



PROPERS

SUNDAYS AND PRINCIPAL FESTIVALS

FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Prayer of the Day

Stir up your power, O Lord, and come. Protect us by your strength and save us from the threatening dangers of our sins, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (1)

Psalms and Lessons

A. Psalm 122

The King of glory shall come in. (Ps. 24:7)

Isaiah 2:1-5

Romans 13:11-14

Matthew 24:37-44

or Matthew 21:1-11

B. Psalm 80:1-7*

Restore us and we shall be saved. (v. 7)

Isaiah 63:16b-17; 64:1-8

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Mark 13:33-37

or Mark 11:1-10

C. Psalm 25:1-9

To you I lift up my soul. (v. 1)

Jeremiah 33:14-16

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

Luke 21:25-36

or Luke 19:28-40

Verse

Alleluia. Show us your steadfast love, O Lord, and give us your salvation. Alleluia. (Ps. 85:7)

* Psalm versification complies with *The Psalms in this book*, pages 340-440.

Offertory

Surely his salvation is at hand

for those who fear him,

that glory may dwell in our land.

Yes, the Lord will give what is good,

and our land will yield its increase.

Righteousness will go before them

and make their footsteps a way. (Ps. 85:9, 12-13)

Preface: Advent

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SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Prayer of the Day

Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to prepare the way for your only Son. By his coming give us strength in our conflicts and shed light on our path through the darkness of this world; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (2)

Psalms and Lessons

A. Psalm 72:1-14 (15-19)

In his time the righteous shall flourish. (v. 7)

Isaiah 11:1-10

Romans 15:4-13

Matthew 3:1-12

B. Psalm 85

Righteousness and peace shall go before

him. (v. 13)

Isaiah 40:1-11

2 Peter 3:8-14

Mark 1:1-8

C. Psalm 126

The Lord has done great things for us. (v. 4)

Malachi 3:1-4

Philippians 1:3-11

Luke 3:1-6

Verse

Alleluia. Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight his paths; all nations shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia. (Luke 3:4, 6)

Offertory

And many will come from east and west, and from north and south, and sit at table in the kingdom of God. Blessed are they who shall eat bread in the kingdom of God. (Luke 13:29; 14:15)

Preface: Advent

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THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, you once called John the Baptist to give witness to the coming of your Son and to prepare his way. Grant us, your people, the wisdom to see your purpose today and the openness to hear your will, that we may witness to Christ's coming and so prepare his way; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (3)

OR

Lord, hear our prayers and come to us, bringing light into the darkness of our hearts; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (4)

Psalms and Lessons

- A. Psalm 146
Praise the Lord, O my soul! (v. 1)
Isaiah 35:1-10
James 5:7-10
Matthew 11:2-11
- B. Luke 1:46b-55
My spirit rejoices in God my Savior. (v. 47)
Isaiah 61:1-3, 10-11
1 Thessalonians 5:16-24
John 1:6-8, 19-28
- C. Isaiah 12:2-6
In your midst is the Holy One of Israel. (v. 6)
Zephaniah 3:14-18a (. . . day of festival)
Philippians 4:4-7 (8-9)
Luke 3:7-18

Verse

Alleluia. Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who shall prepare your way before you. Alleluia. (Matt. 11:10)

Offertory

The Lord says, I will make a covenant of peace with them; it shall be an everlasting covenant with them. My dwelling-place shall be with them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

(Ezek. 37:26-27)

Preface: Advent

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FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Prayer of the Day

Stir up your power, O Lord, and come. Take away the hindrance of our sins and make us ready for the celebration of your birth, that we may receive you in joy and serve you always; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. (5)

Psalms and Lessons

- A. Psalm 24
The Lord of hosts is the king of glory. (v. 10)
Isaiah 7:10-14 (15-17)
Romans 1:1-7
Matthew 1:18-25
- B. Psalm 89:1-4, 14-18
Forever will I sing your love. (v. 1)
2 Samuel 7:(1-7) 8-11, 16
Romans 16:25-27
Luke 1:26-38
- C. Psalm 80:1-7
Restore us and we shall be saved. (v. 7)
Micah 5:2-4
Hebrews 10:5-10
Luke 1:39-45 (46-55)

Verse

Alleluia. A virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and his name shall be called Emmanuel. Alleluia. (Matt. 1:23)

