengthen you to follow them in the way of holiness
and to come to the full radiance of glory.

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)

May God, who has given you in the lives of the saints
patterns of holy living and victorious dying,
strengthen you to follow them in the way of holiness.

Amen.

May God, who kindled the fire of his love in the hearts of the saints,
pour upon you the riches of his grace.

Amen.

May God, who calls you no longer strangers and aliens
but fellow-citizens with all the saints,
bring you to your home in heaven.

Amen.

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

Amen.

cf Ephesians 1.7,8; 2.19

Ending

The Lord God almighty,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
the holy and undivided Trinity,
guard you, save you,
and bring you to the heavenly city,
where he lives and reigns for ever and ever.

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.

(or)

In the city of God, night shall be no more:
the people of God need no light of lamp or sun.
For the Lord God will be their light:
and they will reign for ever and ever.

Short Passages of Scripture

The righteous shall receive a blessing from the Lord,
and a just reward from the God of their salvation. *Psalm 24.5*

If you come forward to serve the Lord,
set your heart right and be steadfast. *Ecclesiasticus 2.1,2*

Jesus said,
'I was hungry and you gave me food,
I was thirsty and you gave me drink,
I was a stranger and you welcomed me.'
Matthew 25.35

Jesus said,
'The Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve,
and to give up his life as a ransom for many.'
Mark 10.45



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The Guidance of the Holy Spirit

Red

Invitation to Confession

The Spirit of the Lord fills the world
and knows our every word and deed.
Let us then open ourselves to the Lord
and confess our sins in penitence and faith.

Kyrie Confession

You raise the dead to life in the Spirit:
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

You bring pardon and peace to the broken in heart:
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

You make one by your Spirit the torn and divided:
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Collect

God, who from of old
taught the hearts of your faithful people
by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit:
grant us by the same Spirit
to have a right judgement in all things
and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort;
through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

(or)

Almighty God,
you have given your Holy Spirit to the Church
to lead us into all truth:
bless with the Spirit's grace and presence
the members of this *synod/PCC etc.*;
keep *us/them* steadfast in faith and united in love,
that *we/they* may manifest your glory
and prepare the way 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

Proverbs 24.3-7; Isaiah 30.15-21; Wisdom 9.13-17
Psalms 25.1-9; 104.26-33; 143.8-10
Acts 15.23-29; Romans 8.22-27; I Corinthians 12.4-13
Luke 14.27-33; John 14.23-26; or 16.13-15

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.
Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful people
and kindle in them the fire of your love.
Alleluia.

Intercession

We pray for God to fill us with his Spirit.

Generous God,
we thank you for the *power* of your Holy Spirit.
We ask that we may be strengthened to serve you better.
Lord, come to bless us
and fill us with your Spirit.

We thank you for the *wisdom* of your Holy Spirit.
We ask you to make us wise to understand your will.
Lord, come to bless us
and fill us with your Spirit.

We thank you for the *peace* of your Holy Spirit.
We ask you to keep us confident of your love wherever you call us.
Lord, come to bless us
and fill us with your Spirit.

We thank you for the *healing* of your Holy Spirit.
We ask you to bring reconciliation and wholeness
where there is division, sickness and sorrow.
Lord, come to bless us
and fill us with your Spirit.

We thank you for the *gifts* of your Holy Spirit.
We ask you to equip us for the work which you have given us.
Lord, come to bless us
and fill us with your Spirit.

We thank you for the *fruit* of your Holy Spirit.
We ask you to reveal in our lives the love of Jesus.
Lord, come to bless us
and fill us with your Spirit.

We thank you for the *breath* of your Holy Spirit,
given us by the risen Lord.
We ask you to keep the whole Church, living and departed,
in the joy of eternal life.
Lord, come to bless us
and fill us with your Spirit.

