

# Collects and Post Communions for Sundays, Principal Holy Days and Festivals

## Notes

- 1 Collects and Post Communions for Lesser Festivals and Special Occasions, with Commons of the Saints, are published in the President's edition of *Common Worship*.
- 2 Normally on any occasion only one Collect is used.
- 3 The Collect for each Sunday is used on the following weekdays, except where other provision is made.
- 4 At Evening Prayer on Saturdays other than Easter Eve, Christmas Eve or Principal Feasts or Festivals, the Collect appointed for the ensuing Sunday shall be used. When Evening Prayer on the day before a Festival makes use of the lessons relating to that Festival, the Collect of that Festival shall be used.
- 5 Where a Collect ends 'Through Jesus Christ ... now and for ever', the minister may use the shorter ending, 'Through Jesus Christ our Lord', to which the people respond 'Amen', and omit the longer Trinitarian ending. The longer ending is to be preferred at Holy Communion.

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**The First Sunday of Advent** Purple

*Collect*

Almighty God,  
give us grace to cast away the works of darkness  
and to put on the armour of light,  
now in the time of this mortal life,  
in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility;  
that on the last day,  
when he shall come again in his glorious majesty  
to judge the living and the dead,  
we may rise to the life immortal;  
through him who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*This Collect may be used as the Post Communion on any day from the Second Sunday of Advent until Christmas Eve instead of the Post Communion provided.*

*Post Communion*

O Lord our God,  
make us watchful and keep us faithful  
as we await the coming of your Son our Lord;  
that, when he shall appear,  
he may not find us sleeping in sin  
but active in his service  
and joyful in his praise;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**The Second Sunday of Advent** Purple

*Collect*

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power  
and come among us,  
and with great might succour us;  
that whereas, through our sins and wickedness  
we are grievously hindered  
in running the race that is set before us,  
your bountiful grace and mercy  
may speedily help and deliver us;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honour and glory, now and for ever.

*Post Communion*

Father in heaven,  
who sent your Son to redeem the world  
and will send him again to be our judge:  
give us grace so to imitate him  
in the humility and purity of his first coming  
that, when he comes again,  
we may be ready to greet him  
with joyful love and firm faith;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## The Third Sunday of Advent *Purple*

### *Collect*

O Lord Jesus Christ,  
who at your first coming sent your messenger  
to prepare your way before you:  
grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries  
may likewise so prepare and make ready your way  
by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just,  
that at your second coming to judge the world  
we may be found an acceptable people in your sight;  
for you are alive and reign with the Father  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### *Post Communion*

We give you thanks, O Lord, for these heavenly gifts;  
kindle in us the fire of your Spirit  
that when your Christ comes again  
we may shine as lights before his face;  
who is alive and reigns now and for ever.

## The Fourth Sunday of Advent *Purple*

*This provision is not used on weekdays after 23 December.*

### *Collect*

God our redeemer,  
who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary  
to be the mother of your Son:  
grant that, as she looked for his coming as our saviour,  
so we may be ready to greet him  
when he comes again as our judge;  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### *Post Communion*

Heavenly Father,  
who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary  
to be the mother of the promised saviour:  
fill us your servants with your grace,  
that in all things we may embrace your holy will  
and with her rejoice in your salvation;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### *24 December*

## Christmas Eve *Purple*

### *Collect*

Almighty God,  
you make us glad with the yearly remembrance  
of the birth of your Son Jesus Christ:  
grant that, as we joyfully receive him as our redeemer,  
so we may with sure confidence behold him  
when he shall come to be our judge;  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### *Post Communion*

Eternal God, for whom we wait,  
you have fed us with the bread of eternal life:  
keep us ever watchful,  
that we may be ready to stand before the Son of man,  
Jesus Christ our Lord.

25 December

**Christmas Night** *Gold or  
Principal Feast White*

*Collect*

Eternal God,  
who made this most holy night  
to shine with the brightness of your one true light:  
bring us, who have known the revelation of that light on earth,  
to see the radiance of your heavenly 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 Father,  
in this night you have made known to us again  
the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ:  
confirm our faith and fix our eyes on him  
until the day dawns  
and Christ the Morning Star rises in our hearts.  
To him be glory both now and for ever.

25 December

**Christmas Day** *Gold or  
Principal Feast White*

*Collect*

Almighty God,  
you have given us your only-begotten Son  
to take our nature upon him  
and as at this time to be born of a pure virgin:  
grant that we, who have been born again  
and made your children by adoption and grace,  
may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit;  
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 Father,  
whose Word has come among us  
in the Holy Child of Bethlehem:  
may the light of faith illumine our hearts  
and shine in our words and deeds;  
through him who is Christ the Lord.

**The First Sunday of Christmas** *White*

*This provision is not used on weekdays after 5 January.*

*Collect*

Almighty God,  
who wonderfully created us in your own image  
and yet more wonderfully restored us  
through your Son Jesus Christ:  
grant that, as he came to share in our humanity,  
so we may share the life of his divinity;  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### *Post Communion*

Heavenly Father,  
whose blessed Son shared at Nazareth the life of an earthly home:  
help your Church to live as one family,  
united in love and obedience,  
and bring us all at last to our home in heaven;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## **The Second Sunday of Christmas**     *White*

*This provision is not used on weekdays after 5 January.*

### *Collect*

Almighty God,  
in the birth of your Son  
you have poured on us the new light of your incarnate Word,  
and shown us the fullness of your love:  
help us to walk in his light and dwell in his love  
that we may know the fullness of his joy;  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### *Post Communion*

All praise to you,  
almighty God and heavenly king,  
who sent your Son into the world  
to take our nature upon him  
and to be born of a pure virgin:  
grant that, as we are born again in him,  
so he may continually dwell in us  
and reign on earth as he reigns in heaven,  
now and for ever.

## **¶ Epiphany**

*6 January*

**The Epiphany**     *Gold or  
Principal Feast     White*

### *Collect*

O God,  
who by the leading of a star  
manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth:  
mercifully grant that we,  
who know you now by faith,  
may at last behold your glory face to 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.

### *Post Communion*

Lord God,  
the bright splendour whom the nations seek:  
may we who with the wise men have been drawn by your light  
discern the glory of your presence in your Son,  
the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**The Baptism of Christ**     *Gold or  
The First Sunday of Epiphany     White*

### *Collect*

Eternal Father,  
who at the baptism of Jesus  
revealed him to be your Son,  
anointing him with the Holy Spirit:  
grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit,  
that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children;  
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*

Lord of all time and eternity,  
you opened the heavens and revealed yourself as Father  
in the baptism of Jesus your beloved Son:  
by the power of your Spirit  
complete the heavenly work of our rebirth  
through the waters of the new creation;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## **The Second Sunday of Epiphany** *White*

### *Collect*

Almighty God,  
in Christ you make all things new:  
transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace,  
and in the renewal of our lives  
make known your heavenly 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 of glory,  
you nourish us with your Word  
who is the bread of life:  
fill us with your Holy Spirit  
that through us the light of your glory  
may shine in all the world.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

## **The Third Sunday of Epiphany** *White*

### *Collect*

Almighty God,  
whose Son revealed in signs and miracles  
the wonder of your saving presence:  
renew your people with your heavenly grace,  
and in all our weakness  
sustain us by your mighty power;  
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*

Almighty Father,  
whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of the world:  
may your people,  
illuminated by your word and sacraments,  
shine with the radiance of his glory,  
that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed  
to the ends of the earth;  
for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

## **The Fourth Sunday of Epiphany** *White*

### *Collect*

God our creator,  
who in the beginning  
commanded the light to shine out of darkness:  
we pray that the light of the glorious gospel of Christ  
may dispel the darkness of ignorance and unbelief,  
shine into the hearts of all your people,  
and reveal the knowledge of your glory  
in the face of Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

## *Post Communion*

Generous Lord,  
in word and eucharist we have proclaimed the mystery of your love:  
help us so to live out our days  
that we may be signs of your wonders in the world;  
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

*2 February*

## **The Presentation of Christ in the Temple**

*Gold or  
White*

Candlemas  
*Principal Feast*

### *Collect*

Almighty and ever-living God,  
clothed in majesty,  
whose beloved Son was this day presented in the Temple,  
in substance of our flesh:  
grant that we may be presented to you  
with pure and clean hearts,  
by 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*

Lord, you fulfilled the hope of Simeon and Anna,  
who lived to welcome the Messiah:  
may we, who have received these gifts beyond words,  
prepare to meet Christ Jesus when he comes  
to bring us to eternal life;  
for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

## **¶ Ordinary Time**

### **The Fifth Sunday before Lent** *Green*

*This provision is always used from the day after the Presentation of Christ in the Temple until the first of the Sundays before Lent.*

### *Collect*

Almighty God,  
by whose grace alone we are accepted  
and called to your service:  
strengthen us by your Holy Spirit  
and make us worthy of our calling;  
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 of truth,  
we have seen with our eyes  
and touched with our hands the bread of life:  
strengthen our faith  
that we may grow in love for you and for each other;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Collect*

O God,  
you know us to be set  
in the midst of so many and great dangers,  
that by reason of the frailty of our nature  
we cannot always stand upright:  
grant to us such strength and protection  
as may support us in all dangers  
and carry us through all temptations;  
through Jesus Christ 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*

Go before us, Lord, in all we do  
with your most gracious favour,  
and guide us with your continual help,  
that in all our works  
begun, continued and ended in you,  
we may glorify your holy name,  
and finally by your mercy receive everlasting life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Collect*

Almighty God,  
who alone can bring order  
to the unruly wills and passions of sinful humanity:  
give your people grace  
so to love what you command  
and to desire what you promise,  
that, among the many changes of this world,  
our hearts may surely there be fixed  
where true joys are to be found;  
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*

Merciful Father,  
who gave Jesus Christ to be for us the bread of life,  
that those who come to him should never hunger:  
draw us to the Lord in faith and love,  
that we may eat and drink with him  
at his table in the kingdom,  
where he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

*Collect*

Almighty God,  
you have created the heavens and the earth  
and made us in your own image:  
teach us to discern your hand in all your works  
and your likeness in all your children;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things,  
now and for ever.

*Post Communion*

God our creator,  
by your gift  
the tree of life was set at the heart of the earthly paradise,  
and the bread of life at the heart of your Church:  
may we who have been nourished at your table on earth  
be transformed by the glory of the Saviour's cross  
and enjoy the delights of eternity;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*This provision is not used on or after Ash Wednesday.*

*Collect*

Almighty Father,  
whose Son was revealed in majesty  
before he suffered death upon the cross:  
give us grace to perceive his glory,  
that we may be strengthened to suffer with him  
and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory;  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*Post Communion*

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

**Ash Wednesday** *Purple or  
Principal Holy Day Lent Array*

*Collect*

Almighty and everlasting God,  
you hate nothing that you have made  
and forgive the sins of all those who are penitent:  
create and make in us new and contrite hearts  
that we, worthily lamenting our sins  
and acknowledging our wretchedness,  
may receive from you, the God of all mercy,  
perfect remission and forgiveness;  
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.