Offertory

Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter of Jerusalem!
The Lord, your God, is in your midst; he will renew you with his love; He will exult over you with loud singing, as on a festival day. (Zeph. 3:14, 17)

Preface: Advent

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THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD Christmas Day

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, you made this holy night shine with the brightness of the true Light. Grant that here on earth we may walk in the light of Jesus' presence and in the last day wake to the brightness of his glory; through your only Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (6)

OR

Almighty God, you have made yourself known in your Son, Jesus, redeemer of the world. We pray that his birth as a human child will set us free from the old slavery of our sin; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (7)

Psalms and Lessons

A, B, C.

1. Psalm 96

You will find a babe lying in a manger. (Luke 2:11,12)

Isaiah 9:2-7

Titus 2:11-14

Luke 2:1-20

2. Psalm 97

To us a child is born. (Isa. 9:6)

Isaiah 52:7-10

Hebrews 1:1-9

John 1:1-14

3. Psalm 98

All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God. (v. 4)

Isaiah 62:10-12

Titus 3:4-7

Luke 2:1-20

Verses

1. Alleluia. To you is born this day a Savior, Christ, the Lord. Alleluia. (Luke 2:11)

2. Alleluia. The Lord said to me, You are my son, today I have begotten you. Alleluia. (Ps. 2:7)

3. Alleluia. When the time had fully come, God sent forth his Son. Alleluia. (Gal. 4:4)

Offertories

1. The people who walked in darkness

have seen a great light;

those who dwell in a land of deep darkness,
on them has light shined.

For to us a child is born,

to us a son is given;

and the government will be upon his shoulder,
and his name will be called:

Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,

Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. (Isa. 9:2, 6)

2. The Lord said to me, You are my son,
today I have begotten you.

At birth you were endowed with princely gifts
and resplendent in holiness.

You have shone with the dew of youth

since your mother bore you. (Ps. 2:7; Ps. 110:3)

3. The Lord said to me, You are my son,
today I have begotten you.

Ask me,

and I will make the nations your inheritance,
and the ends of the earth your possession.

(Ps. 2:7-8)

Preface: Christmas

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The first prayer is appropriate for a midnight or pre-dawn service; the second is appropriate for Christmas Day.

Since many congregations have multiple services to celebrate Christmas and since scheduling varies widely, these prayers should be employed for the Christmas services (eve and day) as seems appropriate.

Traditionally, the first set was associated with the midnight service, the third set with a service at dawn, and the second set with a service later in the morning.

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, you wonderfully created and yet more wonderfully restored the dignity of human nature. In your mercy, let us share the divine life of Jesus Christ who came to share our humanity, and who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (8)

Psalms and Lessons

- A. Psalm 111
He sent redemption to his people. (v. 9)
Isaiah 63:7-9
Galatians 4:4-7
Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23
- B. Psalm 111
He sent redemption to his people. (v. 9)
Isaiah 45:22-25
Colossians 3:12-17
Luke 2:25-40
- C. Psalm 111
He sent redemption to his people. (v. 9)
Jeremiah 31:10-13
Hebrews 2:10-18
Luke 2:41-52

Verse

Alleluia. Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts.
Alleluia. (Col. 3:14)

Offertory

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth; and we have beheld his glory, the glory of the only Son from the Father. (John 1:1, 14)

Preface: Christmas

Color: white

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, you have filled us with the new light of the Word who became flesh and lived among us. Let the light of our faith shine in all that we do; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (9)

Psalms and Lessons

- A, B, C.
Psalm 147:13-21
The Word became flesh and dwelt among us. (John 1:14)
Isaiah 61:10-62:3
Ephesians 1:3-6, 15-18
John 1:1-18

Verse

Alleluia. All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God. Alleluia. (Ps. 98:3)

Offertory

God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. If we walk in the light as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. (1 John 1:5-7)

Preface: Christmas

Color: white

THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD January 6

Prayer of the Day

Lord God, on this day you revealed your Son to the nations by the leading of a star. Lead us now by faith to know your presence in our lives, and bring us at last to the full vision of your glory, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (10)

Psalms and Lessons

- A, B, C.
Psalm 72
All shall bow before him. (v. 11)
Isaiah 60:1-6
Ephesians 3:2-12 (You have heard . . .)
Matthew 2:1-12