Generous God,
you sent your Holy Spirit upon your Messiah at the river Jordan,
and upon the disciples in the upper room:
in your mercy fill us with your Spirit,
**hear our prayer,
and make us one in heart and mind
to serve you with joy for ever.
Amen.**

Introduction to the Peace

God has made us one in Christ.
He has set his seal upon us and, as a pledge of what is to come,
has given the Spirit to dwell in our hearts. Alleluia.

cf 2 Corinthians 1.22

Prayer at the Preparation of the Table

Father, by your Holy Spirit
you keep the Church in unity and truth.
As we break bread together,
may we be one with Christ in faith and hope and love,
now and for ever.

Preface

And now we give you thanks
because by the Holy Spirit you lead us into all truth,
and give us power to proclaim your gospel to the nations,
and to serve you as a royal priesthood.

Extended Preface

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
holy Father, almighty and eternal God,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
For he is our great high priest
who has entered once for all
into the heavenly sanctuary,
evermore to pour upon your Church
the grace and comfort of your Holy Spirit.
He is the one who has gone before us,
who calls us to be united in prayer
as were his disciples in the upper room
while they awaited his promised gift,
the life-giving Spirit of Pentecost.
Therefore all creation yearns with eager longing
as angels and archangels sing the endless hymn of praise:

Post Communion

God of power,
whose Holy Spirit renews your people
in the bread and wine we bless and share:
may the boldness of the Spirit transform us,
the gentleness of the Spirit lead us,
and the gifts of the Spirit equip us to serve and worship you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Blessing

The Spirit of truth lead you into all truth,
give you grace to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,
and strengthen you to proclaim the word and works of God;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

Rogation Days White

Invitation to Confession

Let us ask God to have mercy on our tired land,
and to prosper the work of our soiled hands.
Let us ask God to forgive our delusion of self-sufficiency
so that we may praise him for his provision and goodness.

Kyrie Confession

Lord, you give us this good earth,
yet we take your generous gifts for granted.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Lord, you give us this good earth,
but we squander its rich resources.
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

Lord, you give us this good earth,
but we fail to share your bounty with all of your children.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Collect

Almighty God,
whose will it is that the earth and the sea
should bear fruit in due season:
bless the labours of those who work on land and sea,
grant us a good harvest
and the grace always to rejoice in your fatherly care;
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.

(or)

Almighty God and Father,
 you have so ordered our life
 that we are dependent on one another:
 prosper those engaged in commerce and industry
 and direct their minds and hands,
 that they may rightly use your gifts in the service of others;
 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.

(or)

God our Father,
 you never cease the work you have begun
 and prosper with your blessing all human labour:
 make us wise and faithful stewards of your gifts,
 that we may serve the common good,
 maintain the fabric of our world
 and seek that justice where all may share
 the good things you pour upon us;
 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

Deuteronomy 8.1-10; 1 Kings 8.35-40; Job 28.1-11
 Psalms 104.21-30; 107.1-9; 121
 Philippians 4.4-7; 2 Thessalonians 3.6-13; 1 John 5.12-15
 Matthew 6.1-15; Mark 11.22-24; Luke 11.5-13'

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.

'Ask and you will receive,' says the Lord,
 'so that your joy may be complete.'

John 16.24

Alleluia.

(or)

Alleluia, alleluia.

'The seed is the word of God,' says the Lord.

Luke 8.11

Alleluia.

Intercession

Let us ask the God of creation to send a blessing upon us.

Upon the rich earth send a blessing, O Lord.

Let the earth be fruitful
and its resources be hallowed.

We ask in faith:

we ask you to hear us, good Lord.

Upon human labour send a blessing, O Lord.

Prosper the work of our hands;
may all find dignity and just reward in their work;
free the exploited and oppressed.

We ask in faith:

we ask you to hear us, good Lord.

Upon the produce of the earth send a blessing, O Lord.

Guide us into a sustainable future,
and give us the will to share the fruits of the world.

We ask in faith:

we ask you to hear us, good Lord.

Upon the seas and waters send a blessing, O Lord.

Teach us to cherish the water of the earth,
and to conserve the seas, lakes and rivers.

We ask in faith:

we ask you to hear us, good Lord.

Upon aid agencies send a blessing, O Lord.

Where the earth is parched and the well has run dry;
where war brings want, and children go hungry;
where the poor cry out for bread and for justice,
give hands to care and heal, and compel us to be generous.