*This Collect may be used as the Post Communion on any day from the  
First Sunday of Lent until the Saturday after the Fourth Sunday of Lent  
instead of the Post Communion provided.*

*Post Communion*

Almighty God,  
you have given your only Son to be for us  
both a sacrifice for sin  
and also an example of godly life:  
give us grace  
that we may always most thankfully receive  
these his inestimable gifts,  
and also daily endeavour  
to follow the blessed steps of his most holy life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Collect*

Almighty God,  
whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness,  
and was tempted as we are, yet without sin:  
give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit;  
and, as you know our weakness,  
so may we know your power to save;  
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*

Lord God,  
you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven;  
by it you nourish our faith,  
increase our hope,  
and strengthen our love:  
teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread,  
and enable us to live by every word  
that proceeds from out of your mouth;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## The Second Sunday of Lent *Purple or Lent Array*

### *Collect*

Almighty God,  
you show to those who are in error the light of your truth,  
that they may return to the way of righteousness:  
grant to all those who are admitted  
    into the fellowship of Christ's religion,  
that they may reject those things  
    that are contrary to their profession,  
and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same;  
through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### *Post Communion*

Almighty God,  
you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves:  
keep us both outwardly in our bodies,  
and inwardly in our souls;  
that we may be defended from all adversities  
    which may happen to the body,  
and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## The Third Sunday of Lent *Purple or Lent Array*

### *Collect*

Almighty God,  
whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain,  
and entered not into glory before he was crucified:  
mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross,  
may find it none other than the way of life and peace;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### *Post Communion*

Merciful Lord,  
grant your people grace to withstand the temptations  
    of the world, the flesh and the devil,  
and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## The Fourth Sunday of Lent *Purple or Lent Array*

*Mothering Sunday may be celebrated in preference to the provision  
for the Fourth Sunday of Lent.*

### *Collect*

Merciful Lord,  
absolve your people from their offences,  
that through your bountiful goodness  
we may all be delivered from the chains of those sins  
which by our frailty we have committed;  
grant this, heavenly Father,  
for Jesus Christ's sake, our blessed Lord and Saviour,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### *Post Communion*

Lord God,  
whose blessed Son our Saviour  
gave his back to the smiters  
and did not hide his face from shame:  
give us grace to endure the sufferings of this present time  
with sure confidence in the glory that shall be revealed;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Mothering Sunday** *Purple or  
Lent Array*

*Mothering Sunday may be celebrated in preference to the provision  
for the Fourth Sunday of Lent.*

**Collect**

God of compassion,  
whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary,  
shared the life of a home in Nazareth,  
and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself:  
strengthen us in our daily living  
that in joy and in sorrow  
we may know the power of your presence  
to bind together and to heal;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Post Communion**

Loving God,  
as a mother feeds her children at the breast  
you feed us in this sacrament with the food and drink of eternal life:  
help us who have tasted your goodness  
to grow in grace within the household of faith;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**The Fifth Sunday of Lent** *Purple or  
Passiontide begins Lent Array*

**Collect**

Most merciful God,  
who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ  
delivered and saved the world:  
grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross  
we may triumph in the power of his victory;  
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**

Lord Jesus Christ,  
you have taught us  
that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters  
we do also for you:  
give us the will to be the servant of others  
as you were the servant of all,  
and gave up your life and died for us,  
but are alive and reign, now and for ever.

**Palm Sunday** *Red*

**Collect**

Almighty and everlasting God,  
who in your tender love towards the human race  
sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ  
to take upon him our flesh  
and to suffer death upon the cross:  
grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility,  
and also be made partakers of his resurrection;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Post Communion**

Lord Jesus Christ,  
you humbled yourself in taking the form of a servant,  
and in obedience died on the cross for our salvation:  
give us the mind to follow you  
and to proclaim you as Lord and King,  
to the glory of God the Father.

**Maundy Thursday**    *White*  
*Principal Holy Day*

*At Morning and Evening Prayer the Collect of Palm Sunday is used.  
At Holy Communion this Collect is used.*

**Collect**

God our Father,  
you have invited us to share in the supper  
which your Son gave to his Church  
to proclaim his death until he comes:  
may he nourish us by his presence,  
and unite us in his love;  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Post Communion**

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

**Good Friday**    *Hangings*  
*Principal Holy Day*    *removed:*  
*red for the*  
*liturgy*

**Collect**

Almighty Father,  
look with mercy on this your family  
for which our Lord Jesus Christ was content to be betrayed  
    and given up into the hands of sinners  
    and to suffer death upon the cross;  
who is alive and glorified with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Easter Eve**    *Hangings*  
*removed*

**Collect**

Grant, Lord,  
that we who are baptized into the death  
    of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ  
may continually put to death our evil desires  
    and be buried with him;  
and that through the grave and gate of death  
we may pass to our joyful resurrection;  
through his merits,  
who died and was buried and rose again for us,  
your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Easter Day**    *Gold or  
Principal Feast    White*

*Collect*

Lord of all life and power,  
who through the mighty resurrection of your Son  
overcame the old order of sin and death  
to make all things new in him:  
grant that we, being dead to sin  
and alive to you in Jesus Christ,  
may reign with him in glory;  
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit  
be praise and honour, glory and might,  
now and in all eternity.

*Post Communion*

God of Life,  
who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son  
to the death of the cross,  
and by his glorious resurrection  
have delivered us from the power of our enemy:  
grant us so to die daily to sin,  
that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his risen life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**The Second Sunday of Easter**    *White*

*Collect*

Almighty Father,  
you have given your only Son to die for our sins  
and to rise again for our justification:  
grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness  
that we may always serve you  
in pureness of living and truth;  
through the merits 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.

*Post Communion*

Lord God our Father,  
through our Saviour Jesus Christ  
you have assured your children of eternal life  
and in baptism have made us one with him:  
deliver us from the death of sin  
and raise us to new life in your love,  
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**The Third Sunday of Easter**    *White*

*Collect*

Almighty Father,  
who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples  
with the sight of the risen Lord:  
give us such knowledge of his presence with us,  
that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life  
and serve you continually in righteousness and truth;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*Post Communion*

Living God,  
your Son made himself known to his disciples  
in the breaking of bread:  
open the eyes of our faith,  
that we may see him in all his redeeming work;  
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

## The Fourth Sunday of Easter *White*

### *Collect*

Almighty God,  
whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life:  
raise us, who trust in him,  
from the death of sin to the life of righteousness,  
that we may seek those things which are above,  
where he reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### *Post Communion*

Merciful Father,  
you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd,  
and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again:  
keep us always under his protection,  
and give us grace to follow in his steps;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## The Fifth Sunday of Easter *White*

### *Collect*

Almighty God,  
who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ  
have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life:  
grant that, as by your grace going before us  
    you put into our minds good desires,  
so by your continual help  
we may bring them to good effect;  
through Jesus Christ our risen Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### *Post Communion*

Eternal God,  
whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life:  
grant us to walk in his way,  
to rejoice in his truth,  
and to share his risen life;  
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

## The Sixth Sunday of Easter *White*

*This provision is not used on or after Ascension Day.*

### *Collect*

God our redeemer,  
you have delivered us from the power of darkness  
and brought us into the kingdom of your Son:  
grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life,  
so by his continual presence in us he may raise us  
    to eternal joy;  
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 Father,  
whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life:  
may we thirst for you,  
the spring of life and source of goodness,  
through him who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

**Ascension Day** *Gold or  
Principal Feast White*

*Collect*

Grant, we pray, almighty God,  
that as we believe your only-begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ  
to have ascended into the heavens,  
so we in heart and mind may also ascend  
and with him continually dwell;  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*Post Communion*

God our Father,  
you have raised our humanity in Christ  
and have fed us with the bread of heaven:  
mercifully grant that, nourished with such spiritual blessings,  
we may set our hearts in the heavenly places;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**The Seventh Sunday of Easter** *White*  
Sunday after Ascension Day

*Collect*

O God the King of glory,  
you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ  
with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven:  
we beseech you, leave us not comfortless,  
but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us  
and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*Post Communion*

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

**Day of Pentecost** *Red*  
Whit Sunday  
*Principal Feast*

*This provision is not used on the weekdays after the Day of Pentecost.*

*Collect*

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

*Post Communion*

Faithful God,  
who fulfilled the promises of Easter  
by sending us your Holy Spirit  
and opening to every race and nation  
the way of life eternal:  
open our lips by your Spirit,  
that every tongue may tell of your glory;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## † Ordinary Time

### The Weekdays after the Day of Pentecost *Green*

#### *Collect*

O Lord, from whom all good things come:  
grant to us your humble servants,  
that by your holy inspiration  
we may think those things that are good,  
and by your merciful guiding may perform the same;  
through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

#### *Post Communion*

Gracious God, lover of all,  
in this sacrament  
we are one family in Christ your Son,  
one in the sharing of his body and blood  
and one in the communion of his Spirit:  
help us to grow in love for one another  
and come to the full maturity of the Body of Christ.  
We make our prayer through your Son our Saviour.

### Trinity Sunday *Gold or Principal Feast White*

#### *Collect*

Almighty and everlasting God,  
you have given us your servants grace,  
by the confession of a true faith,  
to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity  
and in the power of the divine majesty to worship the Unity:  
keep us steadfast in this faith,  
that we may evermore be defended from all adversities;  
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*

Almighty and eternal God,  
you have revealed yourself as Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
and live and reign in the perfect unity of love:  
hold us firm in this faith,  
that we may know you in all your ways  
and evermore rejoice in your eternal glory,  
who are three Persons yet one God,  
now and for ever.

*The Thursday after Trinity Sunday may be observed as*

### The Day of Thanksgiving for the Institution of Holy Communion (Corpus Christi) *White*

#### *Collect*

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

#### *Post Communion*

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

## The First Sunday after Trinity *Green*

### *Collect*

O God,  
the strength of all those who put their trust in you,  
mercifully accept our prayers  
and, because through the weakness of our mortal nature  
we can do no good thing without you,  
grant us the help of your grace,  
that in the keeping of your commandments  
we may please you both in will and deed;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### *Post Communion*

Eternal Father,  
we thank you for nourishing us  
with these heavenly gifts:  
may our communion strengthen us in faith,  
build us up in hope,  
and make us grow in love;  
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

## The Second Sunday after Trinity *Green*

### *Collect*

Lord, you have taught us  
that all our doings without love are nothing worth:  
send your Holy Spirit  
and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love,  
the true bond of peace and of all virtues,  
without which whoever lives is counted dead before you.  
Grant this for your only Son Jesus Christ's sake,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### *Post Communion*

Loving Father,  
we thank you for feeding us at the supper of your Son:  
sustain us with your Spirit,  
that we may serve you here on earth  
until our joy is complete in heaven,  
and we share in the eternal banquet  
with Jesus Christ our Lord.