Verse

Alleluia. We have seen his star in the East and have come to worship him. Alleluia. (Matt. 2:2)

Offertory

Arise, shine; for your light has come,
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.
They shall bring gold and frankincense,
and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.
We have seen his star in the East
and have come with gifts to worship the Lord.
(Isa. 60:1, 6; Matt. 2:2)

Preface: Epiphany

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THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD First Sunday after the Epiphany

Prayer of the Day

Father in heaven, at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son and

anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized into Christ faithful in their calling to be your children and inheritors with him of everlasting life; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (11)

Psalms and Lessons

A. Psalm 45:7-9

You are my son; this day have I begotten you. (Ps. 2:7)
Isaiah 42:1-7
Acts 10:34-38
Matthew 3:13-17

B. Psalm 45:7-9

You are my son; this day have I begotten you. (Ps. 2:7)
Isaiah 42:1-7
Acts 10:34-38
Mark 1:4-11

C. Psalm 45:7-9

You are my son; this day have I begotten you. (Ps. 2:7)
Isaiah 42:1-7
Acts 10:34-38
Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Verse

Alleluia. You are my beloved Son; I am well pleased with you. Alleluia. (Mark 1:11)

Offertory

Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name:
worship the Lord in holy array.

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters;
the Lord is upon the mighty waters.

The voice of the Lord is powerful;
the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.
(Ps. 29:2-4)

Preface: Epiphany

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SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

Prayer of the Day

Lord God, you showed your glory and led many to faith by the works of your Son. As he brought gladness and healing to his people, grant us

these same gifts and lead us also to perfect faith in him, Jesus Christ our Lord. (12)

Psalms and Lessons

A. Psalm 40:1-12

I love to do your will, O my God. (vv. 9-10)
Isaiah 49:1-6
1 Corinthians 1:1-9
John 1:29-41

B. Psalm 67

Let all the peoples praise you. (v. 3)
1 Samuel 3:1-10
1 Corinthians 6:12-20
John 1:43-51

C. Psalm 36:5-10

In your light we see light. (v. 9)
Isaiah 62:1-5
1 Corinthians 12:1-11
John 2:1-11

Verse

Alleluia. The Lord said to me: You are my servant in whom I will be glorified. Alleluia. (Isa. 49:3)

Offertory

Jesus manifested his glory, and his disciples believed in him. Everyone serves the good wine first, but you have saved the good wine until now. (John 2:11, 10)

Preface: Epiphany

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THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, you sent your Son to proclaim your kingdom and to teach with authority. Anoint us with the power of your Spirit, that we, too, may bring good news to the afflicted, bind up the brokenhearted, and proclaim liberty to the captive; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. (13)

Psalms and Lessons

A. Psalm 27:1-9

The Lord is my light and my salvation. (v. 1)
Isaiah 9:1b-4 (In the former time . . .)
or Amos 3:1-8
1 Corinthians 1:10-17
Matthew 4:12-23

- B. Psalm 62:6–14
In God is my safety and my honor. (v. 8)
 Jonah 3:1–5, 10
 1 Corinthians 7:29–31
 Mark 1:14–20
- C. Psalm 113
He takes us out of the dust. (v. 6)
 Isaiah 61:1–6
 1 Corinthians 12:12–21, 26–27
 Luke 4:14–21

Verse

Alleluia. Jesus went all about Galilee, teaching, preaching, and healing every disease.
 Alleluia. (Matt. 4:23)

Offertory

I sought the Lord, and he answered me
 and delivered me from all my fears.
 Look to him and be radiant;
 so your faces shall never be ashamed.
 The poor cried, and the Lord heard them
 and saved them out of all their troubles.
 (Ps. 34:4–6)

Preface: Epiphany

Color: green

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

Prayer of the Day

O God, you know that we cannot withstand the dangers which surround us. Strengthen us in body and spirit so that, with your help, we may be able to overcome the weakness that our sin has brought upon us; through Jesus Christ, your Son our Lord. (14)