We ask in faith:

we ask you to hear us, good Lord.

We ask you to hear us, good Lord,
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Introduction to the Peace

By prayer and supplication with thanksgiving,
let your requests be made known to God.

And the peace of God,
which passes all understanding,
will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. *Philippians 4.6,7*

Prayer at the Preparation of the Table

Blessed be God,
by whose grace creation is renewed,
by whose love heaven is opened,
by whose mercy we offer our sacrifice of praise.
Blessed be God for ever.

Preface

And now we give you thanks
for your ancient promise
that while the earth endures,
seedtime and harvest, cold and heat,
summer and winter, day and night,
will never cease.

Extended Preface

It is indeed right and good
to give you thanks and praise,
almighty God and Father,
through Jesus Christ your Son.
Through him you have created us in your own image,
and made us stewards of your good creation.
Through him you teach us to exult in the birds of the air,
the lilies of the field, the precious and life-giving crops of the earth.
Through him you free us from the slavery of sin,
giving him to die upon the cross
and to rise again for our salvation.
Through him, you begin your work of new creation,
as we look for a new heaven and a new earth
in which your righteousness dwells.
Therefore, we join with angels and archangels,
and give voice to every creature under heaven,
for ever praising you and saying:

Post Communion

God our creator,
 you give seed for us to sow and bread for us to eat:
 as you have blessed the fruit of our labour in this eucharist,
 so we ask you to give all your children their daily bread,
 that the world may praise you for your goodness;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Blessing

May God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
 who is the source of all goodness and growth,
 pour his blessing upon all things created,
 and upon you his children,
 that you may use his gifts to his glory and the welfare of all peoples;
 and the blessing of God almighty,
 the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
 be among you and remain with you always.

Dismissal

Tend the earth, care for God's good creation,
 and bring forth the fruits of righteousness.
 Go in the peace of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Acclamation

**God be gracious to us and bless us:
 and make his face to shine upon us.**

Let the peoples praise you, O God:
God be gracious to us and bless us.

Judge the peoples righteously and govern the nations upon earth.
God be gracious to us and bless us.

Let the earth bring forth her increase:
God be gracious to us and bless us.

**God be gracious to us and bless us:
 and make his face to shine upon us.**

cf Psalm 67

*For the Rogationtide Procession, see Common Worship:
 Times and Seasons, pages 614–618.*

Mission and Evangelism *Colour of the Season*

Invitation to Confession

I set no store by life: I only want to finish the race
and complete the task which the Lord Jesus assigned to me,
of bearing witness to the gospel of God's grace. Acts 20.24
Conscious of our failure to proclaim the gospel,
let us call to mind our sins:

Kyrie Confession

'I was hungry and you gave me no food,
I was thirsty and you gave me no drink.'
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

'I was a stranger and you did not welcome me,
naked and you did not clothe me.'
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

'I was sick and you did not visit me,
in prison and you did not come to me.'
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Collect

Almighty God,
who called your Church to witness
that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself:
help us to proclaim the good news of your love,
that all who hear it may be drawn to you;
through him who was lifted up on the cross,
and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Lectionary

Isaiah 49.1-6; or 52.7-10; Micah 4.1-5
Psalms 2; 46; 67
Acts 17.10-end; 2 Corinthians 5.14-6.2; Ephesians 2.13-end
Matthew 5.13-16; or 28.16-end; John 17.20-end

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.

'Go and make disciples of all the nations,'
says the Lord;

'I am with you always, to the end of the age.'

Matthew 28.19,20

Alleluia.

Intercession

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

All or some of these petitions may be used

God of our salvation,
hope of all the ends of the earth,
we pray:

Your kingdom come.

That the world may know Jesus Christ
as the Prince of Peace,
we pray:

Your kingdom come.

That all who are estranged and without hope
may be brought near in the blood of Christ,
we pray:

Your kingdom come.

That the Church may be one in serving
and proclaiming the gospel,
we pray:

Your kingdom come.

That we may be bold to speak the word of God
while you stretch out your hand to save,
we pray:

Your kingdom come.