## The Third Sunday after Trinity *Green*

### *Collect*

Almighty God,  
you have broken the tyranny of sin  
and have sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts  
whereby we call you Father:  
give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service,  
that we and all creation may be brought  
to the glorious liberty of 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*

O God, whose beauty is beyond our imagining  
and whose power we cannot comprehend:  
show us your glory as far as we can grasp it,  
and shield us from knowing more than we can bear  
until we may look upon you without fear;  
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

## The Fourth Sunday after Trinity *Green*

### *Collect*

O God, the protector of all who trust in you,  
without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy:  
increase and multiply upon us your mercy;  
that with you as our ruler and guide  
we may so pass through things temporal  
that we lose not our hold on things eternal;  
grant this, heavenly Father,  
for our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### *Post Communion*

Eternal God,  
comfort of the afflicted and healer of the broken,  
you have fed us at the table of life and hope:  
teach us the ways of gentleness and peace,  
that all the world may acknowledge  
the kingdom of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

## The Fifth Sunday after Trinity *Green*

### *Collect*

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

### *Post Communion*

Grant, O Lord, we beseech you,  
that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered  
by your governance,  
that your Church may joyfully serve you in all godly quietness;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## The Sixth Sunday after Trinity *Green*

### *Collect*

Merciful God,  
you have prepared for those who love you  
such good things as pass our understanding:  
pour into our hearts such love toward you  
that we, loving you in all things and above all things,  
may obtain your promises,  
which exceed all that we can desire;  
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 of our pilgrimage,  
you have led us to the living water:  
refresh and sustain us  
as we go forward on our journey,  
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

## The Seventh Sunday after Trinity *Green*

### *Collect*

Lord of all power and might,  
the author and giver of all good things:  
graft in our hearts the love of your name,  
increase in us true religion,  
nourish us with all goodness,  
and of your great mercy keep us in the same;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### *Post Communion*

Lord God, whose Son is the true vine and the source of life,  
ever giving himself that the world may live:  
may we so receive within ourselves  
the power of his death and passion  
that, in his saving cup,  
we may share his glory and be made perfect in his love;  
for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

## The Eighth Sunday after Trinity *Green*

### *Collect*

Almighty Lord and everlasting God,  
we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern  
both our hearts and bodies  
in the ways of your laws  
and the works of your commandments;  
that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever,  
we may be preserved in body and soul;  
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### *Post Communion*

Strengthen for service, Lord,  
the hands that have taken holy things;  
may the ears which have heard your word  
be deaf to clamour and dispute;  
may the tongues which have sung your praise be free from deceit;  
may the eyes which have seen the tokens of your love  
shine with the light of hope;  
and may the bodies which have been fed with your body  
be refreshed with the fullness of your life;  
glory to you for ever.

## The Ninth Sunday after Trinity *Green*

### *Collect*

Almighty God,  
who sent your Holy Spirit  
to be the life and light of your Church:  
open our hearts to the riches of your grace,  
that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit  
in love and joy and peace;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### *Post Communion*

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

## The Tenth Sunday after Trinity Green

### Collect

Let your merciful ears, O Lord,  
be open to the prayers of your humble servants;  
and that they may obtain their petitions  
make them to ask such things as shall please 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.

### Post Communion

God of our pilgrimage,  
you have willed that the gate of mercy  
should stand open for those who trust in you:  
look upon us with your favour  
that we who follow the path of your will  
may never wander from the way of life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## The Eleventh Sunday after Trinity Green

### Collect

O God, you declare your almighty power  
most chiefly in showing mercy and pity:  
mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace,  
that we, running the way of your commandments,  
may receive your gracious promises,  
and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure;  
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

Lord of all mercy,  
we your faithful people have celebrated that one true sacrifice  
which takes away our sins and brings pardon and peace:  
by our communion  
keep us firm on the foundation of the gospel  
and preserve us from all sin;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity Green

### Collect

Almighty and everlasting God,  
you are always more ready to hear than we to pray  
and to give more than either we desire or deserve:  
pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy,  
forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid  
and giving us those good things  
which we are not worthy to ask  
but through the merits and mediation  
of Jesus Christ 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 of all mercy,  
in this eucharist you have set aside our sins  
and given us your healing:  
grant that we who are made whole in Christ  
may bring that healing to this broken world,  
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

## The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity *Green*

### *Collect*

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

### *Post Communion*

God our creator,  
you feed your children with the true manna,  
the living bread from heaven:  
let this holy food sustain us through our earthly pilgrimage  
until we come to that place  
    where hunger and thirst are no more;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity *Green*

### *Collect*

Almighty God,  
whose only Son has opened for us  
a new and living way into your presence:  
give us pure hearts and steadfast wills  
to worship you in spirit and in truth;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### *Post Communion*

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

## The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity *Green*

### *Collect*

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit  
    upon your Church in the burning fire of your love:  
grant that your people may be fervent  
    in the fellowship of the gospel  
that, always abiding in you,  
they may be found steadfast in faith and active in 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.

### *Post Communion*

Keep, O Lord, your Church, with your perpetual mercy;  
and, because without you our human frailty cannot but fall,  
keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful,  
and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity *Green*

### *Collect*

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers  
of your people who call upon you;  
and grant that they may both perceive and know  
what things they ought to do,  
and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them;  
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*

Almighty God,  
you have taught us through your Son  
that love is the fulfilling of the law:  
grant that we may love you with our whole heart  
and our neighbours as ourselves;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity *Green*

### *Collect*

Almighty God,  
you have made us for yourself,  
and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you:  
pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself,  
and so bring us at last to your heavenly city  
where we shall see you face to 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.

### *Post Communion*

Lord, we pray that your grace  
may always precede and follow us,  
and make us continually to be given to all good works;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity *Green*

### *Collect*

Almighty and everlasting God,  
increase in us your gift of faith  
that, forsaking what lies behind  
and reaching out to that which is before,  
we may run the way of your commandments  
and win the crown of everlasting joy;  
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*

We praise and thank you, O Christ, for this sacred feast:  
for here we receive you,  
here the memory of your passion is renewed,  
here our minds are filled with grace,  
and here a pledge of future glory is given,  
when we shall feast at that table where you reign  
with all your saints for ever.

## The Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity Green

### Collect

O God, forasmuch as without you  
we are not able to please you;  
mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit  
may in all things direct and rule our hearts;  
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

Holy and blessed God,  
you have fed us with the body and blood of your Son  
and filled us with your Holy Spirit:  
may we honour you,  
not only with our lips  
but in lives dedicated to the service  
of Jesus Christ our Lord.

## The Twentieth Sunday after Trinity Green

### Collect

God, the giver of life,  
whose Holy Spirit wells up within your Church:  
by the Spirit's gifts equip us to live the gospel of Christ  
and make us eager to do your will,  
that we may share with the whole creation  
the joys of 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.

## Post Communion

God our Father,  
whose Son, the light unailing,  
has come from heaven to deliver the world  
from the darkness of ignorance:  
let these holy mysteries open the eyes of our understanding  
that we may know the way of life,  
and walk in it without stumbling;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## The Twenty-first Sunday after Trinity Green

### Collect

Grant, we beseech you, merciful Lord,  
to your faithful people pardon and peace,  
that they may be cleansed from all their sins  
and serve you with a quiet mind;  
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 of light,  
in whom is no change or shadow of turning,  
you give us every good and perfect gift  
and have brought us to birth by your word of truth:  
may we be a living sign of that kingdom  
where your whole creation will be made perfect  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

*If there are twenty-three Sundays after Trinity, the provision  
for the Third Sunday before Lent (page 389) is used on the  
Twenty-second Sunday after Trinity.*

## The Last Sunday after Trinity *Green*

### *Collect*

Blessed Lord,  
who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning:  
help us so to hear them,  
to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them  
that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word,  
we may embrace and for ever hold fast  
the hope of everlasting life,  
which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### *Post Communion*

God of all grace,  
your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry  
with the bread of his life  
and the word of his kingdom:  
renew your people with your heavenly grace,  
and in all our weakness  
sustain us by your true and living bread;  
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

*1 November*

**All Saints' Day** *Gold or  
Principal Feast White*

### *Collect*

Almighty God,  
you have knit together your elect  
in one communion and fellowship  
in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord:  
grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints  
in all virtuous and godly living  
that we may come to those inexpressible joys  
that you have prepared for those who truly love 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.

### *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.

## The Fourth Sunday before Advent *Red or Green*

### *Collect*

Almighty and eternal God,  
you have kindled the flame of love  
in the hearts of the saints:  
grant to us the same faith and power of love,  
that, as we rejoice in their triumphs,  
we may be sustained by their example and fellowship;  
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*

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

## The Third Sunday before Advent

Red or  
Green

### Collect

Almighty Father,  
whose will is to restore all things  
in your beloved Son, the King of all:  
govern the hearts and minds of those in authority,  
and bring the families of the nations,  
divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin,  
to be subject to his just and gentle rule;  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### Post Communion

God of peace,  
whose Son Jesus Christ proclaimed the kingdom  
and restored the broken to wholeness of life:  
look with compassion on the anguish of the world,  
and by your healing power  
make whole both people and nations;  
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

*In years when Remembrance Sunday is observed on the Second Sunday before Advent, the Collect and Post Communion for the Third Sunday before Advent may be used on Remembrance Sunday and the Collect and Post Communion for the Second Sunday before Advent may be used on the Third Sunday before Advent.*

## The Second Sunday before Advent

Red or  
Green

### Collect

Heavenly Father,  
whose blessed Son was revealed  
to destroy the works of the devil  
and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life:  
grant that we, having this hope,  
may purify ourselves even as he is pure;  
that when he shall appear in power and great glory  
we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom;  
where he is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### Post Communion

Gracious Lord,  
in this holy sacrament  
you give substance to our hope:  
bring us at the last  
to that fullness of life for which we long;  
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

*In years when Remembrance Sunday is observed on the Second Sunday before Advent, the Collect and Post Communion for the Third Sunday before Advent may be used on Remembrance Sunday and the Collect and Post Communion for the Second Sunday before Advent may be used on the Third Sunday before Advent.*

**Christ the King**  
The Sunday next before Advent

Red or  
White

**Collect**

Eternal Father,  
whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven  
that he might rule over all things as Lord and King:  
keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit  
and in the bond of peace,  
and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet;  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Post Communion**

Stir up, O Lord,  
the wills of your faithful people;  
that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works,  
may by you be plenteously rewarded;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*This Post Communion may be used as the Collect at Morning and Evening Prayer during this week.*

**Festivals**

**The Naming and Circumcision of Jesus**

White

1 January

**Collect**

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

**Post Communion**

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

25 January

**The Conversion of Paul**

White

**Collect**

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

*Post Communion  
of Apostles and Evangelists*

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

*(or)*

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

*19 March*

**Joseph of Nazareth**      *White*

*Collect*

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

*Post Communion*

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

*25 March*

**The Annunciation of Our Lord**

*Gold or*

*Principal Feast*

*White*

*Collect*

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

*Post Communion*

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

23 April

**George** Red  
Martyr, Patron of England, c.304

*Collect*

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

*Post Communion*

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

*(or)*

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

25 April

**Mark** Red  
Evangelist

*Collect*

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

*Post Communion*

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(page 428).*

1 May

**Philip and James** Red  
Apostles

*Collect*

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

*Post Communion*

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14 May

**Matthias**

Red

Apostle

**Collect**

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

**Post Communion**

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31 May

**The Visit of  
the Blessed Virgin Mary  
to Elizabeth**

White

**Collect**

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

**Post Communion**

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

11 June

**Barnabas**

Red

Apostle

**Collect**

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

**Post Communion**

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24 June

## The Birth of John the Baptist

White

### Collect

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

### 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.

29 June

## Peter and Paul

Red

Apostles

### Collect

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

*or, where Peter is celebrated alone*

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

### Post Communion

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(page 428).*

3 July

**Thomas** Red  
Apostle

*Collect*

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

*Post Communion*

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(page 428).*

22 July

**Mary Magdalene** White

*Collect*

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

*Post Communion*

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

25 July

**James** Red  
Apostle

*Collect*

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

*Post Communion*

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(page 428).*

6 August **The Transfiguration of Our Lord**

Gold or  
White

*Collect*

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

*Post Communion*

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

15 August **The Blessed Virgin Mary**

White

*Collect*

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

*Post Communion*

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

24 August

**Bartholomew**  
Apostle

Red

*Collect*

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

*Post Communion*

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14 September

**Holy Cross Day** Red

*Collect*

Almighty God,  
who in the passion of your blessed Son  
made an instrument of painful death  
to be for us the means of life and peace:  
grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ  
that we may gladly suffer for his sake;  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*Post Communion*