Psalms and Lessons

- A. Psalm 1
In the law of the Lord is their delight. (v. 2)
 Micah 6:1–8
 1 Corinthians 1:26–31
 Matthew 5:1–12
- B. Psalm 1
In the law of the Lord is their delight. (v. 2)
 Deuteronomy 18:15–20
 1 Corinthians 8:1–13
 Mark 1:21–28
- C. Psalm 71:1–6, 15–17
My mouth shall recount your mighty acts. (v. 15)
 Jeremiah 1:4–10
 1 Corinthians 12:27–13:13
 Luke 4:21–32

Verse

Alleluia. The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he has anointed me to preach good news.
 Alleluia. (Luke 4:18)

Offertory

Let your face shine on your servant;
 save me in your steadfast love!
 Oh, how abundant is your goodness,
 which you have laid up for those who fear you,
 and wrought for those who take refuge in you,
 in the sight of all people. (Ps. 31:16, 19)

Preface: Epiphany

Color: green

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, you sent your only Son as the Word of life for our eyes to see and our ears to hear. Help us to believe with joy what the Scriptures proclaim, through Jesus Christ our Lord. (15)

Psalms and Lessons

- A. Psalm 112
Light shines in the darkness for the upright. (v. 4)
 Isaiah 58:5–9a
 1 Corinthians 2:1–5
 Matthew 5:13–20
- B. Psalm 147:1–13
He heals the brokenhearted. (v. 3)
 Job 7:1–7
 1 Corinthians 9:16–23
 Mark 1:29–39
- C. Psalm 85:8–13
I will listen to what the Lord God is saying. (v. 8)
 Isaiah 6:1–8 (9–13)
 1 Corinthians 14:12b–20 (Since you are eager . . .)
 Luke 5:1–11

Verse

Alleluia. *Jesus said:* I am the Light of the world; those who follow me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life. Alleluia. (John 8:12)

Offertory

Blessed are the poor in spirit,
 for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
 Blessed are the meek,
 for they shall inherit the earth.
 Blessed are those
 who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
 for they shall be satisfied. (Matt. 5:3, 5–6)

Preface: Epiphany

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SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

Prayer of the Day

Lord God, mercifully receive the prayers of your people. Help us to see and understand the things we ought to do, and give us grace and power to do them; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. (16)

Psalms and Lessons

A. Psalm 119:1-16

Happy are those who observe his decrees. (v. 2)

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

1 Corinthians 2:6-13

Matthew 5:20-37

B. Psalm 32

Mercy embraces those who trust in the Lord. (v. 11)

2 Kings 5:1-14

1 Corinthians 9:24-27

Mark 1:40-45

C. Psalm 1

In the law of the Lord is their delight. (v. 2)

Jeremiah 17:5-8

1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20

Luke 6:17-26

Verse

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. (John 6:68)

Offertory

Behold, God is my helper;

the Lord is the upholder of my life.

With a freewill offering I will sacrifice to you;

I will give thanks to your name, O Lord,

for it is good.

For you have delivered me from every trouble.

(Ps. 54:4, 6-7)

Preface: Epiphany

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SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

Prayer of the Day

Lord God, we ask you to keep your family, the Church, always faithful to you, that all who lean on the

hope of your promises may gain strength from the power of your love; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. (17)

OR

God of compassion, keep before us the love you have revealed in your Son who prayed even for his enemies; in our words and deeds help us to be like him through whom we pray, Jesus Christ our Lord. (18)

Psalms and Lessons

A. Psalm 103:1-13

The Lord is full of compassion and mercy. (v. 8)

Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18

1 Corinthians 3:10-11, 16-23

Matthew 5:38-48

B. Psalm 41

Heal me, for I have sinned. (v. 4)

Isaiah 43:18-25

2 Corinthians 1:18-22

Mark 2:1-12

C. Psalm 103:1-13

The Lord is full of compassion and mercy. (v. 8)

Genesis 45:3-8a (. . . but God), 15

1 Corinthians 15:35-38a, 42-50

Luke 6:27-38

Verse

Alleluia. Your Word, O Lord, is truth. Sanctify us in the truth. Alleluia. (John 17:17)

Offertory

I appeal to you, therefore, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.

