

Lesser Festivals

2 January

Basil the Great and Gregory of Nazianzus

White

Bishops, Teachers of the Faith, 379 and 389

Collect

Lord God,
whose servants Basil and Gregory
proclaimed the mystery of your Word made flesh,
to build up your Church in wisdom and strength:
grant that we may rejoice in his presence among us,
and so be brought with them to know the power
of your unending 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.

*Common of Teachers of the Faith and Spiritual Writers
(pages 291–296).*

*12 January***Aelred of Hexham***White**Abbot of Rievaulx, 1167***Collect**

Almighty God,
 who endowed Aelred the abbot
 with the gift of Christian friendship
 and the wisdom to lead others in the way of holiness:
 grant to your people that same spirit of mutual affection,
 so that, in loving one another,
 we may know the love of Christ
 and rejoice in the eternal possession
 of your supreme goodness;
 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.

*Common of Members of Religious Communities (pages 303–306).**13 January***Hilary***White**Bishop of Poitiers, Teacher of the Faith, 367***Collect**

Everlasting God,
 whose servant Hilary
 steadfastly confessed your Son Jesus Christ
 to be both human and divine:
 grant us his gentle courtesy
 to bring to all the message of redemption
 in the incarnate Christ,
 who is alive and reigns with you,
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 one God, now and for ever.

*Common of Teachers of the Faith and Spiritual Writers
(pages 291–296).*

*17 January***Antony of Egypt***White**Hermit, Abbot, 356***Collect**

Most gracious God,
 who called your servant Antony to sell all that he had
 and to serve you in the solitude of the desert:
 by his example may we learn to deny ourselves
 and to love you before all things;
 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.

*Common of Members of Religious Communities (pages 303–306).**19 January***Wulfstan***White**Bishop of Worcester, 1095***Collect**

Lord God,
 who raised up Wulfstan to be a bishop among your people
 and a leader of your Church:
 help us, after his example,
 to live simply,
 to work diligently
 and to make your kingdom known;
 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.

Common of Bishops and other Pastors (pages 297–302).

21 January**Agnes****Red***Child Martyr at Rome, 304***Collect**

Eternal God, shepherd of your sheep,
 whose child Agnes was strengthened to bear witness
 in her living and her dying
 to the true love of her redeemer:
 grant us the power to understand, with all your saints,
 what is the breadth and length and height and depth
 and to know the love that surpasses knowledge,
 even 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.

*Common of Martyrs (pages 284–290).***24 January****Francis de Sales****White***Bishop of Geneva, Teacher of the Faith, 1622***Collect**

Holy God,
 who called your bishop Francis de Sales
 to bring many to Christ through his devout life
 and to renew your Church with patience and understanding:
 grant that we may, by word and example,
 reflect your gentleness and love to all we meet;
 through Jesus Christ our Saviour,
 who is alive and reigns with you,
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 one God, now and for ever.

*Common of Teachers of the Faith and Spiritual Writers
 (pages 291–296).*

26 January**Timothy and Titus****White***Companions of Paul***Collect**

Heavenly Father,
 who sent your apostle Paul to preach the gospel,
 and gave him Timothy and Titus
 to be his companions in faith:
 grant that our fellowship in the Holy Spirit
 may bear witness to the name of Jesus,
 who is alive and reigns with you,
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 one God, now and for ever.

Lectionary

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Isaiah 61.1-3a; Psalm 100; 2 Timothy 2.1-8 or Titus 1.1-5; Luke 10.1-9

Common of Missionaries (pages 307–311).

28 January**Thomas Aquinas****White***Priest, Philosopher, Teacher of the Faith, 1274***Collect**

Eternal God,
 who enriched your Church with the learning and holiness
 of your servant Thomas Aquinas:
 give to all who seek you
 a humble mind and a pure heart
 that they may know your Son Jesus Christ
 as the way, the truth and the life;
 who is alive and reigns with you,
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 one God, now and for ever.

*Common of Teachers of the Faith and Spiritual Writers
 (pages 291–296).*

30 January**Charles**
*King and Martyr, 1649***Red****Collect**

King of kings and Lord of lords,
 whose faithful servant Charles
 prayed for those who persecuted him
 and died in the living hope of your eternal kingdom:
 grant us by your grace so to follow his example
 that we may love and bless our enemies,
 through the intercession of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ,
 who is alive and reigns with you,
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 one God, now and for ever.

*Common of Martyrs (pages 284–290).***3 February****Anskar**
*Archbishop of Hamburg,
 Missionary in Denmark and Sweden, 865***White****Collect**

God of grace and might,
 who sent your servant Anskar
 to spread the gospel to the Nordic peoples:
 raise up, we pray, in our generation
 messengers of your good news
 and heralds of your kingdom
 that the world may come to know
 the immeasurable riches 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.

Common of Missionaries (pages 307–311).

*14 February***Cyril and Methodius***White**Missionaries to the Slavs, 869 and 885**Collect*

Lord of all,
 who gave to your servants Cyril and Methodius
 the gift of tongues to proclaim the gospel to the Slavs:
 make your whole Church one as you are one
 that all Christians may honour one another,
 and east and west acknowledge
 one Lord, one faith, one baptism,
 and you, the God and Father of all;
 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.

*Common of Missionaries (pages 307–311).**17 February***Janani Luwum***Red**Archbishop of Uganda, Martyr, 1977**Collect*

God of truth,
 whose servant Janani Luwum walked in the light,
 and in his death defied the powers of darkness:
 free us from fear of those who kill the body,
 that we too may walk as children of light,
 through him who overcame darkness by the power of the cross,
 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.

Common of Martyrs (pages 284–290).

23 February**Polycarp****Red***Bishop of Smyrna, Martyr, c.155***Collect**

Almighty God,
 who gave to your servant Polycarp
 boldness to confess the name of our Saviour Jesus Christ
 before the rulers of this world
 and courage to die for his faith:
 grant that we also may be ready
 to give an answer for the faith that is in us
 and to suffer gladly for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ,
 who is alive and reigns with you,
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 one God, now and for ever.

*Common of Martyrs (pages 284–290).***27 February****George Herbert****White***Priest, Poet, 1633***Collect**

King of glory, king of peace,
 who called your servant George Herbert
 from the pursuit of worldly honours
 to be a priest in the temple of his God and king:
 grant us also the grace to offer ourselves
 with singleness of heart in humble obedience to your service;
 through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
 who is alive and reigns with you,
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 one God, now and for ever.

Common of Bishops and other Pastors (pages 297–302).

*1 March***David***White**Bishop of Menevia, Patron of Wales, c.601***Collect**

Almighty God,
 who called your servant David
 to be a faithful and wise steward of your mysteries
 for the people of Wales:
 in your mercy, grant that,
 following his purity of life and zeal for the gospel of Christ,
 we may with him receive the crown of everlasting 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.

*Common of Bishops and other Pastors (pages 297–302).**2 March***Chad***White**Bishop of Lichfield, Missionary, 672***Collect**

Almighty God,
 from the first fruits of the English nation who turned to Christ,
 you called your servant Chad
 to be an evangelist and bishop of his own people:
 give us grace so to follow his peaceable nature,
 humble spirit and prayerful life,
 that we may truly commend to others
 the faith which we ourselves profess;
 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.

Common of Missionaries (pages 307–311).

7 March**Perpetua, Felicity
and their Companions****Red***Martyrs at Carthage, 203***Collect**

Holy God,
 who gave great courage to Perpetua, Felicity and their companions:
 grant that we may be worthy to climb the ladder of sacrifice
 and be received into the garden of 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.

*Common of Martyrs (pages 284–290).***8 March****Edward King****White***Bishop of Lincoln, 1910***Collect**

God of peace,
 who gave such grace to your servant Edward King
 that whomever he met he drew to Christ:
 fill us, we pray, with tender sympathy and joyful faith,
 that we also may win others
 to know the love that passes knowledge;
 through him who is the shepherd and guardian of our souls,
 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.

Common of Bishops and other Pastors (pages 297–302).

17 March**Patrick****White***Bishop, Missionary, Patron of Ireland, c.460***Collect**

Almighty God,
 who in your providence chose your servant Patrick
 to be the apostle of the Irish people:
 keep alive in us the fire of the faith he kindled
 and strengthen us in our pilgrimage
 towards the light of everlasting 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.

*Common of Missionaries (pages 307–311).***20 March****Cuthbert****White***Bishop of Lindisfarne, Missionary, 687***Collect**

Almighty God,
 who called your servant Cuthbert from following the flock
 to follow your Son and to be a shepherd of your people:
 in your mercy, grant that we, following his example,
 may bring those who are lost home to your fold;
 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.

Common of Missionaries (pages 307–311).

21 March**Thomas Cranmer****Red***Archbishop of Canterbury, Reformation Martyr, 1556***Collect**

Father of all mercies,
 who through the work of your servant Thomas Cranmer
 renewed the worship of your Church
 and through his death revealed your strength in human weakness:
 by your grace strengthen us to worship you
 in spirit and in truth
 and so to come to the joys of your everlasting kingdom;
 through Jesus Christ our Mediator and Advocate,
 who is alive and reigns with you,
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 one God, now and for ever.

*Common of Martyrs (pages 284–290).***10 April****William Law****White***Priest, Spiritual Writer, 1761***Collect**

Almighty God,
 who called your servant William Law
 to a devout and holy life:
 grant that by your spirit of love
 and through faithfulness in prayer
 we may find the way to divine knowledge
 and so come to see the hidden things of God;
 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.

*Common of Teachers of the Faith and Spiritual Writers
(pages 291–296).*

19 April**Alphege****Red***Archbishop of Canterbury, Martyr, 1012***Collect**

Merciful God,
 who raised up your servant Alphege
 to be a pastor of your people
 and gave him grace to suffer for justice and true religion:
 grant that we who celebrate his martyrdom
 may know the power of the risen Christ in our hearts
 and share his peace in lives offered to your service;
 through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
 who is alive and reigns with you,
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 one God, now and for ever.

*Common of Martyrs (pages 284–290).***21 April****Anselm****White***Abbot of Le Bec, Archbishop of Canterbury,
Teacher of the Faith, 1109***Collect**

Eternal God,
 who gave great gifts to your servant Anselm
 as a pastor and teacher:
 grant that we, like him, may desire you with our whole heart
 and, so desiring, may seek you
 and, seeking, may find 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.

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(pages 291–296).*

29 April**Catherine of Siena****White***Teacher of the Faith, 1380***Collect**

God of compassion,
 who gave your servant Catherine of Siena
 a wondrous love of the passion of Christ:
 grant that your people may be united to him in his majesty
 and rejoice for ever in the revelation of his glory;
 who is alive and reigns with you,
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 one God, now and for ever.