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

21 September

**Matthew** Red  
Apostle and Evangelist

*Collect*

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

*Post Communion*

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29 September

**Michael and All Angels** White

*Collect*

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

*Post Communion*

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

18 October

**Luke**  
Evangelist

Red

*Collect*

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

*Post Communion*

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28 October

**Simon and Jude**  
Apostles

Red

*Collect*

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

*Post Communion*

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30 November

**Andrew**  
Apostle

Red

*Collect*

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

*Post Communion*

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26 December

**Stephen**  
Deacon, First Martyr

Red

*Collect*

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

*Post Communion*

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

*27 December*

**John** *White*  
Apostle and Evangelist

*Collect*

Merciful Lord,  
cast your bright beams of light upon the Church:  
that, being enlightened by the teaching  
of your blessed apostle and evangelist Saint John,  
we may so walk in the light of your truth  
that we may at last attain to the light of everlasting life;  
through Jesus Christ your incarnate Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*Post Communion*

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

*28 December*

**The Holy Innocents** *Red*

*Collect*

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

*Post Communion*

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

## Dedication Festival

Gold or  
White

### Collect

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

### Post Communion

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

## Special Occasion

## Harvest Thanksgiving Green

*Harvest Thanksgiving may be celebrated on a Sunday and may replace the provision for that day, provided it does not supersede any Principal Feast or Festival.*

### Collect

Eternal God,  
you crown the year with your goodness  
and you give us the fruits of the earth in their season:  
grant that we may use them to your glory,  
for the relief of those in need and for our own well-being;  
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

Lord of the harvest,  
with joy we have offered thanksgiving for your love in creation  
and have shared in the bread and the wine of the kingdom:  
by your grace plant within us a reverence for all that you give us  
and make us generous and wise stewards  
of the good things we enjoy;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

# Collects and Post Communions for Sundays, Principal Holy Days and Festivals in Traditional Language

## Notes

- 1 Collects and Post Communions for Lesser Festivals and Special Occasions, with Commons of the Saints, are published in the President's edition of *Common Worship*.
- 2 Normally on any occasion only one Collect is used.
- 3 The Collect for each Sunday is used on the following weekdays, except where other provision is made.
- 4 At Evening Prayer on Saturdays other than Easter Eve, Christmas Eve or Principal Feasts or Festivals, the Collect appointed for the ensuing Sunday shall be used. When Evening Prayer on the day before a Festival makes use of the lessons relating to that Festival, the Collect of that Festival shall be used.
- 5 Where a Collect ends 'Through Jesus Christ ... now and for ever', the minister may use the shorter ending, 'Through Jesus Christ our Lord' to which the people respond 'Amen' and omit the longer Trinitarian ending. The longer ending is to be preferred at Holy Communion.

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*For Collects and Post Communions in Contemporary Language, see page 375.*

## ¶ Advent

### The First Sunday of Advent Purple

#### Collect

Almighty God,  
give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness  
and put upon us the armour of light,  
now in the time of this mortal life,  
in which thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility;  
that in the last day  
when he shall come again in his glorious majesty  
to judge both the quick and the dead,  
we may rise to the life immortal;  
through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit,  
now and for ever.

*This Collect may be used as the Post Communion on any day from the Second Sunday of Advent until Christmas Eve instead of the Post Communion provided.*

#### Post Communion

O Lord our God,  
as we wait for the coming of thy Son our Lord,  
preserve us in watchfulness and faith,  
that when he shall appear  
he may not find us asleep in sin  
but active to serve him  
and joyful to praise him;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## The Second Sunday of Advent *Purple*

### *Collect*

O Lord, raise up we pray thee thy power  
and come among us,  
and with great might succour us;  
that whereas, through our sins and wickedness  
we are sore let and hindered  
in running the race that is set before us,  
thy bountiful grace and mercy  
may speedily help and deliver us;  
through the satisfaction of thy Son our Lord,  
to whom with thee and the Holy Spirit  
be honour and glory, now and for ever.

### *Post Communion*

Heavenly Father,  
who didst send thy Son to redeem the world  
and wilt send him again to be our judge:  
give us grace so to imitate him  
    in the humility and purity of his first coming  
that when he shall come again,  
we may be found ready to greet him  
with joyful love and steadfast faith;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## The Third Sunday of Advent *Purple*

### *Collect*

O Lord Jesus Christ,  
who at thy first coming didst send thy messenger  
to prepare thy way before thee:  
grant that the ministers and stewards of thy mysteries  
may likewise so prepare and make ready thy way  
by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just,  
that at thy second coming to judge the world  
we may be found an acceptable people in thy sight;  
who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### *Post Communion*

We give thee thanks, O Lord, for these thy heavenly gifts;  
kindle in us the fire of thy Spirit  
that when our Saviour Christ shall come again  
we may shine as lights before his face;  
who liveth and reigneth now and for ever.

## The Fourth Sunday of Advent *Purple*

*This provision is not used on weekdays after 23 December.*

### *Collect*

O God our redeemer,  
who didst prepare the Blessed Virgin Mary  
to be the mother of thy Son:  
grant that, as she looked for his coming as our saviour,  
so we may be ready to greet him  
when he shall come again to be our judge;  
who liveth and reigneth with thee  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### *Post Communion*

Heavenly Father,  
who didst choose the Blessed Virgin Mary  
to be the mother of the promised saviour:  
fill us thy servants with thy grace,  
that in all things we may embrace thy holy will  
and with her rejoice in thy salvation;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

24 December

**Christmas Eve** Purple

*Collect*

Almighty God,  
who makest us glad with the yearly remembrance  
of the birth of thy only Son Jesus Christ:  
grant that, as we joyfully receive him as our redeemer,  
so we may with sure confidence behold him  
when he shall come to be our judge;  
who liveth and reigneth with thee  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*Post Communion*

Eternal God, for whom we wait,  
who hast fed us with the bread of eternal life:  
we pray that thou wilt keep us ever watchful  
so that we may be ready to stand before the Son of man,  
Jesus Christ our Lord.

 **Christmas**

25 December

**Christmas Night** Gold or  
Principal Feast White

*Collect*

Eternal God,  
who made this most holy night  
to shine with the brightness of thy one true light:  
bring us, who have known the revelation of that light on earth,  
to see the radiance of thy heavenly glory;  
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*Post Communion*

God our Father,  
who in this night hast made known to us again  
the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ:  
confirm our faith and fix our eyes on him  
until the dawning of the day  
when Christ the Morning Star shall rise in our hearts;  
to whom be glory both now and for ever.

25 December

**Christmas Day**  
*Principal Feast*

*Gold or  
White*

**Collect**

Almighty God,  
who hast given us thy only-begotten Son  
to take our nature upon him  
and as at this time to be born of a pure virgin:  
grant that we, being regenerate  
and made thy children by adoption and grace,  
may daily be renewed by thy Holy Spirit;  
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Spirit,  
now and for ever.

**Post Communion**

O God our Father,  
whose Word hath come among us  
in the Holy Child of Bethlehem:  
grant that the light of faith may illumine our hearts  
and shine in all our words and deeds;  
through him who is Christ the Lord.

**The First Sunday of Christmas** *White*

*This provision is not used on weekdays after 5 January.*

**Collect**

Almighty God,  
who hast wonderfully created us in thine own image  
and hast yet more wonderfully restored us  
through thy Son Jesus Christ:  
grant that, as he came to share in our humanity,  
so we may share the life of his divinity;  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Post Communion**

Heavenly Father,  
whose blessed Son shared at Nazareth the life of an earthly home:  
grant to thy Church grace to live as one family,  
united in love and obedience,  
and at the last bring us all to our home in heaven;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**The Second Sunday of Christmas** *White*

*This provision is not used on weekdays after 5 January.*

**Collect**

Almighty God,  
who in the birth of thy Son  
hast poured upon us the new light of thine incarnate Word  
and revealed to us the fullness of thy love:  
help us so to walk in his light and dwell in his love  
that we may know the fullness of his joy;  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Post Communion**

All praise to thee,  
almighty God and heavenly king,  
who hast sent thy Son into the world  
to take our nature upon him  
and to be born of a pure virgin:  
grant that, as we are born again in him,  
so he may continually dwell in us  
and reign on earth as he reigneth in heaven,  
now and for ever.

## Epiphany

6 January

### **The Epiphany** *Principal Feast*      *Gold or White*

#### *Collect*

O God,  
who by the leading of a star  
didst manifest thy only-begotten Son to the Gentiles:  
mercifully grant that we,  
who know thee now by faith,  
may after this life have the fruition of thy glorious Godhead;  
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

#### *Post Communion*

O Lord our God,  
the bright splendour whom the nations seek:  
grant that we, who with the wise men  
    have been drawn by thy light,  
may discern the glory of thy presence in thy Son,  
the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord.

### **The Baptism of Christ** The First Sunday of Epiphany      *Gold or White*

#### *Collect*

Eternal Father,  
who at the baptism of Jesus  
didst reveal him to be thy Son,  
anointing him with the Holy Spirit:  
grant that we, being born again by water and the Spirit,  
may be faithful to our calling as thine adopted children;  
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

#### *Post Communion*

O Lord of all time and eternity,  
who in the baptism of Jesus thy beloved Son  
didst open the heavens  
and didst reveal thyself as Father:  
by the power of thy Spirit  
make perfect the heavenly work of our rebirth  
through the waters of the new creation;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### **The Second Sunday of Epiphany**      *White*

#### *Collect*

Almighty God,  
who in Christ makest all things new:  
transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of thy grace,  
and in the renewal of our lives  
make known thy heavenly glory;  
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

#### *Post Communion*

God of glory,  
as thou dost nourish us with thy Word  
who is the bread of life:  
fill us with thy Holy Spirit  
that through us the light of thy glory  
may shine in all the world;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## The Third Sunday of Epiphany *White*

### *Collect*

Almighty God,  
whose Son revealed in signs and miracles  
the wonder of thy saving presence:  
renew thy people with thy heavenly grace,  
and in all our weakness  
sustain us by thy mighty power;  
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### *Post Communion*

Almighty God,  
whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of the world:  
grant that thy people,  
illumined by thy word and sacraments,  
may shine with the radiance of his glory,  
that he may be known, worshipped and obeyed  
to the ends of the earth,  
who liveth and reigneth, now and for ever.