(Rom. 12:1)

Preface: Epiphany

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EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

Prayer of the Day

Almighty and everlasting God, ruler of heaven and earth: Hear our prayer and give us your peace now and forever; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. (19)

Psalms and Lessons

- A. Psalm 62
My soul in silence waits. (v. 1)
Isaiah 49:13–18
1 Corinthians 4:1–13
Matthew 6:24–34
- B. Psalm 103:1–13
The Lord is full of compassion and mercy. (v. 8)
Hosea 2:14–16 (17–18) 19–20
2 Corinthians 3:1b–6 (Do we need . . .)
Mark 2:18–22
- C. Psalm 92
It is a good thing to give thanks to the Lord. (v. 1)
Jeremiah 7:1–7 (8–15)
1 Corinthians 15:51–58
Luke 6:39–49

Verse

Alleluia. The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end.

Alleluia. (Lam. 3:22)

Offertory

I have trusted in your steadfast love;
my heart shall rejoice in your salvation.
I will sing to the Lord,
because he has dealt bountifully with me.
(Ps. 13:5–6)

Preface: Epiphany

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THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

Last Sunday after the Epiphany

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, on the mountain you showed your glory in the transfiguration of your Son. Give us the vision to see beyond the turmoil of our world and to behold the king in all his glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (20)

OR

O God, in the transfiguration of your Son you confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the witness of Moses and Elijah, and in the voice

from the bright cloud you foreshadowed our adoption as your children. Make us with the king heirs of your glory, and bring us to enjoy its fullness, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (21)

Psalms and Lessons

- A. Psalm 2:6–13
You are my son; this day have I begotten you. (v. 7)
Exodus 24:12, 15–18
2 Peter 1:16–19 (20–21)
Matthew 17:1–9
- B. Psalm 50:1–6
God reveals himself in glory. (v. 2)
2 Kings 2:1–12a (. . . saw him no more)
2 Corinthians 3:12–4:2
Mark 9:2–9
- C. Psalm 99:1–5
The Lord is great in Zion; he is high above all peoples. (v. 2)
Deuteronomy 34:1–12
2 Corinthians 4:3–6
Luke 9:28–36

Verse

Alleluia. You are the fairest of the sons of men; grace is poured upon your lips. Alleluia. (Ps. 45:2)

Offertory

Beloved, we are God's children now; it does not yet appear what we shall be, but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. And all who thus hope in him purify themselves as he is pure. (1 John 3:2–3)

Preface: Epiphany

Color: white

ASH WEDNESDAY

Prayer of the Day

Almighty and ever-living God, you hate nothing you have made and you forgive the sins of all who are penitent. Create in us new and honest hearts, so that, truly repenting of our sins, we may obtain from you, the God of all mercy, full pardon and forgiveness; through your Son,

Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (22)

Psalms and Lessons

A, B, C.

Psalm 51:1–13

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness. (v. 1)

Joel 2:12–19

2 Corinthians 5:20b–6:2 (We beseech you . . .)

Matthew 6:1–6, 16–21

Verse

Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love. (Joel 2:13)

Offertory

Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from your presence,
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and uphold me with your free Spirit.
(Ps. 51:10–12)

Preface: Lent

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The prayer may be said on weekdays during Lent.

Ash Wednesday Liturgy

1. *The ministers enter and go to their places.*

Stand

2. *PSALM 51 is sung or said, followed by:*

C Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen

3. *The minister addresses the exhortation to the congregation:*

P Brothers and sisters: God created us to experience joy in communion with him, to love all humanity, and to live in harmony with all of his creation. But sin separates us from God, our neighbors, and creation, and so we do not enjoy the life our Creator intended for us. Also, by our sin we grieve our Father, who does not desire us to come under his judgment, but to turn to him and live.

As disciples of the Lord Jesus we are called to struggle against everything that leads us away from love of God and neighbor. Repentance, fasting, prayer, and works of love—the discipline of Lent—help us to wage our spiritual warfare. I invite you, therefore, to commit yourselves to this struggle and confess your sins, asking our Father for strength to persevere in your Lenten discipline.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Kneel

4. *The minister leads the congregation in confession:*

P Most holy and merciful Father:

C We confess to you and to one another, and to the whole communion of saints in heaven and on earth, that we have sinned by our own fault in

thought, word, and deed; by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

P We have not loved you with our whole heart, and mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not forgiven others, as we have been forgiven.

C Have mercy on us, Lord.

P We have been deaf to your call to serve as Christ served us. We have not been true to the mind of Christ. We have grieved your Holy Spirit.