That the Church may be generous in giving,
faithful in serving, bold in proclaiming,
we pray:

Your kingdom come.

That the Church may welcome and support
all whom God calls to faith,
we pray:

Your kingdom come.

That all who serve the gospel may be kept in safety
while your word accomplishes its purpose,
we pray:

Your kingdom come.

That all who suffer for the gospel
may know the comfort and glory of Christ,
we pray:

Your kingdom come.

That the day may come when every knee shall bow
and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,
we pray:

Your kingdom come.

Almighty God,
by your Holy Spirit you have made us one
with your saints in heaven and on earth:
grant that in our earthly pilgrimage
we may ever be supported by this fellowship of love and prayer,
and know ourselves surrounded by their witness
to your power and mercy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Introduction to the Peace

Christ came and proclaimed the gospel:
peace to those who are far off
and peace to those who are near.

Prayer at the Preparation of the Table

Faithful God, receive all we offer you this day.
May we so live the life of Christ
that your Church may be a sign of salvation
to all the nations of the world.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

Extended Preface

Father, we give you thanks and praise
 through Jesus Christ our Lord
 because you are God almighty,
 creator of the world and all that is in it.
 Through him you made the whole human race
 and in him you show us the mystery of your purpose.
 In him you will bring all things together under him as head,
 all things in heaven, all things on earth.
 Through him we have heard the word of truth,
 the good news of salvation,
 and you have marked us with the seal of your promised Spirit.
 We who were once far off
 have been brought near by the blood of Christ,
 for he is the peace between us
 and has broken down the barrier of hostility.
 He has made of us one new humanity
 and reconciled us to you by the cross.
 Through him with angels and archangels
 and all the company of heaven,
 we come before you, Father, by the Holy Spirit,
 for ever praising you and *saying*:

(or)

Living God, Father of light,
 hope of nations, friend of sinners,
 builder of the city that is to come:
 your love is made visible in Jesus Christ,
 you bring home the lost, restore the sinner
 and give dignity to the despised.
 In the face of Jesus Christ
 your light shines out,
 flooding lives with goodness and truth,
 gathering into one a divided and broken humanity.
 With people from every race and nation,
 with the Church of all the ages,
 with apostles, evangelists and martyrs,
 we join the angels of heaven in their unending song:

Post Communion

Eternal God, giver of love and power,
your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world
to preach the gospel of his kingdom:
confirm us in this mission,
and help us to live the good news we proclaim;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Blessing

The Father, whose glory fills the heavens,
cleanse you by his holiness
and send you to proclaim his word.

Amen.

The Son, who has ascended to the heights,
pour upon you the riches of his grace.

Amen.

The Holy Spirit, the Comforter,
equip you and strengthen you in your ministry.

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

The Lord says, 'Go into all the world
and make disciples of all the nations.'
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

(or)

The Lord says, 'Go into all the world
and make disciples of all the nations.'
Go in the peace of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

The Unity of the Church *Colour of the Season*

Invitation to Confession

We have come together as God's family
to pray for the recovery of the unity of Christ's Church
and for the renewal of our common life.
The Lord is full of gentleness and compassion.
In penitence and faith let us ask his forgiveness of our sins.

Kyrie Confession

Lord Jesus, you came to reconcile us
to one another and to 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.

(or)

There is one Body and one Spirit,
and one hope of our calling.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism.
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

There is one God and Father of us all,
above all and through all and in all.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Collect

Heavenly Father,
 you have called us in the Body of your Son Jesus Christ
 to continue his work of reconciliation
 and reveal you to the world:
 forgive us the sins which tear us apart;
 give us the courage to overcome our fears
 and to seek that unity which is your gift and your will;
 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.

(or)

Lord Jesus Christ,
 who said to your apostles,
 'Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you':
 look not on our sins but on the faith of your Church
 and grant it the peace and unity of your kingdom;
 where you are alive and reign with the Father
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 one God, now and for ever.