## The Fourth Sunday of Epiphany *White*

### *Collect*

Almighty God, creator of all things,  
who in the beginning  
didst command the light to shine out of darkness:  
grant that the light of the glorious gospel of Christ  
may dispel the darkness of ignorance and unbelief,  
shine into the hearts of all thy people,  
and reveal the knowledge of thy glory  
in the face of Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### *Post Communion*

Gracious Lord,  
by whose mercy we have proclaimed in word and sacrament  
the mystery of thy love:  
help us so to live our lives  
that we may show forth thy wonders in the world;  
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

*2 February*

## The Presentation of Christ in the Temple

*Gold or  
White*

Candlemas  
*Principal Feast*

### *Collect*

Almighty and ever-living God,  
we humbly beseech thy majesty,  
that, as thy only-begotten Son  
was this day presented in the Temple,  
in substance of our flesh,  
so we may be presented unto thee  
with pure and clean hearts,  
by thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### *Post Communion*

O Lord,  
who didst fulfil the hope of Simeon and Anna  
that they might live to greet the coming of the Messiah:  
grant that we, who have received these inexpressible gifts,  
may be prepared to meet Christ Jesus when he shall come  
to bring us to eternal life;  
for he liveth and reigneth, now and for ever.

**The Fifth Sunday before Lent** *Green*

*This provision is always used from the day after the Presentation of Christ in the Temple until the first of the Sundays before Lent.*

**Collect**

Almighty God,  
by whose grace alone we are accepted  
and called to thy service:  
strengthen us by thy Holy Spirit  
and make us worthy of our calling;  
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Post Communion**

O God of truth,  
by whose grace we have seen with our eyes  
and touched with our hands the bread of life:  
strengthen our faith  
that we may grow in love for thee and for one another;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**The Fourth Sunday before Lent** *Green*

**Collect**

O God,  
who knowest us to be set  
in the midst of so many and great dangers,  
that by reason of the frailty of our nature  
we cannot always stand upright:  
grant to us such strength and protection  
as may support us in all dangers  
and carry us through all temptations;  
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Post Communion**

Go before us, O Lord, in all our doings  
with thy most gracious favour,  
and further us with thy continual help,  
that in all our works  
begun, continued and ended in thee,  
we may glorify thy holy name,  
and finally by thy mercy obtain everlasting life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## The Third Sunday before Lent *Green*

### *Collect*

O almighty God,  
who alone canst order the unruly wills  
and affections of the sinful:  
grant unto thy people  
that they may love the thing which thou commandest  
and desire that which thou dost promise,  
that so, among the sundry and manifold changes of the world,  
our hearts may surely there be fixed  
where true joys are to be found;  
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### *Post Communion*

Merciful Father,  
who didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ  
to be for us the bread of life,  
that those who come to him should never hunger:  
draw us to him in faith and love,  
that we may eat and drink with him  
at his table in the kingdom,  
where he liveth and reigneth, now and for ever.

## The Second Sunday before Lent *Green*

### *Collect*

Almighty God,  
who hast created the heavens and the earth  
and hast made us in thine own image:  
teach us to discern thy hand in all thy works  
and thy likeness in all thy children;  
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### *Post Communion*

O God our creator,  
by whose gift  
the tree of life was set at the heart of the earthly paradise,  
and the bread of life at the heart of thy Church:  
may we who have been nourished at thy table on earth  
be transformed by the glory of the Saviour's cross  
and enjoy the delights of eternity;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## The Sunday next before Lent *Green*

*This provision is not used on or after Ash Wednesday.*

### *Collect*

Almighty Father,  
whose Son was revealed in majesty  
before he suffered death upon the cross:  
give us grace to perceive his glory,  
that we may be strengthened to suffer with him  
and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory;  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### *Post Communion*

O holy God,  
we behold thy glory in the face of Jesus Christ:  
grant that we who are partakers at his table  
may reflect his life in word and deed,  
that all the world may know his power to change and save;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Ash Wednesday** *Purple or  
Principal Holy Day Lent Array*

*Collect*

Almighty and everlasting God,  
who hatest nothing that thou hast made  
and dost forgive the sins of all them that are penitent:  
create and make in us new and contrite hearts  
that we, worthily lamenting our sins  
and acknowledging our wretchedness,  
may obtain of thee, the God of all mercy,  
perfect remission and forgiveness;  
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*This Collect may be used as the Post Communion on any day from the  
First Sunday of Lent until the Saturday after the Fourth Sunday of Lent  
instead of the Post Communion provided.*

*Post Communion*

Almighty God,  
who hast given thine only Son to be unto us  
both a sacrifice for sin  
and also an example of godly life:  
give us grace  
that we may always most thankfully receive  
that his inestimable benefit,  
and also daily endeavour ourselves  
to follow the blessed steps of his most holy life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**The First Sunday of Lent** *Purple or  
Lent Array*

*Collect*

Almighty God,  
whose Son Jesus Christ did fast forty days in the wilderness,  
and was tempted as we are, yet without sin:  
give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to thy Spirit;  
and, as thou knowest our weakness,  
so may we know thy power to save;  
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*Post Communion*

O Lord our God,  
who hast renewed us with the living bread from heaven,  
and dost thereby nourish our faith,  
increase our hope,  
and strengthen our love:  
incline our hearts always to hunger for him  
who is the true and living bread,  
and give us grace to live by every word  
that proceedeth out of thy mouth;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**The Second Sunday of Lent** *Purple or  
Lent Array*

*Collect*

Almighty God,  
who showest to them that be in error the light of thy truth,  
to the intent that they may return into the way of righteousness:  
grant unto all them that are admitted  
    into the fellowship of Christ's religion,  
that they may eschew those things  
    that are contrary to their profession,  
and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same;  
through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*Post Communion*

Almighty God,  
who seest that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves:  
keep us both outwardly in our bodies,  
and inwardly in our souls;  
that we may be defended from all adversities  
    which may happen to the body,  
and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**The Third Sunday of Lent** *Purple or  
Lent Array*

*Collect*

Almighty God,  
whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain,  
and entered not into glory before he was crucified:  
mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross,  
may find it none other than the way of life and peace;  
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*Post Communion*

Lord, we beseech thee,  
grant thy people grace to withstand the temptations  
    of the world, the flesh and the devil,  
and with pure hearts and minds to follow thee, the only God;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**The Fourth Sunday of Lent** *Purple or  
Lent Array*

*Mothering Sunday may be celebrated in preference to the provision  
for the Fourth Sunday of Lent.*

*Collect*

O Lord, we beseech thee,  
absolve thy people from their offences,  
that through thy bountiful goodness  
we may all be delivered from the bands of those sins  
which by our frailty we have committed;  
grant this, O heavenly Father,  
for Jesus Christ's sake, our blessed Lord and Saviour,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*Post Communion*

Lord God,  
whose blessed Son our Saviour  
gave his back to the smiters  
and hid not his face from shame:  
give us grace to endure the sufferings of this present time  
with sure confidence in the glory that shall be revealed;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Mothering Sunday** *Purple or  
Lent Array*

*Mothering Sunday may be celebrated in preference to the provision  
for the Fourth Sunday of Lent.*

**Collect**

Merciful God,  
whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary,  
shared the life of a home in Nazareth  
and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself:  
strengthen us in our daily lives  
that in joy and sorrow  
we may know the power of thy presence  
    to bind together and to heal;  
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Post Communion**

God of love,  
who in this sacrament dost feed us  
    with the food and drink of eternal life,  
even as a mother feedeth her children at the breast:  
mercifully grant that we who have tasted thy goodness  
may grow in grace within the household of faith;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**The Fifth Sunday of Lent** *Purple or  
Lent Array*  
*Passiontide begins*

**Collect**

Most merciful God,  
who by the death and resurrection of thy Son Jesus Christ  
hast delivered and saved the world:  
grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross  
we may triumph in the power of his victory;  
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Post Communion**

Lord Jesus Christ,  
who hast taught us  
that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters  
we do also for thee:  
give us the will to be the servant of others  
as thou wast the servant of all,  
who gavest up thy life and didst die for us,  
yet livest and reignest, now and for ever.

**Palm Sunday**     *Red*

*Collect*

Almighty and everlasting God,  
who of thy tender love towards the world  
    hast sent thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ  
to take upon him our flesh  
and to suffer death upon the cross:  
grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility,  
and also be made partakers of his resurrection;  
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*Post Communion*

Lord Jesus Christ,  
who didst humble thyself by taking the form of a servant  
and wast obedient even unto the death of the cross  
    for our salvation:  
grant us the mind to follow thee  
and to proclaim thee as Lord and King,  
to the glory of God the Father.

**Maundy Thursday**     *White*  
*Principal Holy Day*

*At Morning and Evening Prayer the Collect of Palm Sunday is used.  
At Holy Communion this Collect is used.*

*Collect*

God our Father,  
who hast invited us to share in the supper  
which thy Son hath given to his Church  
that it may proclaim his death until he comes:  
may he nourish us by his presence,  
and unite us in his love;  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*Post Communion*

Lord Jesus Christ,  
we thank thee that in this wonderful sacrament  
thou hast given us a memorial of thy passion:  
grant us so to reverence the sacred mysteries  
    of thy body and blood  
that we may know within ourselves  
and show forth in our lives  
the fruits of thy redemption;  
for thou livest and reignest, now and for ever.

**Good Friday**     *Hangings  
Principal Holy Day     removed:  
red for the  
liturgy*

*Collect*

Almighty God,  
we beseech thee graciously to behold this thy family  
for which our Lord Jesus Christ was contented to be betrayed  
    and given up into the hands of sinners  
and to suffer death upon the cross;  
who now liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Easter Eve**     *Hangings  
removed*

*Collect*

Grant, O Lord,  
that as we are baptized into the death of thy blessed Son  
    our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
so by continually mortifying our corrupt affections  
    we may be buried with him;  
and that through the grave and gate of death  
we may pass to our joyful resurrection;  
for his merits, who died and was buried and rose again for us,  
thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Easter Day**    *Gold or  
Principal Feast    White*

*Collect*

Lord of all life and power,  
who through the mighty resurrection of thy Son  
hast overcome the old order of sin and death  
to make all things new in him:  
grant that we, being dead to sin  
and alive to thee in Jesus Christ,  
may reign with him in glory;  
to whom with thee and the Holy Spirit  
be praise and honour, glory and might,  
now and in all eternity.

*Post Communion*

God of Life,  
who for our redemption didst give thine only-begotten Son  
to the death of the cross,  
and by his glorious resurrection  
hast delivered us from the power of our enemy:  
grant us so to die daily unto sin  
that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his risen life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**The Second Sunday of Easter**    *White*

*Collect*

Almighty Father,  
who hast given thine only Son to die for our sins  
and to rise again for our justification:  
grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness  
that we may always serve thee  
in pureness of living and truth;  
through the merits of Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*Post Communion*

Lord God our Father,  
who through our Saviour Jesus Christ  
hast assured us of eternal life  
and in baptism made us one with him:  
deliver us from the death of sin  
and raise us to new life in thy love,  
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**The Third Sunday of Easter**    *White*

*Collect*

Almighty Father,  
who in thy great mercy gladdened the disciples  
with the sight of the risen Lord:  
give us such knowledge of his presence with us,  
that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life  
and serve thee continually in righteousness and truth;  
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*Post Communion*

O living God,  
whose Son made himself known to his disciples  
in the breaking of the bread:  
open the eyes of our faith,  
that we may see him in all his redeeming work;  
who liveth and reigneth, now and for ever.