C Have mercy on us, Lord.

P We confess to you, Lord, all our past unfaithfulness. The pride, hypocrisy, and impatience in our lives,

C we confess to you, Lord.

P Our self-indulgent appetites and ways, and our exploitation of other people,

C we confess to you, Lord.

P Our anger at our own frustration, and our envy of those more fortunate than ourselves,

C we confess to you, Lord.

P Our intemperate love of worldly goods and comforts, and our dishonesty in daily life and work,

C we confess to you, Lord.

P Our negligence in prayer and worship, and our failure to commend the faith that is in us,

C we confess to you, Lord.

P Accept our repentance, Lord, for the wrongs we have done. For our blindness to human need and suffering, and our indifference to injustice and cruelty,

C accept our repentance, Lord.

P For all false judgments, for uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors, and for our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us,

C accept our repentance, Lord.

P For our waste and pollution of your creation, and our lack of concern for those who come after us,

C accept our repentance, Lord.

P Restore us, good Lord, and let your anger depart from us.

C Hear us, Lord, for your mercy is great. Amen

Sit

5. *The IMPOSITION OF ASHES may follow.*

6. *Those who desire to receive ashes come forward and kneel before the altar.*

7. *The ministers apply ashes to the forehead of each person with the words:*

Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.

8. *After all who desire ashes have received them, the minister leads the congregation in the conclusion of the confession.*

Kneel

P Accomplish in us, O God, the work of your salvation,

C that we may show forth your glory in the world.

P By the cross and Passion of your Son, our Lord,

C bring us with all your saints to the joy of his resurrection.

9. *The minister stands and addresses the congregation.*

P Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, does not desire the death of sinners, but rather that they may turn from their wickedness and live. Therefore we implore him to grant us true repentance and his Holy Spirit, that those things may please him which we do on this day, that the rest of our life may be pure and holy, and that at the last we may come to his eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

Sit

10. *After a period of silence, the Holy Communion is begun at the Prayer of the Day (8).*

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

Prayer of the Day

O Lord God, you led your ancient people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide now the people of your Church, that, following our Savior,

we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (24)

OR

Lord God, our strength, the battle of good and evil rages within and around us, and our ancient foe tempts us with his deceits and empty promises. Keep us steadfast in your Word and, when we fall, raise us again and restore us through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (25)

Psalms and Lessons

A. Psalm 130

There is forgiveness with you. (v. 3)

Genesis 2:7-9, 15-17; 3:1-7

Romans 5:12 (13-16) 17-19

Matthew 4:1-11

B. Psalm 6

Save me for your mercy's sake. (v. 4)

Genesis 22:1-18

Romans 8:31-39

Mark 1:12-15

C. Psalm 91

He shall give his angels charge over you. (v. 11)

Deuteronomy 26:5-10

Romans 10:8b-13 (The word is near . . .)

Luke 4:1-13

Verse

By one man's disobedience many were made sinners; by one man's obedience many will be made righteous. (Rom. 5:19)

Offertory

Repent and turn from all your sins, lest iniquity be your ruin. Cast away from you all the sins which you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit. For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord God of hosts, so turn to me and live. (Ezek. 18:30-32)

Preface: Lent

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SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

Prayer of the Day

Heavenly Father, it is your glory always to have mercy. Bring back all who have erred and strayed from your ways; lead them again to embrace in faith the truth of your Word

and to hold it fast; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (26)

OR

God our Father, your Son once welcomed an outcast woman because of her faith. Give us faith like hers, that we also may trust only in your love for us and may accept one another as we have been accepted by you; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (27)

Psalms and Lessons

A. Psalm 105:4-11

He has always been mindful of his covenant. (v. 8)

Genesis 12:1-8

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

John 4:5-26 (27-30, 39-42)

B. Psalm 115:1, 9-18

To your name be glory. (v. 1)

Genesis 28:10-17 (18-22)

Romans 5:1-11

Mark 8:31-38

C. Psalm 42:1-7, 11-15

Why are you so full of heaviness, my soul? (v. 6)

Jeremiah 26:8-15

Philippians 3:17-4:1

Luke 13:31-35

Verse

Jesus humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross. (Phil. 2:8)

Offertory

What shall I render to the Lord for all his benefits to me?