Lectionary

Jeremiah 33.6-9a; Ezekiel 36.23-28; Zephaniah 3.16-end
 Psalms 100; 122; 133
 Ephesians 4.1-6; Colossians 3.9-17; I John 4.9-15
 Matthew 18.19-22; John 11.45-52; or 17.11b-23

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.

There is one body and one Spirit, one Lord, one faith, one baptism,
 one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

Alleluia.

Ephesians 4.4-6

Intercession

In faith let us pray to God our Father,
his Son Jesus Christ,
and the Holy Spirit.

For the Church of God throughout the world,
let us invoke the Spirit.

Kyrie eleison.

For the leaders of the nations,
that they may establish and defend justice and peace,
let us pray for the wisdom of God.

Kyrie eleison.

For those who suffer oppression or violence,
let us invoke the power of the Deliverer.

Kyrie eleison.

That the churches may discover again their visible unity
in the one baptism which incorporates them in Christ,
let us pray for the love of Christ.

Kyrie eleison.

That the churches may attain communion
in the Eucharist around one table,
let us pray for the strength of Christ.

Kyrie eleison.

That the churches may recognize each other's ministries
in the service of their one Lord,
let us pray for the peace of Christ.

Kyrie eleison.

Free prayer of the congregation may follow.

Into your hands, O Lord,
we commend all for whom we pray,
trusting in your mercy;
through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Introduction to the Peace

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles,
 'Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you.'
 Look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church,
 and grant it that peace and unity which is according to your will.

Prayer at the Preparation of the Table

Lord,
 hear the prayers of your people
 as we celebrate this memorial of our salvation.
 May this sacrament of your love
 unite us more closely to you and to each other.
 Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

(or)

God of power and love,
 by your Holy Spirit,
 draw the scattered flock of Christ into a visible unity
 and make your Church a sign of hope to our divided world;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Preface

And now we give you thanks
 because of the unity you have given us in your Son
 and that you are the God and Father of us all,
 above all and through all and in all.

(or)

And now we give you thanks
 because you gather your scattered children into your Church
 to be as one even as you, Father, are one
 with your Son and the Holy Spirit.
 You call us to be one people,
 to praise your wisdom in all your works,
 to be the body of Christ
 and the dwelling place of the Holy Spirit.

Extended Preface

Father, all-powerful and ever-living God,
we do well always and everywhere to give you thanks
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
By him, your only Son,
who restored to us peace through the blood of his cross,
you willed to reconcile all creatures.
In him you have led us to the knowledge of your truth,
that bound together by one faith and one baptism
we might become his body.
Through him you have given your Holy Spirit to all peoples
to work marvels by innumerable gifts
and an abundant variety of graces.
Gathering us together in unity,
your Spirit dwells in the hearts of all your children,
filling the whole Church with his presence
and guiding it with wisdom from above.
And so, with steadfast love,
we proclaim your glory
and join with hosts of angels
in their triumphant hymn of praise:

Post Communion

Eternal God and Father,
whose Son at supper prayed that his disciples might be one,
as he is one with you:
draw us closer to him,
that in common love and obedience to you
we may be united to one another
in the fellowship of the one Spirit,
that the world may believe that he is Lord, to your eternal glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Blessing

The Lord Jesus Christ,
Son of the living God,
teach you to walk in his way more trustfully,
to accept his truth more faithfully,
and to share his life more lovingly;
that by the power of the Holy Spirit
you may come as one family to the kingdom of the Father.
And the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

Dismissal

One in heart and one in mind,
and empowered by the Spirit,
go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

(or)

One in heart and one in mind,
and empowered by the Spirit,
go in the peace of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

The Peace of the World *Colour of the Season*

Invitation to Confession

Let us confess to God the sins and shortcomings of the world;
its pride, its selfishness, its greed;
its evil distortions and hatreds.

Let us confess our share in what is wrong,
and our failure to seek and establish that peace
which God wills for all his children.

Kyrie Confession

Lord Jesus, you wept over the sins of your city.
On our *city/town/nation*: Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you heal the wounds of sin and division,
jealousy and bitterness.