## The Fourth Sunday of Easter *White*

### *Collect*

Almighty God,  
whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life:  
raise us, who trust in him,  
from the death of sin unto the life of righteousness,  
that we may seek those things which are above,  
where he liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### *Post Communion*

O merciful Father,  
who gavest thy Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd,  
and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again:  
keep us ever under his protection,  
and give us grace to follow in his steps;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## The Fifth Sunday of Easter *White*

### *Collect*

Almighty God,  
who through thine only-begotten Son Jesus Christ  
hast overcome death and opened unto us the gate of everlasting life:  
we humbly beseech thee that,  
as by thy grace preceding us  
    thou dost put into our minds good desires,  
so by thy continual help  
we may bring the same to good effect;  
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### *Post Communion*

Eternal God,  
whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth and the life:  
grant us grace to walk in his way,  
to rejoice in his truth,  
and to share his risen life;  
who liveth and reigneth, now and for ever.

## The Sixth Sunday of Easter *White*

*This provision is not used on or after Ascension Day.*

### *Collect*

God our redeemer,  
who hast delivered us from the power of darkness  
and brought us into the kingdom of thy Son:  
grant, that as by his death he hath recalled us to life,  
so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy;  
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### *Post Communion*

O God our Father,  
whose Son Jesus Christ doth give the water of eternal life:  
may we ever thirst for thee,  
the spring of life and fountain of goodness,  
through him who liveth and reigneth, now and for ever.

**Ascension Day** *Gold or  
Principal Feast White*

*Collect*

Grant, we beseech thee, almighty God,  
that like as we do believe thy only-begotten Son  
our Lord Jesus Christ  
to have ascended into the heavens;  
so we may also in heart and mind thither ascend  
and with him continually dwell,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*Post Communion*

O God our Father,  
who in Christ hast raised up our humanity  
and fed us with the bread of heaven:  
mercifully grant that, nourished with such spiritual blessings,  
we may set our hearts in the heavenly places;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**The Seventh Sunday of Easter** *White*  
Sunday after Ascension Day

*Collect*

O God the King of glory,  
who hast exalted thine only Son Jesus Christ  
with great triumph unto thy kingdom in heaven:  
we beseech thee, leave us not comfortless,  
but send to us thine Holy Spirit to comfort us  
and exalt us unto the same place  
whither our Saviour Christ is gone before;  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*Post Communion*

Eternal God, giver of love and power,  
whose Son Jesus Christ hath sent us into all the world  
to preach the gospel of his kingdom:  
so confirm us in this mission  
that our lives may show forth the good news which we proclaim;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Day of Pentecost** *Red*  
Whit Sunday  
*Principal Feast*

*This provision is not used on the weekdays after the Day of Pentecost.*

*Collect*

God, who as at this time  
didst teach the hearts of thy faithful people  
by sending to them the light of thy Holy Spirit:  
grant us by the same Spirit  
to have a right judgement in all things  
and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort;  
through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the same Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*Post Communion*

O faithful God,  
who didst fulfil the promise of Easter  
by sending to us thy Holy Spirit  
and opening to every race and nation the way of eternal life:  
open our lips by the same Spirit,  
that every tongue may tell of thy glory;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**The Weekdays after the Day of Pentecost** *Green*

*Collect*

O Lord, from whom all good things do come:  
grant to us thy humble servants,  
that by thy holy inspiration  
we may think those things that be good  
and, by thy merciful guiding may perform the same;  
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*Post Communion*

O God of love,  
who in this sacrament  
dost make us one family in thy Son Jesus Christ,  
one in the sharing of his body and blood  
and one in the communion of his Spirit:  
help us so to grow in love for one another  
that we may come to the full maturity of the Body of Christ;  
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

**Trinity Sunday** *Gold or*  
*Principal Feast* *White*

*Collect*

Almighty and everlasting God,  
who hast given unto us thy servants grace,  
by the confession of a true faith,  
to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity  
and, in the power of the divine majesty, to worship the Unity:  
we beseech thee that thou wouldst keep us steadfast  
in this faith  
and evermore defend us from all adversities;  
who livest and reignest, one God, now and for ever.

*Post Communion*

Almighty and eternal God,  
who hast revealed thyself as Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
and dost ever live and reign in the perfect unity of love:  
hold us firm in this faith,  
that we may know thee in all thy ways  
and evermore rejoice in thy eternal glory;  
who art three Persons yet one God,  
now and for ever.

*The Thursday after Trinity Sunday may be observed as*

**The Day of Thanksgiving for the  
Institution of Holy Communion**  
(Corpus Christi)

*White*

*Collect*

Lord Jesus Christ,  
we thank thee that in this wonderful sacrament  
thou hast given us a memorial of thy passion:  
grant us so to reverence the sacred mysteries  
of thy body and blood  
that we may know within ourselves  
and show forth in our lives  
the fruits of thy redemption;  
who livest and reignest with the Father  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*Post Communion*

All praise be to thee, our God and Father,  
for that thou hast fed us with the bread of heaven  
and hast quenched our thirst from the true vine:  
grant that we, being grafted into Christ,  
may grow together in unity  
and be partakers of his heavenly feast;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## The First Sunday after Trinity *Green*

### *Collect*

O God,  
the strength of all them that put their trust in thee,  
mercifully accept our prayers  
and, because through the weakness of our mortal nature  
we can do no good thing without thee,  
grant us the help of thy grace  
that, in keeping of thy commandments,  
we may please thee, both in will and deed;  
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### *Post Communion*

Everlasting Father,  
we thank thee that thou dost nourish us  
with these thy heavenly gifts:  
by this sacrament strengthen us in faith,  
build us up in hope  
and make us grow in love;  
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

## The Second Sunday after Trinity *Green*

### *Collect*

O Lord, who hast taught us  
that all our doings without charity are nothing worth:  
send thy Holy Spirit  
and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of charity,  
the very bond of peace and of all virtues  
without which whosoever liveth is counted dead before thee;  
grant this for thine only Son Jesus Christ's sake,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### *Post Communion*

O loving Father,  
we thank thee for feeding us at the supper of thy Son:  
sustain us with thy Spirit  
that we, serving thee here on earth,  
may come at last to the fullness of thy joy in heaven  
and be partakers of thine eternal banquet  
with Jesus Christ our Lord.

## The Third Sunday after Trinity *Green*

### *Collect*

Almighty God,  
who hast broken the tyranny of sin  
and hast sent the Spirit of thy Son into our hearts,  
whereby we call thee Father:  
give us grace to dedicate our freedom to thy service,  
that the whole world may be brought  
to the glorious liberty of the children of God;  
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### *Post Communion*

O God, whose beauty is beyond our imagining  
and whose power we cannot comprehend:  
show us thy glory as far as we can grasp it,  
and shield us from knowing more than we can bear  
until we may look upon thee without fear;  
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

## The Fourth Sunday after Trinity *Green*

### *Collect*

O God, the protector of all that trust in thee,  
without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy:  
increase and multiply upon us thy mercy  
that, thou being our ruler and guide,  
we may so pass through things temporal  
that we lose not our hold on things eternal;  
grant this, O heavenly Father,  
for Jesus Christ's sake our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### *Post Communion*

Everlasting God,  
comforter to the afflicted and healer to the broken,  
who hast nourished us at the table of life and hope:  
teach us the ways of gentleness and peace  
that all the world may acknowledge  
the kingdom of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

## The Fifth Sunday after Trinity *Green*

### *Collect*

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

### *Post Communion*

Grant, O Lord, we beseech thee,  
that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered  
by thy governance  
that thy Church may joyfully serve thee in all godly quietness;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## The Sixth Sunday after Trinity *Green*

### *Collect*

O God, who hast prepared for them that love thee  
such good things as pass our understanding:  
pour into our hearts such love toward thee  
that we, loving thee in all things and above all things,  
may obtain thy promises  
which exceed all that we can desire;  
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### *Post Communion*

O God of our pilgrimage,  
who hast led us to the living water:  
refresh and sustain us  
as we go forward on our journey,  
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

## The Seventh Sunday after Trinity *Green*

### *Collect*

Lord of all power and might,  
who art the author and giver of all good things:  
graft in our hearts the love of thy name,  
increase in us true religion,  
nourish us with all goodness,  
and of thy great mercy keep us in the same;  
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### *Post Communion*

Lord God, whose Son is the true vine,  
the source of life, who ever giveth himself that the world may live:  
may we so receive within ourselves  
the power of his death and passion  
that in his cup of salvation we may partake of his glory  
and also be made perfect in his love;  
who liveth and reigneth, now and for ever.

## The Eighth Sunday after Trinity *Green*

### *Collect*

O almighty Lord and everlasting God,  
vouchsafe, we beseech thee,  
to direct, sanctify and govern both our hearts and bodies  
in the ways of thy laws and in the works of thy commandments,  
that through thy most mighty protection,  
both here and ever,  
we may be preserved in body and soul;  
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### *Post Communion*

Strengthen for service, Lord,  
the hands that have taken holy things;  
may the ears which have heard thy word  
be deaf to clamour and dispute;  
may the tongues which have sung thy praise be free from deceit;  
may the eyes which have seen the tokens of thy love  
shine with the light of hope;  
and may the bodies which have been fed with thy body  
be refreshed with the fullness of thy life;  
glory be to thee for ever.

## The Ninth Sunday after Trinity *Green*

### *Collect*

Almighty God,  
who didst send thy Holy Spirit  
to be the life and light of thy Church:  
open our hearts to the riches of thy grace,  
that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit  
in love and joy and peace;  
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### *Post Communion*

Holy Father,  
who didst gather us around the table of thy Son  
that we, with all thy household,  
might partake of this holy food:  
in that new world wherein the fullness of thy peace is revealed,  
gather people of every race and tongue  
to share in the eternal banquet of Jesus Christ our Lord.