I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of the Lord.

I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord.

I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all his people, in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

(Ps. 116:12-13, 18-19)

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THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

Prayer of the Day

Eternal Lord, your kingdom has broken into our troubled world through the life, death, and resurrection of your Son. Help us to hear your Word and obey it, so that we become instruments of your redeeming love; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (28)

Psalms and Lessons

A. Psalm 142

You know my path. (v. 3)

Isaiah 42:14–21

Ephesians 5:8–14

John 9:1–41

or John 9:13–17, 34–39

B. Psalm 19:7–14

You have the words of eternal life. (John 6:68)

Exodus 20:1–17

1 Corinthians 1:22–25

John 2:13–22

C. Psalm 126

Restore our fortunes, O Lord. (v. 5)

Exodus 3:1–8b (. . . milk and honey), 10–15

1 Corinthians 10:1–13

Luke 13:1–9

Verse

As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. (John 3:14–15)

Offertory

In those days, and in that time, says the Lord, the people of Israel and the people of Judah shall come; and they shall seek the Lord their God. They shall ask the way to Zion with faces turned toward it, saying, “Come, let us join ourselves to the Lord in an everlasting covenant which will never be forgotten.”

(Jer. 50:4–5)

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FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Prayer of the Day

God of all mercy, by your power to heal and to forgive, graciously

cleanse us from all sin and make us strong; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (29)

Psalms and Lessons

A. Psalm 43

Send out your light and your truth. (v. 3)

Hosea 5:15–6:2

Romans 8:1–10

Matthew 20:17–28

B. Psalm 27:1–9 (10–18)

The Lord is my light and my salvation. (v. 1)

Numbers 21:4–9

Ephesians 2:4–10

John 3:14–21

C. Psalm 32

Then I acknowledged my sin to you. (v. 5)

Isaiah 12:1–6

1 Corinthians 1:18–31

or 1 Corinthians 1:18, 22–25

Luke 15:1–3, 11–32

Verse

God so loved the world that he gave his only-begotten Son, so that whoever believes in him shall not perish, but have everlasting life. (John 3:16)

Offertory

Come, let us return to the Lord;

for he has torn, that he may heal us;

he has stricken, and he will bind us up.

After two days he will revive us;

on the third day he will raise us up,

that we may live before him. (Hos. 6:1–2)

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FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, our redeemer, in our weakness we have failed to be your messengers of forgiveness and hope in the world. Renew us by your Holy Spirit, that we may follow your commands and proclaim your reign of love; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (30)

Psalms and Lessons

- A. Psalm 116:1-8
For you have rescued my life from death. (v. 7)
Ezekiel 37:1-3 (4-10) 11-14
Romans 8:11-19
John 11:1-53
or John 11:47-53
- B. Psalm 51:11-16
Create in me a clean heart, O God. (v. 11)
Jeremiah 31:31-34
Hebrews 5:7-9
John 12:20-33
- C. Psalm 28:1-3, 7-11
Hear when I cry to you. (v. 2)
Isaiah 43:16-21
Philippians 3:8-14
Luke 20:9-19

Verse

The Son of Man came not to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.

(Mark 10:45)

Offertory

Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, descended from David. If we have died with him, we shall also live with him; if we endure, we shall also reign with him. If we are faithless, he remains faithful—for he cannot deny himself. (2 Tim. 2:8-13)

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SUNDAY OF THE PASSION

Palm Sunday

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, you sent your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take our flesh upon him and to suffer death on the cross. Grant that we may

share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (31)

Psalms and Lessons

- A. Psalm 31:1-5, 9-16
Into your hands I commend my spirit. (v. 5)
Isaiah 50:4-9a (. . . declare me guilty?)
Philippians 2:5-11
Matthew 26:1-27:66
or Matthew 27:11-54
- B. Psalm 31:1-5, 9-16
Into your hands I commend my spirit. (v. 5)
Zechariah 9:9-10
Philippians 2:5-11
Mark 14:1-15:47
or Mark 15:1-39
- C. Psalm 31:1-5, 9-16
Into your hands I commend my spirit. (v. 5)
Deuteronomy 32:36-39
Philippians 2:5-11
Luke 22:1-23:56
or Luke 23:1-49

Verse

The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. (John 12:23)

Offertory

Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there shall my servant be also; if anyone serves me, the Father will honor him. (John 12:24, 26)

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Procession with Palms

- 1. The congregation gathers, preferably in a place other than the interior of the church itself.*
- 2. The branches are distributed before the service begins.*
- 3. The minister, standing among the people, sings or says:*

P Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

C Hosanna to the Son of David.