*Common of Teachers of the Faith and Spiritual Writers
 (pages 291–296).*

2 May**Athanasius****White***Bishop of Alexandria, Teacher of the Faith, 373***Collect**

Ever-living God,
 whose servant Athanasius testified
 to the mystery of the Word made flesh for our salvation:
 help us, with all your saints,
 to contend for the truth
 and to grow into the likeness 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.

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 (pages 291–296).*

4 May

English Saints and Martyrs of the Reformation Era

White

Collect

Merciful God,
 who, when your Church on earth was torn apart
 by the ravages of sin,
 raised up men and women in this land
 who witnessed to their faith with courage and constancy:
 give to your Church that peace which is your will,
 and grant that those who have been divided on earth
 may be reconciled in heaven
 and share together 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.

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Isaiah 43.1-7 or Ecclesiasticus 2.10-17; Psalm 87;
 2 Corinthians 4.5-12; John 12.20-26

Post Communion

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.

Common of Martyrs (pages 284–290)

(or)

Common of Any Saint; Holy Men and Women (pages 312–329).

8 May**Julian of Norwich****White***Spiritual Writer, c.1417***Collect**

Most holy God, the ground of our beseeching,
 who through your servant Julian
 revealed the wonders of your love:
 grant that as we are created in your nature
 and restored by your grace,
 our wills may be so made one with yours
 that we may come to see you face to face
 and gaze on you for ever;
 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.

*Common of Teachers of the Faith and Spiritual Writers
 (pages 291–296).*

19 May**Dunstan****White***Archbishop of Canterbury, Restorer of Monastic Life, 988***Collect**

Almighty God,
 who raised up Dunstan to be a true shepherd of the flock,
 a restorer of monastic life
 and a faithful counsellor to those in authority:
 give to all pastors the same gifts of your Holy Spirit
 that they may be true servants of Christ and of all his 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.

Common of Bishops and other Pastors (pages 297–302).

20 May**Alcuin of York****White***Deacon, Abbot of Tours, 804***Collect**

God of wisdom, eternal light,
 who shone in the heart of your servant Alcuin,
 revealing to him your power and pity:
 scatter the darkness of our ignorance
 that, with all our heart and mind and strength,
 we may seek your face
 and be brought with all your saints
 to your holy presence;
 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.

*Common of Members of Religious Communities (pages 303–306).***24 May****John and Charles Wesley****White***Evangelists, Hymn Writers, 1791 and 1788***Collect**

God of mercy,
 who inspired John and Charles Wesley with zeal for your gospel:
 grant to all people boldness to proclaim your word
 and a heart ever to rejoice in singing your praises;
 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.

Common of Bishops and other Pastors (pages 297–302).

25 May

The Venerable Bede

Monk at Jarrow, Scholar, Historian, 735

White**Collect**

God our maker,
 whose Son Jesus Christ gave to your servant Bede
 grace to drink in with joy the word
 that leads us to know you and to love you:
 in your goodness
 grant that we also may come at length to you,
 the source of all wisdom,
 and stand before your face;
 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.

Common of Members of Religious Communities (pages 303–306).

26 May

Augustine of Canterbury

First Archbishop of Canterbury, 605

White**Collect**

Almighty God,
 whose servant Augustine was sent as the apostle
 of the English people:
 grant that as he laboured in the Spirit
 to preach Christ's gospel in this land,
 so all who hear the good news
 may strive to make your truth known in all the world;
 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.

Common of Bishops and other Pastors (pages 297–302).

30 May

Josephine Butler

White

Social Reformer, 1906

Collect

God of compassion and love,
by whose grace your servant Josephine Butler
followed in the way of your Son
in caring for those in need:
help us like her to work with strength
for the restoration of all to the dignity
and freedom of those created in your image;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion

God our redeemer,
who inspired Josephine Butler 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.

Common of Any Saint; Holy Men and Women (pages 312–329).

*1 June***Justin***Red**Martyr at Rome, c.165***Collect**

God our redeemer,
 who through the folly of the cross taught your martyr Justin
 the surpassing knowledge of Jesus Christ:
 remove from us every kind of error
 that we, like him, may be firmly grounded in the faith,
 and make your name known to all peoples;
 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.

*Common of Martyrs (pages 284–290).**5 June***Boniface (Wynfrith) of Crediton***Red**Bishop, Apostle of Germany, Martyr, 754***Collect**

God our redeemer,
 who called your servant Boniface
 to preach the gospel among the German people
 and to build up your Church in holiness:
 grant that we may preserve in our hearts
 that faith which he taught with his words
 and sealed with his blood,
 and profess it in lives dedicated to 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.

Common of Martyrs (pages 284–290).

8 June**Thomas Ken****White***Bishop of Bath and Wells, Nonjuror, Hymn Writer, 1711***Collect**

O God, from whom all blessings flow,
 by whose providence we are kept
 and by whose grace we are directed:
 help us, through the example of your servant Thomas Ken,
 faithfully to keep your word,
 humbly to accept adversity
 and steadfastly to worship 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.

*Common of Bishops and other Pastors (pages 297–302).***9 June****Columba****White***Abbot of Iona, Missionary, 597***Collect**

Almighty God,
 who filled the heart of Columba
 with the joy of the Holy Spirit
 and with deep love for those in his care:
 may your pilgrim people follow him,
 strong in faith, sustained by hope,
 and one in the love that binds us 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.

Common of Missionaries (pages 307–311).

16 June**Richard**
*Bishop of Chichester, 1253***White****Collect**

Most merciful redeemer,
 who gave to your bishop Richard a love of learning,
 a zeal for souls and a devotion to the poor:
 grant that, encouraged by his example,
 we may know you more clearly,
 love you more dearly,
 and follow you more nearly,
 day by day,
 who with the Father and the Holy Spirit are alive and reign,
 one God, now and for ever.

*Common of Bishops and other Pastors (pages 297–302).***22 June****Alban**
*First Martyr of Britain, c.250***Red****Collect**

Eternal Father,
 when the gospel of Christ first came to our land
 you gloriously confirmed the faith of Alban
 by making him the first to win a martyr's crown:
 grant that, following his example,
 in the fellowship of the saints
 we may worship you, the living God,
 and give true witness to 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.

Common of Martyrs (pages 284–290).

23 June**Etheldreda** *White*
*Abbess of Ely, c.678***Collect**

Eternal God,
 who bestowed such grace upon your servant Etheldreda
 that she gave herself wholly to the life of prayer
 and to the service of your true religion:
 grant that we, like her,
 may so live our lives on earth seeking your kingdom
 that by your guiding
 we may be joined to the glorious fellowship of your saints;
 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.

*Common of Members of Religious Communities (pages 303–306).***28 June****Irenæus** *White*
*Bishop of Lyons, Teacher of the Faith, c.200***Collect**

God of peace,
 who through the ministry of your servant Irenæus
 strengthened the true faith
 and brought harmony to your Church:
 keep us steadfast in your true religion,
 and renew us in faith and love,
 that we may always walk in the way that leads to eternal 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.

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(pages 291–296).*

*11 July***Benedict of Nursia***White**Abbot of Monte Cassino,
Father of Western Monasticism, c.550***Collect**

Eternal God,
 who made Benedict a wise master
 in the school of your service
 and a guide to many called into community
 to follow the rule of Christ:
 grant that we may put your love before all else
 and seek with joy the way of your commandments;
 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.

*Common of Members of Religious Communities (pages 303–306).**14 July***John Keble***White**Priest, Tractarian, Poet, 1866***Collect**

Father of the eternal Word,
 in whose encompassing love
 all things in peace and order move:
 grant that, as your servant John Keble
 adored you in all creation,
 so we may have a humble heart of love
 for the mysteries of your Church
 and know your love to be new every morning,
 in 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.

Common of Bishops and other Pastors (pages 297–302).

*15 July***Swithun***White**Bishop of Winchester, c.862**Collect*

Almighty God,
 by whose grace we celebrate again
 the feast of your servant Swithun:
 grant that, as he governed with gentleness
 the people committed to his care,
 so we, rejoicing in our Christian inheritance,
 may always seek to build up your Church in unity and 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.

*Common of Bishops and other Pastors (pages 297–302).**19 July***Gregory and Macrina***White*

*Gregory, Bishop of Nyssa, and his sister Macrina, Deaconess,
 Teachers of the Faith, c.394 and c.379*

Collect

Lord of eternity, creator of all things,
 in your Son Jesus Christ you open for us the way to resurrection
 that we may enjoy your bountiful goodness:
 may we who celebrate your servants Gregory and Macrina
 press onwards in faith to your boundless love
 and ever wonder at the miracle of your presence among 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.

*Common of Teachers of the Faith and Spiritual Writers
 (pages 291–296).*

26 July

Anne and Joachim

White

Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Collect

Lord God of Israel,
 who bestowed such grace on Anne and Joachim
 that their daughter Mary grew up obedient to your word
 and made ready to be the mother of your Son:
 help us to commit ourselves in all things to your keeping
 and grant us the salvation you promised to your 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

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Zephaniah 3.14-18a; Psalm 127; Romans 8.28-30; Matthew 13.16,17

Post Communion

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

Common of Any Saint; Holy Men and Women (pages 312–329).

29 July

Mary, Martha and Lazarus

White

*Companions of Our Lord***Collect**

God our Father,
 whose Son enjoyed the love of his friends,
 Mary, Martha and Lazarus,
 in learning, argument and hospitality:
 may we so rejoice in your love
 that the world may come to know
 the depths of your wisdom, the wonder of your compassion,
 and your power to bring life out of death;
 through the merits of Jesus Christ,
 our friend and brother,
 who is alive and reigns with you,
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 one God, now and for ever.

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Isaiah 25.6-9; Psalm 49.5-10, 16; Hebrews 2.10-15; John 12.1-8

Post Communion

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

Common of Any Saint; Holy Men and Women (pages 312–329).

30 July

William Wilberforce
Social Reformer, 1833

White

Collect

God our deliverer,
who sent your Son Jesus Christ
to set your people free from the slavery of sin:
grant that, as your servant William Wilberforce
 toiled against the sin of slavery,
so we may bring compassion to all
and work for the freedom of all the children of God;
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.

Post Communion

God our redeemer,
who inspired William Wilberforce 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.

Common of Any Saint; Holy Men and Women (pages 312–329).

5 August**Oswald****Red***King of Northumbria, Martyr, 642***Collect**

Lord God almighty,
 who so kindled the faith of King Oswald with your Spirit
 that he set up the sign of the cross in his kingdom
 and turned his people to the light of Christ:
 grant that we, being fired by the same Spirit,
 may always bear our cross before the world
 and be found faithful servants of the gospel;
 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.