On us: Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you bring pardon and peace to the sinner.
Grant us peace: Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Collect

Almighty God,
from whom all thoughts of truth and peace proceed:
kindle, we pray, in the hearts of all, the true love of peace
and guide with your pure and peaceable wisdom
those who take counsel for the nations of the earth
that in tranquillity your kingdom may go forward,
till the earth is filled with the knowledge of your love;
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

Isaiah 9.1-6; or 57.15-19; Micah 4.1-5
 Psalms 40.14-17; 72.1-7; 85.8-13
 Philippians 4.6-9; 1 Timothy 2.1-6; James 3.13-18
 Matthew 5.43-end; John 14.23-29; or 15.9-17

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.

'Blessed are the peacemakers,' says the Lord,
 'for they will be called children of God.'

Matthew 5.9

Alleluia.

Intercession

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

We pray for the leaders of the nations,
 that you will guide them in the ways of freedom, justice and truth.

Lord, in your mercy

hear our prayer.

We pray for those who bear arms on behalf of the nation,
 that they may have discipline and discernment,
 courage and compassion.

Lord, in your mercy

hear our prayer.

We pray for our enemies, and those who wish us harm,
 that you will turn the hearts of all to kindness and friendship.

Lord, in your mercy

hear our prayer.

We pray for the wounded and the captive,
 the grieving and the homeless,
 that in all their trials they may know your love and support.

Lord, in your mercy

hear our prayer.

Most holy God and Father,
hear our prayers for all who strive for peace
and all who fight for justice.
Help us, who today remember the cost of war,
to work for a better tomorrow;
and, as we commend to you lives lost in terror and conflict,
bring us all, in the end, to the peace of your presence;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Introduction to the Peace

Jesus says: 'Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.
Do not let your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.'
cf John 14.27

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,
because you have anointed your Son as the Messiah,
the light of the nations,
and revealed him as the hope of all who thirst for
righteousness and peace.

Extended Preface

Living God, Father of light,
hope of nations, friend of sinners,
builder of the city that is to come:
your love is made visible in Jesus Christ,
you bring home the lost, restore the sinner
and give dignity to the despised.
In the face of Jesus Christ
your light shines out,
flooding lives with goodness and truth,
gathering into one a divided and broken humanity.
With people from every race and nation,
with the Church of all the ages,
with apostles, evangelists and martyrs,
we join the angels of heaven in their unending song:

Post Communion

God our Father,
your Son is our peace
and his cross the sign of reconciliation:
help us, who share the broken bread,
to bring together what is scattered
and to bind up what is wounded,
that Christ may bring in the everlasting kingdom of his peace;
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

Blessing

God grant to the living grace,
to the departed rest,
to the Church, the Queen, the Commonwealth and all people,
unity, peace and concord,
and to us and all God's servants,
life everlasting;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

Ministry (including Ember Days) *Red or Colour of the Season*

Invitation to Confession

God has called us to follow Christ,
and has formed us into a royal priesthood, a holy nation,
to declare the wonderful deeds of him who has called us
out of darkness into his marvellous light.
Let us confess the times when we have failed to heed this call.

Kyrie Confession

Lord Jesus, you said to your disciples:
'You have not chosen me, but I have chosen you.'
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, we know that the harvest is plentiful
but the labourers are few.
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you appointed us to go and bear fruit that will last.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Collect

(for the ministry of all Christian people)

Almighty and everlasting God,
by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church
is governed and sanctified:
hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people,
that in their vocation and ministry
they may serve you in holiness and truth
to the glory of your name;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

(or)

(for those to be ordained)

Almighty God, the giver of all good gifts,
 by your Holy Spirit you have appointed
 various orders of ministry in the Church:
 look with mercy on your servants
 now called to be deacons and priests;
 maintain them in truth and renew them in holiness,
 that by word and good example they may faithfully serve you
 to the glory of your name and the benefit of your Church;
 through the merits of our Saviour Jesus Christ,
 who is alive and reigns with you,
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 one God, now and for ever.

or (for vocations)

Almighty God,
 you have entrusted to your Church
 a share in the ministry of your Son our great high priest:
 inspire by your Holy Spirit the hearts of many
 to offer themselves for the ministry of your Church,
 that, strengthened by his power,
 they may work for the increase of your kingdom
 and set forward the eternal praise of your name;
 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.

or (for the inauguration of a new ministry)

God our Father, Lord of all the world,
 through your Son you have called us into the fellowship
 of your universal Church:
 hear our prayer for your faithful people
 that in their vocation and ministry
 each may be an instrument of your love,
 and give to your servant *N* now to be ... (*installed, inducted, etc.*)
 the needful gifts of grace;
 through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,
 who is alive and reigns with you,
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 one God, now and for ever.

