

*The headings (Epiphany/Baptism of Christ/Trinity, Easter/Pentecost and All Saints) indicate the seasonal emphases of the material. However, these texts may be used on any occasion to meet pastoral circumstances.*

## Epiphany/Baptism of Christ/Trinity

### Introduction

At our Lord's baptism in the river Jordan  
 God showed himself to all who have eyes to see and ears to hear.  
 The Father spoke from heaven, the Spirit descended as a dove  
 and Jesus was anointed with power from on high.  
 Here is the door of faith,  
 through which we enter the kingdom of heaven.  
 As children of God, we are adopted as his sons and daughters,  
 and called out to proclaim the wonders of him  
 who called us out of darkness and into his marvellous light.

### Acclamation at the Blessing of Light

Blessed are you, Sovereign Lord,  
 our light and our salvation,  
 to you be glory and praise for ever.  
 You gave your Christ as a light to the nations,  
 and through the anointing of the Holy Spirit  
 you established us as a royal priesthood.  
 As you call us into your marvellous light,  
 may our lives bear witness to your truth  
 and our lips never cease to proclaim your praise.  
 Blessed be Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**All Blessed be God for ever.**

Lord of all time and eternity,  
 you opened heaven's gate and revealed yourself as Father  
 by the voice that called Jesus your beloved Son,  
 baptizing him, in the power of the Spirit:  
 reveal yourself to us now, to claim us as your children,  
 and so complete the heavenly work of our rebirth  
 in the waters of the new creation;  
 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.

**All Amen.**

### Bible Readings and Psalms

Old Testament	Psalm	New Testament	Gospel
<b>Baptism</b>			
Exodus 33.12-20 or Isaiah 9.2, 3, 6, 7	Psalm 67	2 Corinthians 3.12 – 4.6	John 1.14-18
Isaiah 42.5-8	Psalm 146.4-9	Acts 9.1-20 or 10-20	Luke 3.15-17, 21, 22
Isaiah 63.15, 16; 64.1-4	Psalm 50.1-6	1 Corinthians 10.1-4	Mark 1.1-11

### Confirmation

Isaiah 63.7-10, 17; 64.1-4	Psalm 27.1-10	1 Corinthians 2.7-12	Mark 1.4-11 (or 1-13)
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### Confirmation when Affirmation and Reception take place (for which these readings are particularly suitable)

Exodus 33.12-20	Psalm 36.5-9	2 Corinthians 3.12 – 4.6	John 1.14-18
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### Short Readings for Baptism and Confirmation within a Vigil Service

2 Corinthians 5.17 or Colossians 1.11-14

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.  
 This is my Son, the Beloved,  
 with whom I am well pleased.

*Matthew 3.17*

**All Alleluia.**

## Prayer over the Water

Praise God who made heaven and earth,  
**All** **who keeps his promise for ever.**

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

Father, we give you thanks and praise  
for your gift of water in creation;  
for your Spirit, sweeping over the waters,  
bringing light and life;  
for your Son Jesus Christ our Lord,  
baptized in the river Jordan.

We bless you for your new creation,  
brought to birth by water and the Spirit,  
and for your grace bestowed upon us your children,  
washing away our sins.

May your holy and life-giving Spirit  
move upon these waters.  
Restore through them the beauty of your creation,  
and bring those who are baptized  
to new birth in the family of your Church.

Drown sin in the waters of judgement,  
anoint your children with power from on high,  
and make them one with Christ  
in the freedom of your kingdom.  
For all might, majesty, dominion and power are yours,  
now and for ever.

**All** **Alleluia. Amen.**

## Responsive Form

Praise God who made heaven and earth,  
**All** **who keeps his promise for ever.**

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

Father, for your gift of water in creation,  
**All** **we give you thanks and praise.**

For your Spirit, sweeping over the waters,  
bringing light and life,  
**All** **we give you thanks and praise.**

For your Son Jesus Christ our Lord,  
baptized in the river Jordan,  
**All** **we give you thanks and praise.**

For your new creation,  
brought to birth by water and the Spirit,  
**All** **we give you thanks and praise.**

For your grace bestowed upon us your children,  
washing away our sins,  
**All** **we give you thanks and praise.**

Father, accept our sacrifice of praise;  
may your holy and life-giving Spirit  
move upon these waters.  
**All** **Lord, receive our prayer.**

Restore through them the beauty of your creation,  
and bring those who are baptized  
to new birth in the family of your Church.  
**All** **Lord, receive our prayer.**

Drown sin in the waters of judgement,  
anoint your children with power from on high,  
and make them one with Christ  
in the freedom of your kingdom.  
**All** **Lord, receive our prayer.**

For all might, majesty, dominion and power are yours,  
now and for ever.  
**All** **Alleluia. Amen.**

## Introduction to the Prayers of Intercession (Confirmation)

*The bishop says to the newly baptized and confirmed*

You now share, with all the members of the Church, the privilege of praying to our Father, through his Son Jesus Christ, in the power of the Holy Spirit.