*Common of Martyrs (pages 284–290).***8 August****Dominic****White***Priest, Founder of the Order of Preachers, 1221***Collect**

Almighty God,
 whose servant Dominic grew in the knowledge of your truth
 and formed an order of preachers to proclaim the faith of Christ:
 by your grace give to all your people a love for your word
 and a longing to share the gospel,
 so that the whole world may come to know you
 and 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.

Common of Members of Religious Communities (pages 303–306).

9 August

Mary Sumner

White

Founder of the Mothers' Union, 1921

Collect

Faithful and loving God,
who called Mary Sumner to strive for the renewal of family life:
give us the gift of your Holy Spirit,
that through word, prayer and deed
 your family may be strengthened and your people served;
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.

Post Communion

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

Common of Any Saint; Holy Men and Women (pages 312–329).

10 August**Laurence****Red***Deacon at Rome, Martyr, 258***Collect**

Almighty God,
 who made Laurence a loving servant of your people
 and a wise steward of the treasures of your Church:
 fire us with his example to love as he loved
 and to walk in the way that leads to eternal 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.

*Common of Martyrs (pages 284–290).***11 August****Clare of Assisi****White***Founder of the Minoresses (Poor Clares), 1253***Collect**

God of peace,
 who in the poverty of the blessed Clare
 gave us a clear light to shine in the darkness of this world:
 give us grace so to follow in her footsteps
 that we may, at the last, rejoice with her in your eternal 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.

Common of Members of Religious Communities (pages 303–306).

13 August**Jeremy Taylor****White***Bishop of Down and Connor, Teacher of the Faith, 1667***Collect**

Holy and loving God,
 you dwell in the human heart
 and make us partakers of the divine nature
 in Christ our great high priest:
 help us who remember your servant Jeremy Taylor
 to put our trust in your heavenly promises
 and follow a holy life in virtue and true godliness;
 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.

*Common of Teachers of the Faith and Spiritual Writers
 (pages 291–296).*

20 August**Bernard****White***Abbot of Clairvaux, Teacher of the Faith, 1153***Collect**

Merciful redeemer,
 who, by the life and preaching of your servant Bernard,
 rekindled the radiant light of your Church:
 grant us, in our generation,
 to be inflamed with the same spirit of discipline and love
 and ever to 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.

*Common of Teachers of the Faith and Spiritual Writers
 (pages 291–296).*

27 August**Monica****White***Mother of Augustine of Hippo, 387***Collect**

Faithful God,
 who strengthened Monica, the mother of Augustine, with wisdom,
 and through her patient endurance encouraged him
 to seek after you:
 give us the will to persist in prayer
 that those who stray from you may be brought to faith
 in 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.

Post Communion

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

Common of Any Saint; Holy Men and Women (pages 312–329).

28 August**Augustine of Hippo****White***Bishop of Hippo, Teacher of the Faith, 430***Collect**

Merciful Lord,
 who turned Augustine from his sins
 to be a faithful bishop and teacher:
 grant that we may follow him in penitence and discipline
 till our restless hearts find their rest in 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.

*Common of Teachers of the Faith and Spiritual Writers
 (pages 291–296).*

29 August**The Beheading of
John the Baptist****Red****Collect**

Almighty God,
 who called your servant John the Baptist
 to be the forerunner of your Son in birth and death:
 strengthen us by your grace
 that, as he suffered for the truth,
 so we may boldly resist corruption and vice
 and receive with him the unfading crown of glory;
 through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
 who is alive and reigns with you,
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 one God, now and for ever.

Lectionary

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 Eucharistic Lectionary. The daily Psalms and readings at Morning and
 Evening Prayer are not usually superseded by those for Lesser Festivals.*

Jeremiah 1.4–10; Psalm 11; Hebrews 11.32–12.2; Matthew 14.1–12

Post Communion

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

See also 24 June, The Birth of John the Baptist (pages 75–80).

30 August

John Bunyan *White*
Spiritual Writer, 1688

Collect

God of peace,
 who called your servant John Bunyan
 to be valiant for truth:
 grant that as strangers and pilgrims
 we may at the last rejoice with all Christian people
 in your heavenly city;
 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.

*Common of Teachers of the Faith and Spiritual Writers
 (pages 291–296).*

31 August**Aidan****White***Bishop of Lindisfarne, Missionary, 651***Collect**

Everlasting God,
 you sent the gentle bishop Aidan
 to proclaim the gospel in this land:
 grant us to live as he taught
 in simplicity, humility and love for the poor;
 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.

*Common of Missionaries (pages 307–311).***3 September****Gregory the Great****White***Bishop of Rome, Teacher of the Faith, 604***Collect**

Merciful Father,
 who chose your bishop Gregory
 to be a servant of the servants of God:
 grant that, like him, we may ever long to serve you
 by proclaiming your gospel to the nations,
 and may ever rejoice to sing your praises;
 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.

*Common of Teachers of the Faith and Spiritual Writers
 (pages 291–296).*

8 September**The Birth of the
Blessed Virgin Mary****White****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.

*Common of The Blessed Virgin Mary (pages 268–276).***13 September****John Chrysostom****White***Bishop of Constantinople, Teacher of the Faith, 407***Collect**

God of truth and love,
 who gave to your servant John Chrysostom
 eloquence to declare your righteousness in the great congregation
 and courage to bear reproach for the honour of your name:
 mercifully grant to those who minister your word
 such excellence in preaching,
 that all people may share with them
 in the glory that shall be revealed;
 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.

*Common of Teachers of the Faith and Spiritual Writers
(pages 291–296).*

15 September**Cyprian****Red***Bishop of Carthage, Martyr, 258***Collect**

Holy God,
 who brought Cyprian to faith in Christ,
 made him a bishop in the Church
 and crowned his witness with a martyr's death:
 grant that, after his example,
 we may love the Church and her teachings,
 find your forgiveness within her fellowship
 and so come to share the heavenly banquet
 you have prepared for 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.

*Common of Martyrs (pages 284–290).***16 September****Ninian****White***Bishop of Galloway, Apostle of the Picts, c.432***Collect**

Almighty and everlasting God,
 who called your servant Ninian to preach the gospel
 to the people of northern Britain:
 raise up in this and every land
 heralds and evangelists of your kingdom,
 that your Church may make known the immeasurable riches
 of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ,
 who is alive and reigns with you,
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 one God, now and for ever.

Common of Missionaries (pages 307–311).

17 September**Hildegard****White***Abbess of Bingen, Visionary, 1179***Collect**

Most glorious and holy God,
 whose servant Hildegard, strong in the faith,
 was caught up in the vision of your heavenly courts:
 by the breath of your Spirit
 open our eyes to glimpse your glory
 and our lips to sing your praises with all the angels;
 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.

*Common of Members of Religious Communities (pages 303–306).***20 September****John Coleridge Patteson****Red***First Bishop of Melanesia,
and his Companions, Martyrs, 1871***Collect**

God of all tribes and peoples and tongues,
 who called your servant John Coleridge Patteson
 to witness in life and death to the gospel of Christ
 amongst the peoples of Melanesia:
 grant us to hear your call to service
 and to respond trustfully and joyfully
 to Jesus Christ our redeemer,
 who is alive and reigns with you,
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 one God, now and for ever.

Common of Martyrs (pages 284–290).

25 September**Lancelot Andrewes****White***Bishop of Winchester, Spiritual Writer, 1626***Collect**

Lord God,
 who gave to Lancelot Andrewes many gifts of your Holy Spirit,
 making him a man of prayer and a pastor of your people:
 perfect in us that which is lacking in your gifts,
 of faith, to increase it,
 of hope, to establish it,
 of love, to kindle it,
 that we may live in the light of your grace and 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.

*Common of Bishops and other Pastors (pages 297–302).***27 September****Vincent de Paul****White***Founder of the Congregation of the Mission (Lazarists), 1660***Collect**

Merciful God,
 whose servant Vincent de Paul,
 by his ministry of preaching and pastoral care,
 brought your love to the sick and the poor:
 give to all your people a heart of compassion
 that by word and action they may serve you
 in serving others in their need;
 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.

Common of Members of Religious Communities (pages 303–306).

4 October**Francis of Assisi****White***Friar, Deacon, Founder of the Friars Minor, 1226***Collect**

O God, you ever delight to reveal yourself
to the childlike and lowly of heart:
grant that, following the example of the blessed Francis,
we may count the wisdom of this world as foolishness
and know only Jesus Christ and him crucified,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

*Common of Members of Religious Communities (pages 303–306).***6 October****William Tyndale****Red***Translator of the Scriptures, Reformation Martyr, 1536***Collect**

Lord, give to your people grace to hear and keep your word
that, after the example of your servant William Tyndale,
we may not only profess your gospel
but also be ready to suffer and die for it,
to the honour 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.

Common of Martyrs (pages 284–290).

*10 October***Paulinus***White**Bishop of York, Missionary, 644***Collect**

God our Saviour,
 who sent Paulinus to preach and to baptize,
 and so to build up your Church in this land:
 grant that, inspired by his example,
 we may tell all the world of your truth,
 that with him we may receive the reward
 you prepare for all your faithful servants;
 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.

*Common of Missionaries (pages 307–311).**12 October***Wilfrid of Ripon***White**Bishop, Missionary, 709***Collect**

Almighty God,
 who called our forebears to the light of the gospel
 by the preaching of your servant Wilfrid:
 help us, who keep his life and labour in remembrance,
 to glorify your name by following the example
 of his zeal and perseverance;
 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.

Common of Missionaries (pages 307–311).

13 October

Edward the Confessor

White

King of England, 1066

Collect

Sovereign God,
who set your servant Edward
upon the throne of an earthly kingdom
and inspired him with zeal for the kingdom of heaven:
grant that we may so confess the faith of Christ
by word and deed,
that we may, with all your saints, inherit your eternal 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.

Post Communion

God our redeemer,
who inspired Edward 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.

Common of Any Saint; Holy Men and Women (pages 312–329).

*15 October***Teresa of Avila**
*Teacher of the Faith, 1582**White***Collect**

Merciful God,
 who by your Spirit raised up your servant Teresa of Avila
 to reveal to your Church the way of perfection:
 grant that her teaching
 may awaken in us a longing for holiness,
 until we attain to the perfect union of love
 in 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.

*Common of Teachers of the Faith and Spiritual Writers
 (pages 291–296).*

*17 October***Ignatius**
*Bishop of Antioch, Martyr, c.107**Red***Collect**

Feed us, O Lord, with the living bread
 and make us drink deep of the cup of salvation
 that, following the teaching of your bishop Ignatius
 and rejoicing in the faith
 with which he embraced a martyr's death,
 we may be nourished for that eternal life
 for which he longed;
 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.