Lectionary

Numbers 11.16,17, 24-29; or 27.15-end; 1 Samuel 16.1-13a; Isaiah 6.1-8;
or 61.1-3; Jeremiah 1.4-10

Psalms 40.8-13; 84.8-12; 89.19-25; 101.1-5,7; 122

Acts 20.28-35; 1 Corinthians 3.3-11; Ephesians 4.4-16; Philippians 3.7-14
Luke 4.16-21; or 12.35-43; or 22.24-27; John 4.31-38; or 15.5-17

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.

Go out into the whole world
and make disciples of all the nations.

Matthew 28.19

Alleluia.

Intercession

We pray for the flourishing of God's gifts to his Church, saying:

Jesus, Lord of your Church,
in your mercy hear us.

God our Father, you give us gifts that we may work together
in the service of your Son:
bless the leaders of your Church,
that they may be firm in faith,
and humble before you.

Jesus, Lord of your Church,
in your mercy hear us.

Bless those who teach,
that they may increase our understanding,
and be open to your word for them.

Jesus, Lord of your Church,
in your mercy hear us.

Bless those who minister healing,
that they may bring wholeness to others,
yet know your healing in themselves.

Jesus, Lord of your Church,
in your mercy hear us.

Bless those through whom you speak,
that they may proclaim your word in power,
yet open their ears to your gentle whisper.

Jesus, Lord of your Church,
in your mercy hear us.

Bless those who work in your world today,
that in the complexity of their daily lives
they may live for you, fulfil your purposes,
and seek your kingdom first.

Jesus, Lord of your Church,
in your mercy hear us.

Bless those who are uncertain of their gifts
and those who are powerless in this world's eyes,
that they may be made strong in your gift of the Holy Spirit.

Jesus, Lord of your Church,
**hear our prayer,
and make us one in heart and mind
to serve you with joy for ever. Amen.**

Introduction to the Peace

We are all one in Christ Jesus.
We belong to him through faith,
heirs of the promise of the Spirit of peace.

Prayer at the Preparation of the Table

Heavenly Father,
as we set before you these gifts of bread and wine,
bless also the gift of our hearts and minds
as we offer our lives in your service;
for Jesus Christ's sake.

Preface

And now we give you thanks
because Christ came not to be served but to serve,
and to give his life as a ransom for many.
He calls his faithful servants
to lead your holy people in love,
nourishing them by your word and sacraments.
Therefore ...

(or)

And now we give you thanks
because within the royal priesthood of your Church
you ordain ministers to proclaim the word of God,
to care for your people
and to celebrate the sacraments of the new covenant.
Therefore ...

Extended Preface

It is indeed right and good, our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks
through your servant Jesus Christ our Lord.
At his baptism he was revealed as your beloved Son
and coming among us as one who serves,
he taught that they are greatest in your kingdom
who make themselves least and the servants of all.
Although he was their teacher and their Lord,
he washed the feet of his disciples,
and commanded us to do the same.
Through your Holy Spirit you bestow upon your people
a rich diversity of gifts and ministries,
and from this royal priesthood
you raise up men and women to proclaim your word,
to care for your people
and to be the stewards of the mysteries of Christ.
You call them to serve the world your Son redeemed
and build up his body, the Church,
to the greater glory of your name.
And so with angels and archangels
and all the heavenly host,
we proclaim your glory
and join their unending hymn of praise:

Post Communion

Heavenly Father,
whose ascended Son gave gifts of leadership and service
to the Church:
strengthen us who have received this holy food
to be good stewards of your manifold grace;
through him who came not to be served but to serve,
and give his life as a ransom for many,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

(or)

Lord of the harvest,
you have fed your people in this sacrament
with the fruits of creation made holy by your Spirit:
by your grace raise up among us faithful labourers
to sow your word and reap the harvest of souls;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Blessing

May the boldness of the Spirit transform you,
may the gentleness of the Spirit lead you,
may the gifts of the Spirit equip you
to serve and worship God;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

Acclamation

There are varieties of gifts,

but the same Spirit.