So, let us pray for the whole world,  
which is being renewed by the Word made flesh,  
Christ Jesus our Lord.

### Prayers of Intercession

God of glory,  
whose radiance shines from the face of Christ,  
give your children such assurance of your mercy  
and such knowledge of your grace,  
that, believing all you promise,  
and receiving all you give,  
they may be transformed ever more closely  
by your Spirit into the image of Jesus, your Son.

Father of life,

**All make known your glory.**

God of light,  
whose life shines beyond all things,  
give us and all your Church  
the will to follow Christ  
and to bear his peace,  
that the light of Christ  
may bring confidence to the world,  
and faithfulness to all who look to you in hope.

Father of life,

**All make known your glory.**

God of power,  
whose word gives life to heaven and earth,  
pour your abundant gifts on all your creation,  
that the blind may see, the fallen may be raised,  
and your people find tongues to confess  
your promises of a broken world made new.

Father of life,

**All make known your glory.**

*When Baptism and/or Confirmation are celebrated without Holy Communion, the Post Communion may be used to conclude the Prayers of Intercession.*

### Introduction to the Peace

If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation.  
The old has passed away; the new has come.

### Eucharistic Prefaces

#### Short Preface (contemporary language)

And now we give you thanks  
because by water and the Holy Spirit  
you have made us a holy people in Jesus Christ our Lord,  
you raise us to new life in him  
and renew in us the image of your glory.

#### Short Preface (traditional language)

And now we give thee thanks  
because by water and the Holy Spirit  
thou hast made us a holy people in Jesus Christ our Lord,  
thou dost raise us to new life in him  
and renew in us the image of thy glory.

### Post Communion

God of glory,  
you inspire us with the breath of life  
which brought to birth a new world in Christ.  
May we who are reborn in him  
be transformed by the renewal of our lives,  
that the light of your new creation  
may flood the world with your abundant grace;  
through Christ our Lord.

**All Amen.**

### Blessing

God, who in his Christ gives us a spring of water  
welling up to eternal life,  
perfect in you the image of his glory;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

**All Amen.**

## Easter/Pentecost

### Introduction

God raised Jesus Christ from the dead  
and sent the Holy Spirit to recall the whole world to himself.  
In baptism we die to sin and rise to newness of life in Christ.  
Here we find rebirth in the Spirit,  
and set our minds on his heavenly gifts.  
As children of God, we are continually created anew,  
as we walk the path of faith,  
and feed on the forgiveness of his healing grace.

### Acclamation at the Blessing of Light (Easter)

Blessed are you, Sovereign Lord,  
the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
to you be glory and praise for ever.  
From the deep waters of death  
you brought your people to new birth  
by raising your Son to life in triumph.  
Through him dark death has been destroyed  
and radiant life is everywhere restored.  
As you call us out of darkness into his marvellous light  
may our lives reflect his glory  
and our lips repeat the endless song.  
Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

All **Blessed be God for ever.**

*(For Pentecost, see page 136.)*

### Collect

Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
from whose wounded side flowed life for the world:  
raise your people from sin and death  
and build them as living stones  
into the spiritual temple of your Church;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, world without end.

All **Amen.**

## Bible Readings and Psalms

Old Testament	Psalms	New Testament	Gospel
<b>Baptism</b>			
Ezekiel 37.1-14	Psalms 118.19-24	Romans 6.3-11	Matthew 28.16-20
Ezekiel 36.24-28	Psalms 51.7-14	Titus 3.3-7	John 20.19-23
Ezekiel 47.1-12	Psalms 46.1-7	Revelation 22.1-5	John 7.37-39

### Confirmation

Ezekiel 37.1-14	Psalms 118.19-24 or A Song of Deliverance (page 170)	Romans 8.1-11 (or 4-11)	John 20.19-23
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### Confirmation when Affirmation and Reception take place (for which these readings are particularly suitable)

Jeremiah 31.31-34	Psalms 119.105-112 or 104.29-32	Galatians 5.22 – 6.2 or Acts 2.1-18	John 14.15-18 John 4.23-26
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### Short Readings for Baptism and Confirmation within a Vigil Service

Acts 2.38, 39 or 1 Peter 2.4, 5

### Gospel Acclamation (Easter)

Alleluia, alleluia.

I am the first and the last, says the Lord, and the living one;  
I was dead, and behold I am alive for evermore.

All **Alleluia.**

*cf Revelation 1.17, 18*

## Prayer over the Water

The bracketed refrain **Saving God, give us life** is optional.  
If it is used, it may be said or sung by all.