Common of Martyrs (pages 284–290).

19 October

Henry Martyn

White

*Translator of the Scriptures,
Missionary in India and Persia, 1812*

Collect

Almighty God,
who by your Holy Spirit gave Henry Martyn
a longing to tell the good news of Christ
and skill to translate the Scriptures:
by the same Spirit give us grace to offer you our gifts,
wherever you may lead, at whatever the cost;
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.

Common of Missionaries (pages 307–311).

26 October

Alfred the Great
King of the West Saxons, Scholar, 899

White

Collect

God, our maker and redeemer,
we pray you of your great mercy
and by the power of your holy cross
to guide us by your will and to shield us from our foes:
that, after the example of your servant Alfred,
we may inwardly love you above all things;
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.

Post Communion

God our redeemer,
who inspired Alfred 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.

Common of Any Saint; Holy Men and Women (pages 312–329).

29 October

James Hannington

Red

*Bishop of Eastern Equatorial Africa,
Martyr in Uganda, 1885*

Collect

Most merciful God,
who strengthened your Church by the steadfast courage
of your martyr James Hannington:
grant that we also,
thankfully remembering his victory of faith,
may overcome what is evil
and glorify your holy 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.

Common of Martyrs (pages 284–290).

2 November

Commemoration of the Faithful Departed

Purple

Invitation to Confession

God has shone in our hearts
to give the light of the knowledge of his glory
in the face of Christ.

But we have this treasure in earthen vessels
to show that the transcendent power belongs to God
and not to us.

As we acknowledge our human frailty,
we call to mind our sins of word, deed and omission,
and confess them before God our Father.

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

Eternal God, our maker and redeemer,
grant us, with all the faithful departed,
the sure benefits of your Son's saving passion
and glorious resurrection
that, in the last day,
when you gather up all things in Christ,
we may with them enjoy the fullness of your promises;
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

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Lamentations 3.17-26, 31-33 or Wisdom 3.1-9;
Psalm 23 or 27.1-6, 16, 17;
Romans 5.5-11 or I Peter 1.3-9;
John 5.19-25 or John 6.37-40

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.

'It is the will of him who sent me,' says the Lord,
'that I should lose none of all that he has given me,
but raise them up on the last day.'

cf John 6.39

Alleluia.

Intercession

Let us pray to the Lord, who has conquered death.

Jesus, bread from heaven,
you satisfy the hungry with good things:
grant us a share with all the faithful departed
in the banquet of your kingdom.

Hear us, risen Lord,
our resurrection and our life.

Jesus, the light of the world,
you gave the man born blind the gift of sight:
open the eye of faith
and bring us from darkness
to your eternal light and glory.

Hear us, risen Lord,
our resurrection and our life.

Jesus, Son of the living God,
 you summoned your friend Lazarus from death to life:
 raise us at the last to full and eternal life with you.

Hear us, risen Lord,
our resurrection and our life.

Jesus, crucified Saviour,
 in your dying you entrusted each to the other,
 Mary your mother and John your beloved disciple:
 sustain and comfort all who mourn.

Hear us, risen Lord,
our resurrection and our life.

Jesus, our way and truth and life,
 you drew your disciple Thomas from doubt to faith:
 reveal the resurrection faith to the doubting and the lost.

Hear us, risen Lord,
our resurrection and our life.

May God in his infinite love and mercy
 bring the whole Church,
 living and departed in the Lord Jesus,
 to a joyful resurrection
 and the fulfilment of his eternal kingdom.

Amen.

Introduction to the Peace

Jesus says:
 'Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.
 Not as the world gives do I give you.
 Do not let your hearts be troubled,
 neither let them be afraid.'

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
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
In him who rose from the dead
our hope of resurrection dawned.
The sting of death has been removed
by the glorious promise of his risen life.

Extended Preface

Blessed are you, gracious God,
creator of heaven and earth,
giver of life and conqueror of death.
By his death on the cross,
your Son Jesus Christ
offered the one true sacrifice for sin,
breaking the power of evil
and putting death to flight.
Through his resurrection from the dead
you have given us new birth into a living hope,
into an inheritance which is imperishable,
undefiled and unfading.
The joy of resurrection fills the universe,
and so we join with angels and archangels,
with all your faithful people,
evermore praising you and saying:

Invitation to Communion

'I am the bread of life,' says the Lord;
'whoever comes to me will never hunger;
whoever believes in me will never thirst.'

'I am the vine: you are the branches.'

May we dwell in him as he lives in us.

Commemoration of the Faithful Departed

*For the Commemoration of the Faithful Departed, see Common
Worship: Times and Seasons, pages 570–571.*

Post Communion

God of love,
may the death and resurrection of Christ
which we have celebrated in this eucharist
bring us, with all the faithful departed,
into the peace of your eternal home.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ,
our rock and our salvation,
to whom be glory for time and for eternity.

Blessing

May God give you
his comfort and his peace,
his light and his joy,
in this world and the next;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

(or)

The God of peace,
who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,
that great shepherd of the sheep,
make you perfect in every good work to do 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)

God the Father,
by whose love Christ was raised from the dead,
open to you who believe the gates of everlasting life.
Amen.

God the Son,
who in bursting the grave has won a glorious victory,
give you joy as you share the Easter faith.
Amen.

God the Holy Spirit,
whom the risen Lord breathed into his disciples,
empower you and fill you with Christ's peace.
Amen.

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

Dismissal

Neither death nor life
can separate us from the love of God
in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Thanks be to God.

3 November**Richard Hooker****White***Priest, Anglican Apologist, Teacher of the Faith, 1600***Collect**

God of peace, the bond of all love,
 who in your Son Jesus Christ have made the human race
 your inseparable dwelling place:
 after the example of your servant Richard Hooker,
 give grace to us your servants ever to rejoice
 in the true inheritance of your adopted children
 and to show forth your praises now and ever;
 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.

*Common of Teachers of the Faith and Spiritual Writers
 (pages 291–296).*

7 November**Willibrord of York****White***Bishop, Apostle of Frisia, 739***Collect**

God, the Saviour of all,
 you sent your bishop Willibrord from this land
 to proclaim the good news to many peoples
 and confirm them in their faith:
 help us also to witness to your steadfast love
 by word and deed
 so that your Church may increase
 and grow strong in holiness;
 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.

Common of Missionaries (pages 307–311).

8 November

The Saints and Martyrs of England

White

Collect

God, whom the glorious company of the redeemed adore,
 assembled from all times and places of your dominion:
 we praise you for the saints of our own land
 and for the many lamps their holiness has lit;
 and we pray that we also may be numbered at last
 with those who have done your will
 and declared your righteousness;
 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

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Isaiah 61.4-9 or Ecclesiasticus 44.1-15; Psalm 15; Revelation 19.5-10;
 John 17.18-23

Post Communion

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.

Common of Martyrs (pages 284–290)

(or)

Common of Any Saint; Holy Men and Women (pages 312–329).

*10 November***Leo the Great***White**Bishop of Rome, Teacher of the Faith, 461**Collect*

God our Father,
 who made your servant Leo strong in the defence of the faith:
 fill your Church with the spirit of truth
 that, guided by humility and governed by love,
 she may prevail against the powers of evil;
 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.

*Common of Teachers of the Faith and Spiritual Writers
 (pages 291–296).*

*11 November***Martin of Tours***White**Bishop of Tours, c.397**Collect*

God all powerful,
 who called Martin from the armies of this world
 to be a faithful soldier of Christ:
 give us grace to follow him
 in his love and compassion for the needy,
 and enable your Church to claim for all people
 their inheritance as children of God;
 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.

Common of Bishops and other Pastors (pages 297–302).

13 November

Charles Simeon

White

Priest, Evangelical Divine, 1836

Collect

Eternal God,
who raised up Charles Simeon
to preach the good news of Jesus Christ
and inspire your people in service and mission:
grant that we with all your Church may worship the Saviour,
turn in sorrow from our sins and walk in the way of holiness;
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.

Common of Bishops and other Pastors (pages 297–302).

16 November

Margaret of Scotland

White

*Queen of Scotland, Philanthropist,
Reformer of the Church, 1093*

Collect

God, the ruler of all,
who called your servant Margaret to an earthly throne
and gave her zeal for your Church and love for your people
that she might advance your heavenly kingdom:
mercifully grant that we who commemorate her example
may be fruitful in good works
and attain to the glorious crown of your saints;
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.

Post Communion

God our redeemer,
who inspired Margaret 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.

Common of Any Saint; Holy Men and Women (pages 312–329).

17 November

Hugh *White*
Bishop of Lincoln, 1200

Collect

O God,
who endowed your servant Hugh
with a wise and cheerful boldness
and taught him to commend to earthly rulers
 the discipline of a holy life:
give us grace like him to be bold in the service of the gospel,
putting our confidence in Christ alone,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Common of Bishops and other Pastors (pages 297–302).

18 November

Elizabeth of Hungary

White

Princess of Thuringia, Philanthropist, 1231

Collect

Lord God,
who taught Elizabeth of Hungary
to recognize and reverence Christ in the poor of this world:
by her example
strengthen us to love and serve the afflicted and the needy
and so to honour your Son, the servant king,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion

Faithful God,
who called Elizabeth of Hungary to serve you
and gave 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.

Common of Any Saint; Holy Men and Women (pages 312–329).

19 November

Hilda *White*
Abbess of Whitby, 680

Collect

Eternal God,
who made the abbess Hilda to shine like a jewel in our land
and through her holiness and leadership

blessed your Church with new life and unity:
help us, like her, to yearn for the gospel of Christ
and to reconcile those who are divided;
through him who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Common of Members of Religious Communities (pages 303–306).

20 November**Edmund****Red***King of the East Angles, Martyr, 870***Collect**

Eternal God,
 whose servant Edmund kept faith to the end,
 both with you and with his people,
 and glorified you by his death:
 grant us such steadfastness of faith
 that, with the noble army of martyrs,
 we may come to enjoy the fullness of the resurrection 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.

*Common of Martyrs (pages 284–290).***23 November****Clement****Red***Bishop of Rome, Martyr, c. 100***Collect**

Creator and Father of eternity,
 whose martyr Clement bore witness with his blood
 to the love he proclaimed and the gospel that he preached:
 give us thankful hearts as we celebrate your faithfulness,
 revealed to us in the lives of your saints,
 and strengthen us in our pilgrimage as we follow 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.

Common of Martyrs (pages 284–290).

6 December**Nicholas** *White*
*Bishop of Myra, c.326***Collect**

Almighty Father, lover of souls,
 who chose your servant Nicholas
 to be a bishop in the Church,
 that he might give freely out of the treasures of your grace:
 make us mindful of the needs of others
 and, as we have received, so teach us also to give;
 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.