There are varieties of service,

but the same Lord.

There are different kinds of working,

but the same God is at work in all.

There is one body, one Spirit, one hope in God's call;

one Lord, one faith, one baptism.

There is one God, Father of all, over all and in all,

to whom Christ ascended on high.

And through his Spirit he gives us gifts:

some are apostles, some are his prophets;

evangelists, pastors and teachers he gives us,

so that we can minister together

to build up his body,

to be mature in the fullness of Christ.

Social Justice and Responsibility *Colour of the Season*

Collect

Eternal God,
 in whose perfect realm
 no sword is drawn but the sword of righteousness,
 and no strength known but the strength of love:
 so guide and inspire the work of those who seek your kingdom
 that all your people may find their security
 in that love which casts out fear
 and in the fellowship revealed to us
 in Jesus Christ our Saviour,
 who is alive and reigns with you,
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 one God, now and for ever.

(or)

Almighty and eternal God,
 to whom we must all give account:
 guide with your Spirit the ... of this (*city, society, etc.*),
 that *we/they* may be faithful to the mind of Christ
 and seek in all *our/their* purposes to enrich our common life;
 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

Isaiah 32.15-end; Amos 5.21-24; or 8.4-7; Acts 5.1-11
 Psalms 31.21-24; 85.1-7; 146.5-10
 Colossians 3.12-15; James 2.1-4
 Matthew 5.1-12; or 25.31-end; Luke 16.19-end

Post Communion

Blessed God,
help us, whom you have fed and satisfied in this eucharist,
to hunger and thirst for what is right;
help us, who here have rejoiced and been glad,
to stand with those who are persecuted and reviled;
help us, who here have glimpsed the life of heaven,
to strive for the cause of right
and for the coming of the kingdom of Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

In Time of Trouble *Colour of the Season*

Collect

Sovereign God,
the defence of those who trust in you
and the strength of those who suffer:
look with mercy on our affliction
and deliver us through our mighty Saviour Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Lectionary

Genesis 9.8-17; Job 1.13-end; Isaiah 38.6-11
Psalms 86.1-7; 107.4-15; 142.1-7
Romans 3.21-26; Romans 8.18-25; 2 Corinthians 8.1-5,9
Mark 4.35-end; Luke 12.1-7; John 16.31-end

Post Communion

Almighty God,
whose Son gave us in this meal a pledge of your saving love
and a foretaste of your kingdom of justice and peace:
strengthen your people in their faith
that they may endure the sufferings of this present time
in expectation of the glory to be revealed;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

For the Sovereign *Colour of the Season*

The anniversary of HM The Queen's accession is 6 February.

Collect

Almighty God, the fountain of all goodness,
bless our Sovereign Lady, *Queen Elizabeth*,
and all who are in authority under her;
that they may order all things
 in wisdom and equity, righteousness and peace,
to the honour and glory of your name
and the good of your Church and people;
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

Joshua 1.1-9; Proverbs 8.1-16
Psalms 20; 101; 121
Romans 13.1-10; Revelation 21.22-22.4
Matthew 22.16-22; Luke 22.24-30

Post Communion

O God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
our only Saviour, the Prince of Peace:
give us grace seriously to lay to heart
the great dangers we are in by our unhappy divisions;
take away our hatred and prejudice
and whatever else may hinder us from godly union and concord,
that, as there is but one body, one Spirit
 and one hope of our calling,
one Lord, one faith, one baptism,
one God and Father of us all,
so may we henceforth be all of one heart and of one soul,
united in one holy bond of truth and peace, of faith and charity,
and may with one mind and one mouth glorify you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