The first phrase **Saving God** (italicized) may be said or sung  
by a deacon or other minister.

Praise God who made heaven and earth,  
**All** **who keeps his promise for ever.**

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

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ  
was baptized in the river Jordan,  
we thank you for the gift of water  
to cleanse us and revive us.

**All** [**Saving God,  
give us life.**]

We thank you that through the waters of the Red Sea  
you led your people out of slavery  
to freedom in the Promised Land.

**All** [**Saving God,  
give us life.**]

We thank you that through the deep waters of death  
you brought your Son,  
and raised him to life in triumph.

**All** [**Saving God,  
give us life.**]

Bless this water, that your servants who are washed in it  
may be made one with Christ in his death and in his resurrection,  
to be cleansed and delivered from all sin.

**All** [**Saving God,  
give us life.**]

Send your Holy Spirit upon them,  
bring them to new birth in the household of faith  
and raise them with Christ to full and eternal life;  
for all might, majesty, authority and power are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.

**All** [**Saving God,  
give us life.**]

## Introduction to the Prayers of Intercession (Confirmation – Easter)

The bishop says to the newly baptized and confirmed

You now share, with all the members of the Church, the privilege  
of praying to our Father, through his Son Jesus Christ, in the  
power of the Holy Spirit.

So, let us pray for the whole world,  
which is being renewed by the Risen Christ.

(For Pentecost, see page 146.)

## Prayers of Intercession

Father, we thank you that by baptism  
you have raised these your children with Christ  
to new life in the Spirit.

Guide and protect them with your grace,  
that they may follow you all their days  
and grow in knowledge and love of you.

**All** Father, by the victory of your Son,  
**give light to the world.**

May Christ who conquered sin and death  
keep his whole Church faithful to his gospel.  
Help us always to hold fast to truth  
and to walk in the way of life.

**All** Father, by the victory of your Son,  
**give light to the world.**

May the Holy Spirit fill the hearts and minds of all nations  
to unite the world in peace and love.

By your healing power restore all that is broken  
and unite us with you, our God and Father.

**All** Father, by the victory of your Son,  
**give light to the world.**

*When Baptism and/or Confirmation are celebrated without Holy  
Communion, the Post Communion may be used to conclude the  
Prayers of Intercession.*

## *Introduction to the Peace (Easter)*

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples  
and said, 'Peace be with you.'  
Then were they glad when they saw the Lord.

*(For Pentecost, see page 146.)*

## *Eucharistic Prefaces*

### *Short Preface (contemporary language)*

And now we give you thanks  
because by water and the Holy Spirit  
you have made us a holy people in Jesus Christ our Lord,  
you raise us to new life in him  
and renew in us the image of your glory.

### *Short Preface (traditional language)*

And now we give thee thanks  
because by water and the Holy Spirit  
thou hast made us a holy people in Jesus Christ our Lord,  
thou dost raise us to new life in him  
and renew in us the image of thy glory.

## *Post Communion*

Author of life divine,  
in the resurrection of your Son, you set before us  
the mystery of his triumph over sin and death;  
may all who are washed in the waters of rebirth  
rise to newness of life  
and find the promised presence of your abundant grace;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All* **Amen.**

## *Blessing*

God the Father, by whose glory Christ was raised from the dead,  
strengthen you by his life-giving Spirit  
to walk with him in the paths of righteousness and peace;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

*All* **Amen.**

## **From All Saints' Day until Advent**

### *Introduction*

In baptism, God calls us to be his friends  
and to make us holy in his Son Jesus Christ.  
On this journey of faith we have no abiding city,  
for we have the promise of the heavenly Jerusalem,  
where the whole creation is brought to a new birth  
in the Holy Spirit.

Here we are united in the company of all the faithful,  
and we look for the coming of the eternal kingdom.  
As children of God, we look through this passing age  
for the signs of the dawn of everlasting glory.

### *Acclamation at the Blessing of Light*

Blessed are you, Sovereign Lord,  
our light and our salvation,  
to you be glory and praise for ever.  
You gave your Christ as a light to the nations,  
and through the anointing of the Holy Spirit  
you established us as a royal priesthood.  
As you call us into your marvellous light,  
may our lives bear witness to your truth  
and our lips never cease to proclaim your praise.  
Blessed be Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

*All* **Blessed be God for ever.**

### *Collect*

Almighty Father,  
you have made us heirs through hope of your everlasting kingdom,  
and in the waters of baptism you have promised  
a measure of grace overflowing to all eternity.  
Take our sins and guilt away,  
and so inflame us with the life of your Spirit  
that we may know your favour and goodness towards us,  
and walk in newness of life, both now and for ever;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*All* **Amen.**