*Common of Bishops and other Pastors (pages 297–302).***7 December****Ambrose** *White*
*Bishop of Milan, Teacher of the Faith, 397***Collect**

God of hosts,
 who called Ambrose from the governor's throne
 to be a bishop in your Church
 and an intrepid champion of your faithful people:
 mercifully grant that, as he did not fear to rebuke rulers,
 so we, with like courage,
 may contend for the faith we have received;
 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.

*Common of Teachers of the Faith and Spiritual Writers
(pages 291–296).*

8 December**The Conception of the
Blessed Virgin Mary****White****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.

*Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary (pages 268–276).***13 December****Lucy**
*Martyr at Syracuse, 304***Red****Collect**

God our redeemer,
 who gave light to the world that was in darkness
 by the healing power of the Saviour's cross:
 shed that light on us, we pray,
 that with your martyr Lucy
 we may, by the purity of our lives,
 reflect the light of Christ
 and, by the merits of his passion,
 come to the light of everlasting 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.

Common of Martyrs (pages 284–290).

*14 December***John of the Cross***White**Poet, Teacher of the Faith, 1591**Collect*

O God, the judge of all,
 who gave your servant John of the Cross
 a warmth of nature, a strength of purpose
 and a mystical faith
 that sustained him even in the darkness:
 shed your light on all who love you
 and grant them union of body and soul
 in 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.

*Common of Teachers of the Faith and Spiritual Writers
 (pages 291–296).*

*29 December***Thomas Becket***Red**Archbishop of Canterbury, Martyr, 1170**Collect*

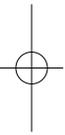
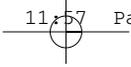
Lord God,
 who gave grace to your servant Thomas Becket
 to put aside all earthly fear
 and be faithful even to death:
 grant that we, disregarding worldly esteem,
 may fight all wrong,
 uphold your rule,
 and serve you to our life's end;
 through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
 who is alive and reigns with you,
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 one God, now and for ever.

Common of Martyrs (pages 284–290).



The Order for the Celebration of
Holy Communion
also called
The Eucharist
and
The Lord's Supper

Order One



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¶ *General Notes*

¶ **Preparation**

Careful devotional preparation before the service is recommended for every communicant. A Form of Preparation for public or private use is provided (page 213).

¶ **Ministries**

Holy Communion is celebrated by the whole people of God gathered for worship. The ministry of the members of the congregation is expressed through their active participation together in the words and actions of the service, but also by some of them reading the Scripture passages, leading the prayers of intercession, and, if authorized, assisting with the distribution of communion.

In some traditions the ministry of the deacon at Holy Communion has included some of the following elements: the bringing in of the Book of the Gospels, the invitation to confession, the reading of the Gospel, the preaching of the sermon when licensed to do so, a part in the prayers of intercession, the preparation of the table and the gifts, a part in the distribution, the ablutions and the dismissal.

The deacon's liturgical ministry provides an appropriate model for the ministry of an assisting priest, a Reader, or another episcopally authorized minister in a leadership ministry that complements that of the president.

The unity of the liturgy is served by the ministry of the president, who in presiding over the whole service holds word and sacrament together and draws the congregation into a worshipping community.

The president at Holy Communion (who, in accordance with the provisions of Canon B 12 'Of the Ministry of the Holy Communion', must have been episcopally ordained priest) expresses this ministry by saying the opening Greeting, the Absolution, the Collect, the Peace and the Blessing. The president must say the Eucharistic Prayer, break the consecrated bread and receive the sacrament on every occasion. When appropriate, the president may, after greeting the people, delegate the leadership of all or parts of the Gathering and the Liturgy of the Word to a deacon, Reader or other authorized lay person.

In the absence of a priest for the first part of the service, a deacon, Reader or other authorized lay person may lead the entire Gathering and Liturgy of the Word.

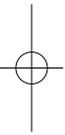
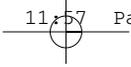
When the bishop is present, he normally presides over the whole service.

As provided in Canon B 18 the sermon shall be preached by a duly authorized minister, deaconess, Reader or lay worker or, at the invitation of the minister having the cure of souls and with the permission of the bishop, another person.

¶ **Communicant members of other Churches**

Baptized persons who are communicant members of other Churches which subscribe to the doctrine of the Holy Trinity and are in good standing in their own Church shall be admitted to Communion in accordance with Canon B 15A.

For further Notes, see pages 261–265.



A Form of Preparation

This form may be used in any of three ways.

It may be used by individuals as part of their preparation for Holy Communion.

It may be used corporately on suitable occasions within Holy Communion where it replaces the sections entitled 'Prayer of Preparation' and 'Prayers of Penitence'.

It may be used as a separate service of preparation. When used in this way, there should be added at the beginning a greeting and at the end the Peace and the Lord's Prayer. Hymns, psalms and other suitable liturgical material may also be included.

Come, Holy Ghost (*Veni creator Spiritus*)

All **Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire,
And lighten with celestial fire;
Thou the anointing Spirit art,
Who dost thy sevenfold gifts impart.**

**Thy blessed unction from above
Is comfort, life and fire of love;
Enable with perpetual light
The dullness of our blinded sight.**

**Anoint and cheer our soiled face
With the abundance of thy grace;
Keep far our foes, give peace at home;
Where thou art guide no ill can come.**

**Teach us to know the Father, Son,
And thee, of Both, to be but One;
That through the ages all along
This may be our endless song:**

**Praise to thy eternal merit,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Amen.**

Exhortation

As we gather at the Lord's table we must recall the promises and warnings given to us in the Scriptures and so examine ourselves and repent of our sins. We should give thanks to God for his redemption of the world through his Son Jesus Christ and, as we remember Christ's death for us and receive the pledge of his love, resolve to serve him in holiness and righteousness all the days of our life.

The Commandments

Hear the commandments which God has given to his people, and examine your hearts.

I am the Lord your God: you shall have no other gods but me.

All **Amen. Lord, have mercy.**

You shall not make for yourself any idol.

All **Amen. Lord, have mercy.**

You shall not dishonour the name of the Lord your God.

All **Amen. Lord, have mercy.**

Remember the Sabbath and keep it holy.

All **Amen. Lord, have mercy.**

Honour your father and your mother.

All **Amen. Lord, have mercy.**

You shall not commit murder.

All **Amen. Lord, have mercy.**

You shall not commit adultery.

All **Amen. Lord, have mercy.**

You shall not steal.

All **Amen. Lord, have mercy.**

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.

All **Amen. Lord, have mercy.**

You shall not covet anything which belongs to your neighbour.

All **Amen. Lord, have mercy upon us
and write all these your laws in our hearts.**

Or one of the forms of the Commandments in Common Worship: Services and Prayers for the Church of England (pages 269–271) may be used.

Or, in place of the Commandments, one of these texts may be used.

Summary of the Law

Our Lord Jesus Christ said:

The first commandment is this:

‘Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is the only Lord.

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart,
with all your soul, with all your mind,
and with all your strength.’

The second is this: ‘Love your neighbour as yourself.’

There is no other commandment greater than these.

On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

All **Amen. Lord, have mercy.**

(or)

The Comfortable Words

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

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

Matthew 11.28

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

John 3.16

Hear what Saint Paul says:

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

Hear what Saint John says:

If anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father,
Jesus Christ the righteous;
and he is the propitiation for our sins.

1 John 2.1, 2

(or)

The Beatitudes

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

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

Blessed are those who mourn,
for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the meek,
for they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst after righteousness,
for they shall be satisfied.

Blessed are the merciful,
for they shall obtain mercy.

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

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

Blessed are those who suffer persecution for righteousness' sake,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Silence for Reflection

Confession

All **Father eternal, giver of light and grace,
we have sinned against you and against our neighbour,
in what we have thought,
in what we have said and done,
through ignorance, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We have wounded your love
and marred your image in us.
We are sorry and ashamed
and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
who died for us,
forgive us all that is past
and lead us out from darkness
to walk as children of light.
Amen.**

Or another authorized confession may be used.

Absolution

Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
who in his great mercy
has promised forgiveness of sins
to all those who with heartfelt repentance and true faith
turn to him:
have mercy on *you*;
pardon and deliver *you* from all *your* sins;
confirm and strengthen *you* in all goodness;
and bring *you* to everlasting life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

Order One

Structure

The people and the priest

- ¶ greet each other in the Lord's name
- ¶ confess their sins and are assured of God's forgiveness
- ¶ keep silence and pray a Collect
- ¶ proclaim and respond to the word of God
- ¶ pray for the Church and the world
- ¶ exchange the Peace
- ¶ prepare the table
- ¶ pray the Eucharistic Prayer
- ¶ break the bread
- ¶ receive communion
- ¶ depart with God's blessing

For Notes, see pages 210–211 and 261–265.

Order One

The Gathering

At the entry of the ministers a hymn may be sung.

The president may say

In the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

All **Amen.**

The Greeting

The president greets the people

The Lord be with you
All **and also with you.**

(or)

Grace, mercy and peace
from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ
be with you
All **and also with you.**

From Easter Day to Pentecost this acclamation follows

Alleluia. Christ is risen.
All **He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Words of welcome or introduction may be said.

Prayer of Preparation

This prayer may be said

All **Almighty God,**
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Prayers of Penitence

*The Commandments, the Beatitudes, the Comfortable Words
 (pages 214–216) or the following Summary of the Law may be used*

Our Lord Jesus Christ said:

The first commandment is this:

‘Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is the only Lord.
 You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart,
 with all your soul, with all your mind,
 and with all your strength.’

The second is this: ‘Love your neighbour as yourself.’

There is no other commandment greater than these.

On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

All **Amen. Lord, have mercy.**

*A minister uses an invitation to confession or these or other
 suitable words*

God so loved the world
 that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ
 to save us from our sins,
 to be our advocate in heaven,
 and to bring us to eternal life.

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith,
 firmly resolved to keep God’s commandments
 and to live in love and peace with all.

All Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you
and against our neighbour
in thought and word and deed,
through negligence, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry
and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
who died for us,
forgive us all that is past
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life
to the glory of your name.
Amen.

(or)

All Most merciful God,
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
we confess that we have sinned
in thought, word and deed.
We have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
In your mercy
forgive what we have been,
help us to amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be;
that we may do justly,
love mercy,
and walk humbly with you, our God.
Amen.

Or, with suitable penitential sentences, the Kyrie eleison may be used

Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

All Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

If another confession has already been used, the Kyrie eleison may be used without interpolation here or after the absolution.

The president says

Almighty God,
who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

Gloria in Excelsis

The Gloria in excelsis may be used

All **Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.**

The Collect

*The president introduces a period of silent prayer with the words
'Let us pray' or a more specific bidding.*

The Collect is said, and all respond

All **Amen.**

¶ The Liturgy of the Word

Readings

Either one or two readings from Scripture precede the Gospel reading.