## The Tenth Sunday after Trinity *Green*

### *Collect*

Let thy merciful ears, O Lord,  
be open to the prayers of thy humble servants;  
and that they may obtain their petitions  
make them to ask such things as shall please thee;  
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### *Post Communion*

God of our pilgrimage,  
who hast willed that the gate of mercy  
should stand open for those who trust in thee:  
look upon us with thy favour  
that we, following in the path of thy will,  
may never wander from the way of life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## The Eleventh Sunday after Trinity *Green*

### *Collect*

O God,  
who declarest thy almighty power  
most chiefly in showing mercy and pity:  
mercifully grant unto us such a measure of thy grace  
that we, running the way of thy commandments,  
may obtain thy gracious promises  
and be made partakers of thy heavenly treasure;  
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

## *Post Communion*

Merciful Lord,  
whose faithful people have celebrated that one true sacrifice  
which taketh away our sins and bringeth pardon and peace:  
by our communion  
stablish us on the foundation of the gospel  
and preserve us from all sin;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity *Green*

### *Collect*

Almighty and everlasting God,  
who art always more ready to hear than we to pray,  
and art wont to give more than either we desire or deserve:  
pour down upon us the abundance of thy mercy,  
forgiving us those things whereof our conscience is afraid  
and giving us those good things  
which we are not worthy to ask,  
but through the merits and mediation  
of Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### *Post Communion*

Merciful God,  
who in this holy sacrament hast put away our sins  
and given us thy healing;  
grant that as we are made whole in Christ,  
so we may bring thy healing to this broken world,  
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

## The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity *Green*

### *Collect*

Almighty God,  
who hast called thy Church to witness  
that thou wast in Christ reconciling the world to thyself:  
help us so to proclaim the good news of thy love  
that all who hear it may be drawn unto thee;  
through him who was lifted up on the cross,  
and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### *Post Communion*

O God our creator,  
who dost feed thy children with the true manna  
which is the living bread from heaven:  
grant that, by this holy food,  
we may be sustained through our earthly pilgrimage  
until we come to that place  
    where hunger and thirst shall be no more;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity *Green*

### *Collect*

Almighty God,  
whose only Son hath opened for us  
a new and living way into thy presence:  
grant that, with pure hearts and constant wills,  
we may worship thee in spirit and in truth;  
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### *Post Communion*

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

## The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity *Green*

### *Collect*

God, who of thy generous mercy didst send the Holy Spirit  
    upon thy Church in the burning fire of thy love:  
grant that thy people may be fervent  
    in the fellowship of the gospel  
that, ever abiding in thee,  
they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service;  
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### *Post Communion*

Keep, we beseech thee, O Lord,  
    thy Church with thy perpetual mercy;  
and, because our human frailty without thee cannot but fall,  
keep us ever by thy help from all things hurtful  
and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity *Green*

### *Collect*

O Lord,  
we beseech thee mercifully to receive the prayers  
of thy people which call upon thee;  
and grant that they may both perceive and know  
what things they ought to do,  
and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil the same;  
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### *Post Communion*

Almighty God,  
who hast taught us through thy Son  
that love is the fulfilling of the law:  
grant that we may love thee with our whole heart  
and our neighbours as ourselves;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity *Green*

### *Collect*

Almighty God,  
thou hast made us for thyself  
and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in thee:  
pour thy love into our hearts and draw us to thyself,  
and so bring us at the last to thy heavenly city  
where we shall see thee face to face;  
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### *Post Communion*

Lord, we pray thee that thy grace  
may always precede and follow us,  
and make us continually to be given to all good works;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity *Green*

### *Collect*

Almighty and everlasting God,  
increase in us thy gift of faith  
that, forsaking that which is behind  
and reaching out to that which is before,  
we may run the way of thy commandments  
and win the crown of everlasting joy;  
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### *Post Communion*

We give thee praise and thanks, Lord Jesus Christ,  
for this sacred feast:  
for here we receive thee,  
here the memory of thy passion is renewed,  
here our minds are filled with grace,  
and here we are given a pledge of the glory to come,  
when we shall feast at that table where thou reignest  
with all thy saints for ever.

## The Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity Green

### Collect

O God, forasmuch as without thee  
we are not able to please thee;  
mercifully grant, that thy Holy Spirit  
may in all things direct and rule our hearts;  
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### Post Communion

Holy and blessed God,  
who dost vouchsafe to feed us  
with the body and blood of thy Son  
and hast filled us with thy Holy Spirit:  
grant that we may honour thee  
not only with our lips  
but in lives dedicated to the service  
of Jesus Christ our Lord.

## The Twentieth Sunday after Trinity Green

### Collect

O God, giver of life,  
whose Holy Spirit welleteth up within thy Church:  
fill us with the gifts of that same Spirit  
to live the gospel of Christ,  
and make us ready to do thy will,  
that we may share with all thy whole creation  
the joys of eternal life;  
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### Post Communion

God our Father,  
whose Son, the light unfailing,  
hath come from heaven that he may deliver the world  
from the darkness of ignorance:  
may the eyes of our understanding  
be opened through these holy mysteries  
that we, knowing the way of life,  
may walk in it without stumbling;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## The Twenty-first Sunday after Trinity Green

### Collect

Grant, we beseech thee, merciful Lord,  
to thy faithful people pardon and peace,  
that they may be cleansed from all their sins  
and serve thee with a quiet mind;  
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### Post Communion

Father of light,  
in whom is no change or shadow of turning,  
who dost give us every good and perfect gift  
and hast brought us to birth by thy word of truth:  
grant that we may be a living sign of that kingdom  
where thy whole creation will be made perfect  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

*If there are twenty-three Sundays after Trinity, the provision  
for the Third Sunday before Lent (page 462) is used on the  
Twenty-second Sunday after Trinity.*

## The Last Sunday after Trinity *Green*

### *Collect*

Blessed Lord,  
who hast caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning:  
grant that we may in such wise hear them,  
read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them,  
that by patience and comfort of thy holy word,  
we may embrace and ever hold fast  
    the blessed hope of everlasting life,  
which thou hast given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### *Post Communion*

Most gracious God,  
whose Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry  
with the bread of his life  
and the word of his kingdom:  
renew thy people with thy heavenly grace  
and in all our weakness  
sustain us by thy true and living bread;  
who liveth and reigneth, now and for ever.

*1 November*

**All Saints' Day** *Gold or  
Principal Feast White*

### *Collect*

O almighty God,  
who hast knit together thine elect  
in one communion and fellowship  
    in the mystical body of thy Son Christ our Lord:  
grant us grace so to follow thy blessed saints  
in all virtuous and godly living  
that we may come to those inexpressible joys  
which thou hast prepared for them that unfeignedly love thee;  
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### *Post Communion*

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

## The Fourth Sunday before Advent *Red or Green*

### *Collect*

Almighty and everlasting God,  
who hast kindled the flame of love  
    in the hearts of thy saints:  
grant to us, we beseech thee,  
the same faith and power of love  
that we, rejoicing in their triumphs,  
may be sustained by their example and fellowship;  
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### *Post Communion*

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

## The Third Sunday before Advent

Red or  
Green

### Collect

Almighty Father,  
whose will is to restore all things  
in thy beloved Son, the King of all:  
govern the hearts and minds of those in authority  
and bring the families of the nations,  
divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin,  
to be subject to his just and gentle rule;  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### Post Communion

O God of peace,  
whose Son Jesus Christ proclaimed the kingdom  
and restored the broken to wholeness of life:  
look with compassion upon the anguish of the world  
and, by thy healing power,  
make whole both people and nations;  
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

*In years when Remembrance Sunday is observed on the Second Sunday before Advent, the Collect and Post Communion for the Third Sunday before Advent may be used on Remembrance Sunday and the Collect and Post Communion for the Second Sunday before Advent may be used on the Third Sunday before Advent.*

## The Second Sunday before Advent

Red or  
Green

### Collect

O God,  
whose blessed Son was manifested  
that he might destroy the works of the devil  
and make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life:  
grant us, we beseech thee, that, having this hope,  
we may purify ourselves, even as he is pure,  
that when he shall appear again with power and great glory  
we may be made like unto him in his eternal and glorious kingdom;  
where with thee, O Father, and thee, O Holy Spirit,  
he liveth and reigneth, one God, now and for ever.

### Post Communion

Gracious Lord,  
who in this holy sacrament  
dost give substance to our hope:  
bring us at the last  
to that fullness of life for which we long;  
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

*In years when Remembrance Sunday is observed on the Second Sunday before Advent, the Collect and Post Communion for the Third Sunday before Advent may be used on Remembrance Sunday and the Collect and Post Communion for the Second Sunday before Advent may be used on the Third Sunday before Advent.*

**Christ the King**  
The Sunday next before Advent

Red or  
White

**Collect**

Eternal Father,  
whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven  
that he might rule over all things as Lord and King:  
keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit  
and in the bond of peace,  
and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet;  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Post Communion**

Stir up, we beseech thee, O Lord,  
the wills of thy faithful people;  
that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works,  
may of thee be plenteously rewarded;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*This Post Communion may be used as the Collect at Morning and Evening Prayer during this week.*

**Festivals**

**The Naming and Circumcision of Jesus**

White

1 January

**Collect**

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

**Post Communion**

Almighty and everlasting God,  
whose incarnate Son was given the Name of Saviour:  
grant that we who have shared  
in this sacrament of our salvation  
may live out our lives in this world  
in the power of the Name that is above every name,  
Jesus Christ our Lord.

25 January

**The Conversion of Paul**     *White*

*Collect*

O God,  
who through the preaching of the blessed apostle Saint Paul,  
hast caused the light of the gospel  
    to shine throughout the world:  
grant, we beseech thee, that we,  
having his wonderful conversion in remembrance,  
may show forth our thankfulness unto thee for the same,  
by following the holy doctrine which he taught;  
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*Post Communion  
of Apostles and Evangelists*

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

*(or)*

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

19 March

**Joseph of Nazareth**     *White*

*Collect*

O God our Father,  
who from the house of thy servant David  
didst raise up Joseph the carpenter  
to be the guardian of thine incarnate Son  
and husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary:  
give us grace to follow him  
in faithful obedience to thy commands;  
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*Post Communion*

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

25 March

## The Annunciation of Our Lord

Gold or  
Principal Feast White

### Collect

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

### Post Communion

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

23 April

**George**  
Martyr, Patron of England, c.304

Red

### Collect

O God of hosts,  
who didst so kindle the flame of love  
in the heart of thy servant George  
that he bore witness to the risen Lord  
by his life and by his death:  
grant us the same faith and power of love  
that we, who rejoice in his triumphs,  
may come to share with him the fullness of the resurrection;  
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### Post Communion

O eternal God,  
who hast given us this holy meal  
in which we have celebrated the glory of the cross  
and the victory of thy martyr George:  
by our communion with Christ  
in his saving death and resurrection,  
grant us with all thy saints the courage to overcome evil  
and so to partake of the fruit of the tree of life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

(or)

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

25 April

**Mark**  
Evangelist

Red

*Collect*

Almighty God,  
who hast enlightened thy holy Church  
through the inspired witness of thine evangelist Saint Mark:  
grant that we, being rooted and grounded  
in the truth of the gospel,  
may be faithful to its teaching both in word and deed;  
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*Post Communion*

*One of the Post Communions of Apostles and Evangelists is used  
(page 500).*

1 May

**Philip and James**  
Apostles

Red

*Collect*

O almighty God,  
whom truly to know is everlasting life:  
grant us perfectly to know thy Son Jesus Christ  
to be the way, the truth and the life;  
that, following the steps of thy holy apostles,  
Saint Philip and Saint James,  
we may steadfastly walk  
in the way that leadeth to eternal life;  
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*Post Communion*

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(page 500).*

14 May

**Matthias**  
Apostle

Red

*Collect*

O almighty God,  
who into the place of the traitor Judas  
didst choose thy faithful servant Matthias  
to be of the number of the twelve apostles:  
grant that thy Church,  
being always preserved from false apostles,  
may be ordered and guided by faithful and true pastors;  
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*Post Communion*

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(page 500).*

31 May

**The Visit of  
the Blessed Virgin Mary  
to Elizabeth**

White

*Collect*

Almighty God,  
by whose grace Elizabeth rejoiced with Mary  
and greeted her as the mother of the Lord:  
look with favour, we beseech thee, on thy lowly servants,  
that, with Mary, we may magnify thy holy name  
and rejoice to acclaim her Son our Saviour,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*Post Communion*