## Bible Readings and Psalms

Old Testament	Psalms	New Testament	Gospel
<b>Baptism</b>			
Exodus 19.3-8	Psalms 98.1-4	Revelation 5.6-10	Matthew 28.16-20
Isaiah 44.1-5	Psalms 63.1-7	Hebrews 11.32 – 12.2	Matthew 5.1-12 or 16
Hosea 14.4-8	Psalms 92.10-15	1 Peter 2.4-10	John 15.1-11

### Confirmation

Isaiah 11.1-10	Psalms 20.6-9	Revelation 5.6-10	Matthew 28.16-20
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### Confirmation when Affirmation and Reception take place (for which these readings are particularly suitable)

Exodus 19.3-8	Psalms 96.1-10	1 Peter 2.4-10	Mark 1.14-20
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### Short Readings for

#### Baptism and Confirmation within a Vigil Service

Romans 13.11, 12 or Romans 5.1, 2

### Gospel Acclamation (All Saints' Day)

Alleluia, alleluia.

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood,  
a holy nation, God's own people,  
called out of darkness into his marvellous light.

1 Peter 2.9

All **Alleluia.**

### Prayer over the Water

*The bracketed refrain **Hope of the saints, make known your glory** is optional. If it is used, it may be said or sung by all.*

*The first phrase **Hope of the saints** (italicized) may be said or sung by a deacon or other minister.*

All Praise God who made heaven and earth,  
**who keeps his promise for ever.**

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

Lord of the heavens,  
we bless your name for all your servants  
who have been a sign of your grace through the ages.

All **[Hope of the saints,  
make known your glory.]**

You delivered Noah from the waters of destruction;  
you divided the waters of the sea,  
and by the hand of Moses  
you led your people from slavery  
into the Promised Land.

All **[Hope of the saints,  
make known your glory.]**

You made a new covenant in the blood of your Son,  
that all who confess his name  
may, by the Holy Spirit,  
enter the covenant of grace,  
receive a pledge of the kingdom of heaven,  
and share in the divine nature.

All **[Hope of the saints,  
make known your glory.]**

Fill these waters, we pray, with the power of that same Spirit,  
that all who enter them may be reborn  
and rise from the grave  
to new life in Christ.

All **[Hope of the saints,  
make known your glory.]**

As the apostles and prophets, the confessors and martyrs,  
faithfully served you in their generation,  
may we be built into an eternal dwelling for you,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit  
be honour and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

All **[Hope of the saints,  
make known your glory.]**

## *Introduction to the Prayers of Intercession (Confirmation)*

*The bishop says to the newly baptized and confirmed*

You now share, with all the members of the Church, the privilege of praying to our Father, through his Son Jesus Christ, in the power of the Holy Spirit.

So, let us pray for the whole world,  
which is being renewed by Christ,  
the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.

### *Prayers of Intercession*

Heavenly Father,  
receive into the arms of your mercy  
all who have been baptized  
and make them your own for ever;  
that, having tasted of your goodness,  
they may ever hunger for your continuing presence  
in their walk of faith.

Your kingdom come.

**All Your will be done.**

Stir up within your Church the zeal that inspires  
your saints in every generation.  
Give us a due sense of your grace,  
and the strength to do your will.  
You measure us by our needs;  
may we never measure you by our impatience.

Your kingdom come.

**All Your will be done.**

Surrounded by so great a company of witnesses,  
may we honour your blessings  
in all the ages that have gone before,  
and live in joyful expectation  
of your promises in the ages yet to come.

Your kingdom come.

**All Your will be done.**

*When Baptism and/or Confirmation are celebrated without  
Holy Communion, the Post Communion may be used to conclude  
the Prayers of Intercession.*

## *Introduction to the Peace*

May the God of peace make you perfect and holy,  
that you may be kept safe and blameless in spirit, soul, and body,  
for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

*(or)*

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

### *Eucharistic Prefaces*

*Short Preface (contemporary language)*

And now we give you thanks  
because by water and the Holy Spirit  
you have made us a holy people in Jesus Christ our Lord,  
you raise us to new life in him  
and renew in us the image of your glory.

*Short Preface (traditional language)*

And now we give thee thanks  
because by water and the Holy Spirit  
thou hast made us a holy people in Jesus Christ our Lord,  
thou dost raise us to new life in him  
and renew in us the image of thy glory.

### *Post Communion*

Lord, in the vision of your heavenly kingdom  
you reveal among us the promise of your glory;  
may that glory be ours  
as we claim our citizenship in the kingdom  
where you are alive and reign, one God, for ever and ever.

**All Amen.**

### *Blessing*

May God, who kindled the fire of his love in the hearts of the saints,  
give you joy in their fellowship,  
and strengthen you to follow them in the way of holiness;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

**All Amen.**