At the end of each the reader may say

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

The psalm or canticle follows the first reading; other hymns and songs may be used between the readings.

Gospel Reading

An acclamation may herald the Gospel reading.

When the Gospel is announced the reader says

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to N.

All Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

The Creed

On Sundays and Principal Holy Days an authorized translation of the Nicene Creed is used, or on occasion the Apostles' Creed or an authorized Affirmation of Faith may be used.

All We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is,
seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

One of the forms in Common Worship: Services and Prayers for the Church of England, pages 541–549, or other suitable words may be used.

The prayers usually include these concerns and may follow this sequence:

¶ *The Church of Christ*

¶ *Creation, human society, the Sovereign and those in authority*

¶ *The local community*

¶ *Those who suffer*

¶ *The communion of saints*

These responses may be used

Lord, in your mercy

All **hear our prayer.**

(or)

Lord, hear us.

All **Lord, graciously hear us.**

And at the end

Merciful Father,

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

¶ *The Liturgy of the Sacrament*

The Peace

The president may introduce the Peace with a suitable sentence and then says

The peace of the Lord be always with you
All and also with you.

These words may be added

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace.

Preparation of the Table Taking of the Bread and Wine

A hymn may be sung.

The gifts of the people may be gathered and presented.

The table is prepared and bread and wine are placed upon it.

One or more of the prayers at the preparation of the table may be said.

The president takes the bread and wine.

The Eucharistic Prayer

*An authorized Eucharistic Prayer is used (pages 236–257).
For music see pages 372–384*

The president says

All The Lord be with you (or) The Lord is here.
and also with you. His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give thanks and praise.

The president praises God for his mighty acts and all respond

**All Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
[Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.]**

*The president recalls the Last Supper,
and one of these four acclamations may be used*

All	[Great is the mystery of faith:] Christ has died: Christ is risen: Christ will come again.	[Praise to you, Lord Jesus:] Dying you destroyed our death, rising you restored our life: Lord Jesus, come in glory.
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All	[Christ is the bread of life:] When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus, until you come in glory.	[Jesus Christ is Lord:] Lord, by your cross and resurrection you have set us free. You are the Saviour of the world.
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*The Prayer continues and leads into the doxology,
to which all respond boldly*

All Amen.

Prayer A
pages 236 and 372

This response may be used

All To you be glory and praise for ever.

and the Prayer ends

**All Blessing and honour and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever.
Amen.**

Prayer D
page 246

These words are used

This is his/our story.

**All This is our song:
Hosanna in the highest.**

and the Prayer ends

**All Blessing and honour and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever.
Amen.**

Prayer F
page 250

These responses may be used

All Amen. Lord, we believe.

All Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

All Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

Prayer G
page 253

Prayer G ends

**All Blessing and honour and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever.
Amen.**

Prayer H
page 256

For Prayer H, see page 256.

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

All Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.

(or)

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

All Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

The president breaks the consecrated bread.

We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.

All **Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

(or)

Every time we eat this bread
and drink this cup,

All **we proclaim the Lord's death
until he comes.**

The Agnus Dei may be used as the bread is broken

All **Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
grant us peace.**

(or)

All **Jesus, Lamb of God,
have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, bearer of our sins,
have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, redeemer of the world,
grant us peace.**

Giving of Communion

The president says one of these invitations to communion

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

(or)

Jesus is the Lamb of God
 who takes away the sin of the world.
 Blessed are those who are called to his supper:

All **Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
 but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

(or)

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

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

or, from Easter Day to Pentecost

Alleluia. Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.

All **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

One of these prayers may be said before the distribution

All We do not presume
to come to this your table, merciful Lord,
trusting in our own righteousness,
but in your manifold and great mercies.
We are not worthy
so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table.
But you are the same Lord
whose nature is always to have mercy.
Grant us therefore, gracious Lord,
so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ
and to drink his blood,
that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body
and our souls washed through his most precious blood,
and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us.
Amen.

(or)

All Most merciful Lord,
your love compels us to come in.
Our hands were unclean,
our hearts were unprepared;
we were not fit
even to eat the crumbs from under your table.
But you, Lord, are the God of our salvation,
and share your bread with sinners.
So cleanse and feed us
with the precious body and blood of your Son,
that he may live in us and we in him;
and that we, with the whole company of Christ,
may sit and eat in your kingdom.
Amen.

The president and people receive communion.

*Authorized words of distribution are used (page 258) and the
communicant replies*

Amen.

During the distribution hymns and anthems may be sung.

If either or both of the consecrated elements are likely to prove insufficient, the president returns to the holy table and adds more, saying the words on page 259.

Any consecrated bread and wine which is not required for purposes of communion is consumed at the end of the distribution or after the service.

Prayer after Communion

Silence is kept.

The Post Communion or another suitable prayer is said.

All may say one of these prayers

All **Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out
in the power of your Spirit
to live and work
to your praise and glory.
Amen.**

(or)

All **Father of all,
we give you thanks and praise,
that when we were still far off
you met us in your Son and brought us home.
Dying and living, he declared your love,
gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory.
May we who share Christ's body live his risen life;
we who drink his cup bring life to others;
we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.
Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,
so we and all your children shall be free,
and the whole earth live to praise your name;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

The Dismissal

A hymn may be sung.

The president may use a suitable blessing

(or)

The peace of God,
which passes all understanding,
keep your hearts and minds
in the knowledge and love of God,
and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

A minister says

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

(or)

Go in the peace of Christ.

All **Thanks be to God.**

or, from Easter Day to Pentecost

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

All **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

The ministers and people depart.

¶ Eucharistic Prayers for use in Order One

Prayer A

For music, see page 372

If an extended Preface is used, it replaces all words between the opening dialogue and the Sanctus.

The Lord be with you (or) The Lord is here.
All and also with you. His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is indeed right,
 it is our duty and our joy,
 at all times and in all places
 to give you thanks and praise,
 holy Father, heavenly King,
 almighty and eternal God,
 through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

The following may be omitted if a short Proper Preface is used

For he is your living Word;
 through him you have created all things from the beginning,
 and formed us in your own image.

[All To you be glory and praise for ever.]

Through him you have freed us from the slavery of sin,
 giving him to be born of a woman and to die upon the cross;
 you raised him from the dead
 and exalted him to your right hand on high.

[All To you be glory and praise for ever.]

Through him you have sent upon us
 your holy and life-giving Spirit,
 and made us a people for your own possession.

[All To you be glory and praise for ever.]

Short Proper Preface, when appropriate

Therefore with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious name,
for ever praising you and saying:

**All Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
[Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.]**

Accept our praises, heavenly Father,
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ,
and as we follow his example and obey his command,
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us his body and his blood;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed,
took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

[All To you be glory and praise for ever.]

In the same way, after supper
he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:
Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me.

[All To you be glory and praise for ever.]

Therefore, heavenly Father,
 we remember his offering of himself
 made once for all upon the cross;
 we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension;
 we look for the coming of your kingdom,
 and with this bread and this cup
 we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

One of these four acclamations is used

[Great is the mystery of faith:]

All **Christ has died:
 Christ is risen:
 Christ will come again.**

(or)

[Praise to you, Lord Jesus:]

All **Dying you destroyed our death,
 rising you restored our life:
 Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

(or)

[Christ is the bread of life:]

All **When we eat this bread and drink this cup,
 we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus,
 until you come in glory.**

(or)

[Jesus Christ is Lord:]

All **Lord, by your cross and resurrection
 you have set us free.
 You are the Saviour of the world.**

Accept through him, our great high priest,
this our sacrifice of thanks and praise,
and as we eat and drink these holy gifts
in the presence of your divine majesty,
renew us by your Spirit,
inspire us with your love
and unite us in the body of your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

[All To you be glory and praise for ever.]

Through him, and with him, and in him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,
we worship you, Father almighty,
in songs of everlasting praise:

**All Blessing and honour and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever.
Amen.**

The service continues with the Lord's Prayer on page 230.

Prayer B

For music see page 376

If an extended Preface is used, it replaces all words between the opening dialogue and the Sanctus.

The Lord be with you (or) The Lord is here.
All and also with you. His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give thanks and praise.

Father, we give you thanks and praise
 through your beloved Son Jesus Christ, your living Word,
 through whom you have created all things;
 who was sent by you in your great goodness to be our Saviour.

By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh;
 as your Son, born of the blessed Virgin,
 he lived on earth and went about among us;
 he opened wide his arms for us on the cross;
 he put an end to death by dying for us;
 and revealed the resurrection by rising to new life;
 so he fulfilled your will and won for you a holy people.

Short Proper Preface, when appropriate

Therefore with angels and archangels,
 and with all the company of heaven,
 we proclaim your great and glorious name,
 for ever praising you and saying:

**All Holy, holy, holy Lord,
 God of power and might,
 heaven and earth are full of your glory.
 Hosanna in the highest.
 [Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
 Hosanna in the highest.]**

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,
and according to your holy will,
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed,
took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper
he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:
Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me.

One of these four acclamations is used

[Great is the mystery of faith:]

All **Christ has died:**
Christ is risen:
Christ will come again.

(or)

[Praise to you, Lord Jesus:]

All **Dying you destroyed our death,**
rising you restored our life:
Lord Jesus, come in glory.

(or)

[Christ is the bread of life:]

All **When we eat this bread and drink this cup,**
we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus,
until you come in glory.

(or)

[Jesus Christ is Lord:]

All **Lord, by your cross and resurrection**
you have set us free.
You are the Saviour of the world.

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world;
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming in glory,
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,
we bring before you this bread and this cup
and we thank you for counting us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people
and gather into one in your kingdom
all who share this one bread and one cup,
so that we, in the company of [*N and*] all the saints,
may praise and glorify you for ever,
through Jesus Christ our Lord;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,
for ever and ever.

All **Amen.**

The service continues with the Lord's Prayer on page 230.

Prayer C

For music see page 380

All The Lord be with you *(or)* The Lord is here.
and also with you. His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is indeed right,
 it is our duty and our joy,
 at all times and in all places
 to give you thanks and praise,
 holy Father, heavenly King,
 almighty and eternal God,
 through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Short Proper Preface, when appropriate

[or, when there is no Proper Preface

For he is our great high priest,
 who has loosed us from our sins
 and has made us to be a royal priesthood to you,
 our God and Father.]