O gracious God,  
who gavest to Elizabeth and Mary  
joy in recognizing the signs of redemption  
at work within them:  
grant us, who have shared in the joy of this communion,  
knowledge of the Lord deep within us,  
and of his love shining forth in our lives,  
that the world may rejoice in thy salvation;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*11 June*

**Barnabas**  
Apostle

*Red*

*Collect*

O God, the giver of all good gifts,  
who didst pour out thy Spirit upon thy servant Barnabas  
and gavest him grace to strengthen others:  
grant us, by his example,  
to be generous in our judgements  
and faithful in our service;  
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*Post Communion*

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*24 June*

**The Birth of John the Baptist**

*White*

*Collect*

Almighty God,  
by whose providence thy servant John Baptist  
was wonderfully born,  
and sent to prepare the way of thy Son our Saviour,  
by preaching of repentance:  
make us so to follow his doctrine and holy life,  
that we may truly repent according to his preaching  
and, after his example,  
constantly speak the truth,  
boldly rebuke vice  
and patiently suffer for the truth's sake;  
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*Post Communion*

O merciful Lord,  
whose prophet John the Baptist  
proclaimed thy Son to be the Lamb of God  
who taketh away the sin of the world:  
grant that we, who in this sacrament  
have known thy pardon and thy life-giving love,  
may ever tell of thy mercy and thy peace;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

29 June

**Peter and Paul**  
Apostles

Red

*Collect*

Almighty God,  
whose blessed apostles Peter and Paul  
glorified thee in their death as in their life:  
grant that thy Church,  
inspired by their teaching and example,  
and made one by thy Spirit,  
may ever stand firm on the one foundation  
which is thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord;  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*or, where Peter is celebrated alone*

Almighty God,  
who didst inspire thy apostle Saint Peter  
to confess Jesus as Christ and Son of the living God:  
build up thy Church upon this rock,  
that in unity and peace it may proclaim one truth  
and follow one Lord, thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

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3 July

**Thomas**  
Apostle

Red

*Collect*

Almighty and eternal God,  
who, for the greater confirmation of the faith,  
didst allow thy holy apostle Thomas  
to doubt the resurrection of thy Son  
till word and sight convinced him:  
grant to us, who have not seen, that we also may believe,  
and so confess Christ as our Lord and our God;  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*Post Communion*

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22 July

**Mary Magdalene**

White

*Collect*

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

*Post Communion*

Almighty God,  
from whom all life and love proceed,  
whose risen Son called Mary Magdalene by her name,  
sending her to tell his apostles of his resurrection:  
we pray thee in thy mercy to assist us,  
    who have been united with him in this holy communion,  
to proclaim the good news  
    that he liveth and reigneth, now and for ever.

*25 July*

**James**  
Apostle

*Red*

*Collect*

Grant, O merciful God,  
that as thine holy apostle Saint James,  
leaving his father and all that he had,  
without delay was obedient unto the calling  
    of thy Son Jesus Christ, and followed him:  
so we, forsaking all worldly and carnal affections,  
may be evermore ready to follow thy holy commandments;  
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*Post Communion*

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*6 August*      **The Transfiguration of Our Lord**

*Gold or  
White*

*Collect*

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

*Post Communion*

O holy God,  
we behold thy glory in the face of Jesus Christ:  
grant that we who are partakers at his table  
may reflect his life in word and deed,  
that all the world may know his power to change and save;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*15 August*

**The Blessed Virgin Mary**

*White*

*Collect*

Almighty God,  
who didst look upon the lowliness of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
and didst choose her to be the mother of thy only Son:  
grant that we who are redeemed by his blood  
may share with her in the glory of thine eternal kingdom;  
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*Post Communion*

O God most high,  
whose handmaid bore the Word made flesh:  
we give thee thanks that in this sacrament of our redemption  
thou dost visit us with thy Holy Spirit  
and dost overshadow us with thy power;  
strengthen us to walk with Mary in the joyful path of obedience,  
that we may bring forth the fruits of holiness;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*24 August*

**Bartholomew**  
Apostle

*Red*

*Collect*

O almighty and everlasting God,  
who didst give to thine apostle Bartholomew grace  
truly to believe and to preach thy word:  
grant, we beseech thee, unto thy Church,  
to love that word which he believed,  
and both to preach and receive the same;  
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*Post Communion*

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*14 September*

**Holy Cross Day**

*Red*

*Collect*

Almighty God,  
who in the passion of thy blessed Son  
hast made an instrument of painful death  
to be for us the means of life and peace:  
grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ  
that we may gladly suffer for his sake;  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*Post Communion*

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

*21 September*

**Matthew**  
Apostle and Evangelist

*Red*

*Collect*

O almighty God,  
who by thy blessed Son  
didst call Matthew from the receipt of custom  
to be an apostle and evangelist:  
grant us grace to forsake all covetous desires  
and inordinate love of riches,  
and to follow the same thy Son Jesus Christ,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

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29 September

**Michael and All Angels**

White

*Collect*

O everlasting God,  
who hast ordained and constituted  
the services of angels and mortals in a wonderful order:  
mercifully grant that,  
as thy holy angels always do thee service in heaven,  
so by thy appointment  
they may succour and defend us on earth;  
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*Post Communion*

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

18 October

**Luke**  
Evangelist

Red

*Collect*

Almighty God,  
who calledst Luke the physician,  
whose praise is in the gospel,  
to be an evangelist and physician of the soul:  
may it please thee that,  
by the wholesome medicines of the doctrine delivered by him,  
all the diseases of our souls may be healed;  
through the merits of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*Post Communion*

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28 October

**Simon and Jude**  
Apostles

Red

*Collect*

O almighty God,  
who hast built thy Church upon the foundation  
of the apostles and prophets,  
Jesus Christ himself being the head cornerstone:  
grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit  
by their doctrine,  
that we may be made an holy temple acceptable unto thee;  
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*Post Communion*

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30 November

**Andrew**  
Apostle

Red

*Collect*

Almighty God,  
who didst give such grace unto thy apostle Saint Andrew  
that he readily obeyed the calling of thy Son Jesus Christ  
and followed him without delay:  
grant unto us all that we, being called by thy holy word,  
may forthwith give up ourselves obediently  
to fulfil thy holy commandments;  
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*Post Communion*

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26 December

**Stephen**  
Deacon, First Martyr

Red

*Collect*

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

*Post Communion*

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

27 December

**John** *White*  
Apostle and Evangelist

*Collect*

Merciful Lord,  
we beseech thee to cast thy bright beams of light upon thy Church,  
that it being enlightened by the doctrine  
of thy blessed apostle and evangelist Saint John  
may so walk in the light of thy truth,  
that it may at length attain to the light of everlasting life;  
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*Post Communion*

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

28 December

**The Holy Innocents** *Red*

*Collect*

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

*Post Communion*

Lord Jesus Christ,  
who in thy humility stooped to share our human life  
even with the most defenceless of thy children:  
grant that we who have received these gifts of thy passion  
may rejoice in celebrating the witness of the Holy Innocents  
to the purity of thy sacrifice  
made once for all upon the cross;  
for thou livest and reignest, now and for ever.

## Dedication Festival

Gold or  
White

### Collect

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

### Post Communion

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

## Special Occasion

## Harvest Thanksgiving Green

*Harvest Thanksgiving may be celebrated on a Sunday and may replace the provision for that day, provided it does not supersede any Principal Feast or Festival.*

### Collect

O eternal God,  
who crownest the year with thy goodness  
and dost give us the fruits of the earth in their season:  
give us grace that we may use them to thy glory,  
for the relief of those in need and for our own well-being;  
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### Post Communion

Lord of the harvest,  
as with joy we have offered our thanksgiving  
for thy love shown in creation  
and have shared in the bread and the wine of the kingdom:  
so by thy grace plant within us  
a reverence for all that thou hast given us  
and make us generous and wise stewards  
of those good things which we enjoy;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## ¶ A Table of Collects and Post Communions taken from The Book of Common Prayer

Many of the Collects and some Post Communions in *Common Worship* are based on Collects in *The Book of Common Prayer*. This table indicates the *Book of Common Prayer* originals of the *Common Worship* Collects and Post Communions.

The *Book of Common Prayer* original listed in the right hand column may be used in place of the corresponding *Common Worship* Collect or Post Communion in the first column.

C = Collect  
PC = Post Communion

<b>Common Worship Collect/Post Communion</b>		<b>BCP original</b>
First Sunday of Advent	C	Advent 1
Second Sunday of Advent	C	Advent 4
Third Sunday of Advent	C	Advent 3
Christmas Day	C	Christmas Day
Epiphany	C	Epiphany
Presentation of Christ in the Temple	C	Presentation of Christ in the Temple
Fourth Sunday before Lent	C PC	Epiphany 4 Holy Communion
Third Sunday before Lent	C	Easter 4
Ash Wednesday	C PC	Ash Wednesday Easter 2
Second Sunday of Lent	C PC	Easter 3 Lent 2
Third Sunday of Lent	PC	Trinity 18
Fourth Sunday of Lent	C	Trinity 24
Palm Sunday	C	Sunday next before Easter
Good Friday	C	Good Friday (1)
Easter Eve	C	Easter Even
Second Sunday of Easter	C	Easter 1
Fifth Sunday of Easter	C	Easter Day
Ascension Day	C	Ascension Day
Seventh Sunday of Easter	C	Sunday after Ascension Day

<b>Common Worship Collect/Post Communion</b>		<b>BCP original</b>
Day of Pentecost	C	Whit-Sunday
Weekdays after the Day of Pentecost	C	Easter 5
Trinity Sunday	C	Trinity Sunday
First Sunday after Trinity	C	Trinity 1
Second Sunday after Trinity	C	Quinquagesima
Fourth Sunday after Trinity	C	Trinity 4
Fifth Sunday after Trinity	C PC	Good Friday (2) Trinity 5
Sixth Sunday after Trinity	C	Trinity 6
Seventh Sunday after Trinity	C	Trinity 7
Eighth Sunday after Trinity	C	Holy Communion
Tenth Sunday after Trinity	C	Trinity 10
Eleventh Sunday after Trinity	C	Trinity 11
Twelfth Sunday after Trinity	C	Trinity 12
Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity	PC	Trinity 15
Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity	C	Epiphany 1
Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity	PC	Trinity 17
Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity	C	Trinity 19
Twenty-first Sunday after Trinity	C	Trinity 21
Last Sunday after Trinity	C	Advent 2
All Saints' Day	C	All Saints' Day
Second Sunday before Advent	C	Epiphany 6
Christ the King	PC	Trinity 25
Conversion of Paul	C	Conversion of St Paul
Annunciation of Our Lord	C	Annunciation
Philip and James	C	St Philip and St James
Matthias	C	St Matthias
Birth of John the Baptist	C	St John Baptist
James	C	St James
Bartholomew	C	St Bartholomew
Matthew	C	St Matthew
Michael and All Angels	C	St Michael and All Angels
Luke	C	St Luke
Simon and Jude	C	St Simon and St Jude
Andrew	C	St Andrew
John	C	St John the Evangelist