Therefore with angels and archangels,
 and with all the company of heaven,
 we proclaim your great and glorious name,
 for ever praising you and *saying:*

**All Holy, holy, holy Lord,
 God of power and might,
 heaven and earth are full of your glory.
 Hosanna in the highest.
 [Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
 Hosanna in the highest.]**

All glory be to you, our heavenly Father,
 who, in your tender mercy,
 gave your only Son our Saviour Jesus Christ
 to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption;
 who made there by his one oblation of himself once offered
 a full, perfect and sufficient sacrifice, oblation and satisfaction
 for the sins of the whole world;
 he instituted, and in his holy gospel commanded us to continue,
 a perpetual memory of his precious death until he comes again.

Hear us, merciful Father, we humbly pray,
 and grant that, by the power of your Holy Spirit,
 we receiving these gifts of your creation, this bread and this wine,
 according to your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution,
 in remembrance of his death and passion,
 may be partakers of his most blessed body and blood;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed,
 took bread and gave you thanks;
 he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:
 Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
 do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper
 he took the cup and gave you thanks;
 he gave it to them, saying:
 Drink this, all of you;
 this is my blood of the new covenant,
 which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
 Do this, as often as you drink it,
 in remembrance of me.

One of these four acclamations is used

	[Great is the mystery of faith:]	[Praise to you, Lord Jesus:]
All	Christ has died:	Dying you destroyed
	Christ is risen:	our death,
	Christ will come again.	rising you restored our life:
		Lord Jesus, come in glory.
	[Christ is the bread of life:]	[Jesus Christ is Lord:]
All	When we eat this bread	Lord, by your cross and
	and drink this cup,	resurrection
	we proclaim your death,	you have set us free.
	Lord Jesus,	You are the Saviour of the
	until you come in glory.	world.

Therefore, Lord and heavenly Father,
in remembrance of the precious death and passion,
the mighty resurrection and glorious ascension
of your dear Son Jesus Christ,
we offer you through him this our sacrifice of praise
and thanksgiving.

Grant that by his merits and death,
and through faith in his blood,
we and all your Church may receive forgiveness of our sins
and all other benefits of his passion.
Although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins,
to offer you any sacrifice,
yet we pray that you will accept this
the duty and service that we owe.
Do not weigh our merits, but pardon our offences,
and fill us all who share in this holy communion
with your grace and heavenly blessing;

through Jesus Christ our Lord,
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,
for ever and ever.

All **Amen.**

The service continues with the Lord's Prayer on page 230.

Prayer D

The Lord be with you *(or)* The Lord is here.
All and also with you. His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.
All We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All It is right to give thanks and praise.

Almighty God, good Father to us all,
 your face is turned towards your world.
 In love you gave us Jesus your Son
 to rescue us from sin and death.
 Your Word goes out to call us home
 to the city where angels sing your praise.
 We join with them in heaven's song:

**All Holy, holy, holy Lord,
 God of power and might,
 heaven and earth are full of your glory.
 Hosanna in the highest.
 [Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
 Hosanna in the highest.]**

Father of all, we give you thanks
 for every gift that comes from heaven.

To the darkness Jesus came as your light.
 With signs of faith and words of hope
 he touched untouchables with love and washed the guilty clean.

This is his story.
**All This is our song:
 Hosanna in the highest.**

The crowds came out to see your Son,
 yet at the end they turned on him.
 On the night he was betrayed
 he came to table with his friends
 to celebrate the freedom of your people.

This is his story.
**All This is our song:
 Hosanna in the highest.**

Jesus blessed you, Father, for the food;
 he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and said:
 This is my body, given for you all.
 Jesus then gave thanks for the wine;
 he took the cup, gave it and said:
 This is my blood, shed for you all
 for the forgiveness of sins.
 Do this in remembrance of me.

This is our story.

**All This is our song:
 Hosanna in the highest.**

Therefore, Father, with this bread and this cup
 we celebrate the cross
 on which he died to set us free.
 Defying death he rose again
 and is alive with you to plead for us and all the world.

This is our story.

**All This is our song:
 Hosanna in the highest.**

Send your Spirit on us now
 that by these gifts we may feed on Christ
 with opened eyes and hearts on fire.

May we and all who share this food
 offer ourselves to live for you
 and be welcomed at your feast in heaven
 where all creation worships you,
 Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

**All Blessing and honour and glory and power
 be yours for ever and ever.
 Amen.**

The service continues with the Lord's Prayer on page 230.

Prayer E

For music see page 383

The Lord be with you (or) The Lord is here.
All and also with you. His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give thanks and praise.

Here follows an extended Preface or the following

Father, you made the world and love your creation.
 You gave your Son Jesus Christ to be our Saviour.
 His dying and rising have set us free from sin and death.
 And so we gladly thank you,
 with saints and angels praising you, and *saying*:

**All Holy, holy, holy Lord,
 God of power and might,
 heaven and earth are full of your glory.
 Hosanna in the highest.
 [Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
 Hosanna in the highest.]**

We praise and bless you, loving Father,
 through Jesus Christ, our Lord;
 and as we obey his command,
 send your Holy Spirit,
 that broken bread and wine outpoured
 may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends
 and, taking bread, he praised you.

He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:
 Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
 do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.

Again he praised you, gave it to them and said:

Drink this, all of you;

this is my blood of the new covenant,

which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.

Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,
in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice
made once for all upon the cross.

Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation,
we proclaim his death and resurrection
until he comes in glory.

One of these four acclamations is used

<i>All</i>	[Great is the mystery of faith:] Christ has died: Christ is risen: Christ will come again.	[Praise to you, Lord Jesus:] Dying you destroyed our death, rising you restored our life: Lord Jesus, come in glory.
<i>All</i>	[Christ is the bread of life:] When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus, until you come in glory.	[Jesus Christ is Lord:] Lord, by your cross and resurrection you have set us free. You are the Saviour of the world.

Lord of all life,
help us to work together for that day
when your kingdom comes
and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.

Look with favour on your people,
gather us in your loving arms
and bring us with [*N and*] all the saints
to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father,
for ever and ever.

All **Amen.**

The service continues with the Lord's Prayer on page 230.

Prayer F

The Lord be with you *(or)* The Lord is here.
All and also with you. His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.
All We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All It is right to give thanks and praise.

You are worthy of our thanks and praise,
 Lord God of truth,
 for by the breath of your mouth
 you have spoken your word,
 and all things have come into being.

You fashioned us in your image
 and placed us in the garden of your delight.
 Though we chose the path of rebellion
 you would not abandon your own.

Again and again you drew us into your covenant of grace.
 You gave your people the law and taught us by your prophets
 to look for your reign of justice, mercy and peace.

As we watch for the signs of your kingdom on earth,
 we echo the song of the angels in heaven,
 evermore praising you and *saying*:

**All Holy, holy, holy Lord,
 God of power and might,
 heaven and earth are full of your glory.
 Hosanna in the highest.
 [Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
 Hosanna in the highest.]**

Lord God, you are the most holy one,
 enthroned in splendour and light,
 yet in the coming of your Son Jesus Christ
 you reveal the power of your love
 made perfect in our human weakness.

[All Amen. Lord, we believe.]

Embracing our humanity,
 Jesus showed us the way of salvation;
 loving us to the end,
 he gave himself to death for us;
 dying for his own,
 he set us free from the bonds of sin,
 that we might rise and reign with him in glory.

[All] Amen. Lord, we believe.]

On the night he gave up himself for us all
 he took bread and gave you thanks;
 he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:
 Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
 do this in remembrance of me.

[All] Amen. Lord, we believe.]

In the same way, after supper
 he took the cup and gave you thanks;
 he gave it to them, saying:
 Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant
 which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
 Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

[All] Amen. Lord, we believe.]

Therefore we proclaim the death that he suffered on the cross,
 we celebrate his resurrection, his bursting from the tomb,
 we rejoice that he reigns at your right hand on high
 and we long for his coming in glory.

[All] Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.]

As we recall the one, perfect sacrifice of our redemption,
 Father, by your Holy Spirit let these gifts of your creation
 be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;
 form us into the likeness of Christ
 and make us a perfect offering in your sight.

[All] Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.]

Look with favour on your people

and in your mercy hear the cry of our hearts.
Bless the earth,
heal the sick,
let the oppressed go free
and fill your Church with power from on high.

[All Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.]

Gather your people from the ends of the earth
to feast with [N and] all your saints
at the table in your kingdom,
where the new creation is brought to perfection
in Jesus Christ our Lord;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,
for ever and ever.

All Amen.

The service continues with the Lord's Prayer on page 230.

Prayer G

The Lord be with you *(or)* The Lord is here.
All and also with you. His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.
All We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All It is right to give thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, Lord God,
 our light and our salvation;
 to you be glory and praise for ever.

From the beginning you have created all things
 and all your works echo the silent music of your praise.
 In the fullness of time you made us in your image,
 the crown of all creation.

You give us breath and speech, that with angels and archangels
 and all the powers of heaven
 we may find a voice to sing your praise:

**All Holy, holy, holy Lord,
 God of power and might,
 heaven and earth are full of your glory.
 Hosanna in the highest.
 [Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
 Hosanna in the highest.]**

How wonderful the work of your hands, O Lord.
 As a mother tenderly gathers her children,
 you embraced a people as your own.
 When they turned away and rebelled
 your love remained steadfast.

From them you raised up Jesus our Saviour, born of Mary,
 to be the living bread,
 in whom all our hungers are satisfied.

He offered his life for sinners,
 and with a love stronger than death
 he opened wide his arms on the cross.

On the night before he died,
 he came to supper with his friends
 and, taking bread, he gave you thanks.
 He broke it and gave it to them, saying:
 Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
 do this in remembrance of me.

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine,
 he gave you thanks, and said:
 Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,
 which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
 Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

One of these four acclamations is used

[Great is the mystery of faith:]

All **Christ has died:
 Christ is risen:
 Christ will come again.**

(or)

[Praise to you, Lord Jesus:]

All **Dying you destroyed our death,
 rising you restored our life:
 Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

(or)

[Christ is the bread of life:]

All **When we eat this bread and drink this cup
 we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus,
 until you come in glory.**

(or)

[Jesus Christ is Lord:]

All **Lord, by your cross and resurrection
 you have set us free.
 You are the Saviour of the world.**

Father, we plead with confidence
his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross;
we remember his dying and rising in glory,
and we rejoice that he intercedes for us at your right hand.

Pour out your Holy Spirit as we bring before you
these gifts of your creation;
may they be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

As we eat and drink these holy things in your presence,
form us in the likeness of Christ,
and build us into a living temple to your glory.

[Remember, Lord, your Church in every land.
Reveal her unity, guard her faith,
and preserve her in peace ...]

Bring us at the last with [*N and*] all the saints
to the vision of that eternal splendour
for which you have created us;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
by whom, with whom, and in whom,
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,
we worship you, Father almighty, in songs of everlasting praise:

All **Blessing and honour and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever.
Amen.**

The service continues with the Lord's Prayer on page 230.

Prayer H

The Lord be with you *(or)* The Lord is here.
All and also with you. His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is right to praise you, Father, Lord of all creation;
 in your love you made us for yourself.

When we turned away
 you did not reject us,
 but came to meet us in your Son.

**All You embraced us as your children
 and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.**

In Christ you shared our life
 that we might live in him and he in us.

**All He opened his arms of love upon the cross
 and made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.**

On the night he was betrayed,
 at supper with his friends
 he took bread, and gave you thanks;
 he broke it and gave it to them, saying:
 Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
 do this in remembrance of me.

**All Father, we do this in remembrance of him:
 his body is the bread of life.**

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine,
 he gave you thanks, and said:
 Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,
 which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins;
 do this in remembrance of me.

**All Father, we do this in remembrance of him:
 his blood is shed for all.**

As we proclaim his death and celebrate his rising in glory,
send your Holy Spirit that this bread and this wine
may be to us the body and blood of your dear Son.

**All As we eat and drink these holy gifts
make us one in Christ, our risen Lord.**

With your whole Church throughout the world
we offer you this sacrifice of praise
and lift our voice to join the eternal song of heaven:

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

The service continues with the Lord's Prayer on page 230.

Supplementary Texts

¶ *Words at the Giving of Communion*

1

The body of our Lord Jesus Christ,
which was given for you,
preserve your body and soul unto everlasting life.
Take and eat this in remembrance that Christ died for you,
and feed on him in your heart by faith with thanksgiving.

The blood of our Lord Jesus Christ,
which was shed for you,
preserve your body and soul unto everlasting life.
Drink this in remembrance that Christ's blood was shed for you,
and be thankful.

2

The body of Christ.
The blood of Christ.

3

The body of Christ keep you in eternal life.
The blood of Christ keep you in eternal life.

4

The body of Christ, broken for you.
The blood of Christ, shed for you.

5

The bread of heaven in Christ Jesus.
The cup of life in Christ Jesus.

¶ *Supplementary Consecration*

If either or both of the consecrated elements are likely to prove insufficient, the president returns to the holy table and adds more, saying these words

Father, having given thanks over the bread and the cup according to the institution of your Son Jesus Christ, who said,

‘Take, eat; this is my body’

[and/or ‘Drink this; this is my blood’],

we pray that by the power of your Holy Spirit

this *bread/wine* also

may be to us his *body/blood*,

to be received in remembrance of him.

General Rules

- 1** Any reference in authorized provision to the use of hymns shall be construed as including the use of texts described as songs, chants, canticles.
- 2** If occasion requires, hymns may be sung at points other than those indicated in particular forms of service. Silence may be kept at points other than those indicated in particular forms of service.
- 3** Where rubrics indicate that a text is to be 'said' this must be understood to include 'or sung' and vice versa.
- 4** Where parts of a service make use of well-known and traditional texts, other translations or versions, particularly when used in musical compositions, may be used.
- 5** Local custom may be established and followed in respect of posture but regard should be had to indications in Notes attached to authorized forms of service that a particular posture is appropriate for some parts of that form of service.
- 6** On any occasion when the text of an alternative service authorized under the provisions of Canon B 2 provides for the Lord's Prayer to be said or sung, it may be used in the form included in *The Book of Common Prayer* or in either of the two other forms included in services in *Common Worship*. The further text included in *Prayers for Various Occasions (Common Worship: Services and Prayers for the Church of England, page 106)* may be used on suitable occasions.
- 7** Normally on any occasion only one Collect is used.
- 8** At Baptisms, Confirmations, Ordinations and Marriages which take place on Principal Feasts, other Principal Holy Days and on Sundays of Advent, Lent and Easter, within the Celebration of the Holy Communion, the Readings of the day are used and the Collect of the Day is said, unless the bishop directs otherwise.
- 9** The Collects and Lectionary in *Common Worship* may, optionally, be used in conjunction with the days included in the Calendar of *The Book of Common Prayer*, notwithstanding any difference in the title or name of a Sunday, Holy Day or other observance included in both Calendars.

Notes to Holy Communion

The use of a lighter typeface for some texts reflects a decision of the General Synod to give more weight to one choice within a range of options.

1 Posture

Local custom may be followed and developed in relation to posture. The people should stand for the reading of the Gospel, for the Creed, for the Peace and for the Dismissal. Any changes in posture during the Eucharistic Prayer should not detract from the essential unity of that prayer. It is appropriate that, on occasions, the congregation should kneel for prayers of penitence.

2 Traditional Texts

In addition to the places where they are printed in the service, traditional versions of texts may be used.

3 Hymns, Psalms, Canticles, the Collection and Presentation of the Offerings of the People, and the Preparation of the Table

Points are indicated for these, but they may occur elsewhere.

4 Sentences

Sentences of Scripture appropriate to the season and the place in the service may be used as part of the president's greeting, in the Invitation to Confession, at the Peace, before the gifts of the people are collected and after the distribution of communion (from Easter Day to Pentecost 'Alleluia' is appropriately added to such sentences).

5 Acclamations

Acclamations, which may include congregational response (such as 'The Lord is here: his Spirit is with us' and 'Christ is risen: he is risen indeed') may be used at appropriate points in the service (with 'Alleluia' except in Lent). Acclamations for use before the Gospel are provided.

6 Entry

At the entry of the ministers, a Bible or Book of the Gospels may be carried into the assembly.

7 Greetings

In addition to the points where greetings are provided, at other suitable points (e.g. before the Gospel and before the blessing or dismissal), the greeting 'The Lord be with you' with its response 'and also with you' or 'and with thy spirit' may be used.

8 Silence

Silence is particularly appropriate within the Prayers of Penitence and of Intercession, before the Collect, in response to the reading of the Scriptures, after the Eucharistic Prayer and after the distribution.

9 Notices

Banns of marriage and other notices may be published before the Gathering (if possible by a minister other than the president), before the Prayers of Intercession or before the Dismissal.

10 The Prayers of Penitence

This section may be transposed to a later point in the service as a response to the Liturgy of the Word. In the special seasonal rites for certain days it is particularly appropriate at the later point.

On certain occasions, for a special service, this section may precede the opening hymn and greeting. A Form of Preparation is provided on page 213.

The Invitation to Confession may take the form of the Summary of the Law, the Commandments, the Beatitudes, the Comfortable Words or the Exhortation.

When the Kyrie eleison is used as a confession, short penitential sentences are inserted between the petitions, suitable for seasons or themes. This form of confession should not be the norm on Sundays.

Authorized alternative forms of confession and absolution may be used in place of those in the main text.

11 The Gloria in Excelsis

This canticle may be omitted during Advent and Lent, and on weekdays which are not Principal Holy Days or Festivals. See also Note 3.

12 The Readings

The readings at Holy Communion are governed by authorized lectionary provision and are not a matter for local decision except where that provision permits.

Whenever possible, all three readings are used at Holy Communion on Sundays. When only two are read, the minister should ensure that, in any year, a balance is maintained between readings from the Old and New Testaments in the choice of the first reading. The psalm provided relates to the first reading in the lectionary. Where possible it should be used after that reading.

When announcing the Gospel, if it is desired to give book, chapter and verse or page number, the reader may do this informally before saying 'Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to *N*.'

13 The Sermon

The sermon is an integral part of the Liturgy of the Word. A sermon should normally be preached at all celebrations on Sundays and Principal Holy Days.

The sermon may on occasion include less formal exposition of Scripture, the use of drama, interviews, discussion and audio-visual aids.

14 The Creed

The Creed may be preceded by the president saying 'Let us declare our faith in God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit'.

15 The Prayers of Intercession

Intercession frequently arises out of thanksgiving; nevertheless these prayers are primarily prayers of intercession. They are normally broadly based, expressing a concern for the whole of God's world and the ministry of the whole Church.

Several forms of intercession are provided; other suitable forms may be used. They need not always conform to the sequence indicated.

Prayer for the nation is properly focused in prayer for the sovereign by name, and prayer for the Church in prayer for the bishop of the diocese by name.

The Supplementary Texts provide a number of Collects and other endings to conclude intercession. In some circumstances it may be appropriate for the president to say both the opening invitation and these concluding words.

16 The Peace

The Peace follows naturally from the Prayers of Intercession and begins the Liturgy of the Sacrament. But this section may be transposed to be the opening greeting or may be used later in the service, as part of either the breaking of bread or the Dismissal. Introductions can be found in the Supplementary Texts.

17 The Taking

In Holy Communion the Church, following the example of the Lord, takes, gives thanks, breaks and gives. The bread and wine must be taken into the president's hands and replaced upon the table either after the table has been prepared or during the Eucharistic Prayer.

18 The Eucharistic Prefaces and Optional Acclamations

Short Prefaces may be inserted in Eucharistic Prayers A, B and C in Order One.

Extended Prefaces may be used with Eucharistic Prayers A, B and E for Order One. When an Extended Preface is used it replaces the entire text between the opening dialogue and the text of the Sanctus. It will be noted that in Prayer E the short text provided on page 248 must be used if no Extended Preface is used.

There are optional acclamations suggested for use in Prayers A and F. Those provided for Prayer F echo the style of those in the Liturgy of St Basil and might, especially when sung, be led by a deacon or minister other than the president, then repeated by the whole congregation. Other acclamations may be used.

19 The Lord's Prayer

On any occasion when the text of an alternative service authorized under the provisions of Canon B 2 provides for the Lord's Prayer to be said or sung, it may be used in the form included in *The Book of Common Prayer* or in either of the two other forms included in services in *Common Worship*. The text included in Prayers for Various Occasions (*Common Worship: Services and Prayers for the Church of England*, page 106) may be used on suitable occasions.

20 Breaking of the Bread

Sufficient bread for the whole congregation to share may be broken by the president, if necessary assisted by other ministers, at this point in the service. The Agnus Dei may accompany this action.

The words provided at the breaking of the bread must be used on Sundays and Principal Holy Days. On other days the bread may be broken in silence or during the Agnus Dei.

21 Non-communicants

At the distribution, any of those distributing the sacrament, ordained or lay, may pray for any non-communicants who come forward in these or other suitable words: 'May God be with you' or 'May God bless you'.

22 Prayers after Communion

One or two prayers may be used after communion. If two are used, the first is normally a presidential text, the second a congregational text. If only one is used, either a presidential or congregational text is chosen. The presidential text is normally the authorized Post Communion of the day. The congregational text is normally one of those printed in the main text or one of those in the supplementary texts.

23 A Service without Communion

When there is no communion, the minister leads the service as far as the Prayers of Intercession or the Peace, and then adds the Lord's Prayer, the General Thanksgiving, and/or other prayers, ending with the Grace.