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Mercifully assist us, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts whereby you have given us life everlasting; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. (32)

C Amen

4. *The processional Gospel appointed for the year is read.*

A. *Matthew 21:1-11*

B. *Mark 11:1-10*

C. *Luke 19:28-40*

5. *The minister begins the thanksgiving. The members of the congregation raise their branches.*

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P We praise and thank you, O God, for the great acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph, and was acclaimed Son of David and King of kings by those who scattered their garments and branches of palm in his path.

We ask that you bless these branches and those who bear them, and grant that we may ever hail him as our Lord and King and follow him with perfect confidence; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (33)

C Amen

P Let us go forth in peace,

C in the name of the Lord.

6. *The procession into the church begins, the congregation following the ministers.*

7. *“All glory, laud, and honor,” hymn 108, is sung during the procession. Other hymns and psalms may be sung also.*

8. *The ministers pause before the altar steps until the members of the congregation are in their places. Then the minister sings or says:*

P Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

C Hosanna in the highest.

9. *The ministers go to their places and the Holy Communion is begun at the Prayer of the Day (8).*

MONDAY IN HOLY WEEK

Prayer of the Day

O God, your Son chose the path which led to pain before joy and the cross before glory. Plant his cross in our hearts, so that in its power and love we may come at last to joy and glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. (34)

Psalms and Lessons

A, B, C.

Psalm 36:5–10

In your light we see light. (v. 9)

Isaiah 42:1–9

Hebrews 9:11–15

John 12:1–11

Verse

Far be it from me to glory except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ. (Gal. 6:14)

Offertory

I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me; and the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

(Gal. 2:20)

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TUESDAY IN HOLY WEEK

Prayer of the Day

Lord Jesus, you have called us to follow you. Grant that our love may not grow cold in your service, and that we may not fail or deny you in the hour of trial. (35)

Psalms and Lessons

A, B, C.

Psalm 71:1–12

In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge. (v. 1)

Isaiah 49:1–6

1 Corinthians 1:18–25

John 12:20–36

Verse

Far be it from me to glory except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ. (Gal. 6:14)

Offertory

I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I

who live, but Christ who lives in me; and the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

(Gal. 2:20)

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WEDNESDAY IN HOLY WEEK

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, your Son our Savior suffered at the hands of men and endured the shame of the cross. Grant that we may walk in the way of his cross and find it the way of life and peace; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. (36)

Psalms and Lessons

A, B, C.

Psalm 70:1–2, 4–6

Be pleased, O God, to deliver me. (v. 1)

Isaiah 50:4–9a (. . . declare me guilty?)

Romans 5:6–11

Matthew 26:14–25

Verse

Far be it from me to glory except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ. (Gal. 6:14)

Offertory

I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me; and the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

(Gal. 2:20)

Preface: Passion

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MAUNDY THURSDAY

Prayer of the Day

Holy God, source of all love, on the night of his betrayal, Jesus gave his disciples a new commandment: To love one another as he had loved them. By your Holy Spirit write this commandment in our hearts; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you

and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (37)

OR

Lord God, in a wonderful Sacrament you have left us a memorial of your suffering and death. May this Sacrament of your body and blood so work in us that the way we live will proclaim the redemption you have brought; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (38)

Psalms and Lessons

A. Psalm 116:10-17

I will lift up the cup of salvation and call upon the

name of the Lord. (v. 11)

Exodus 12:1-14

1 Corinthians 11:17-32

or 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

John 13:1-17, 34

B. Psalm 116:10-17

I will lift up the cup of salvation and call upon the

name of the Lord. (v. 11)

Exodus 24:3-11

1 Corinthians 10:16-17 (18-21)

Mark 14:12-26

C. Psalm 116:10-17

I will lift up the cup of salvation and call upon the

name of the Lord. (v. 11)

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Hebrews 10:15-39

Luke 22:7-20

Verse

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

(1 Cor. 11:26)

Offertory

The Lord, the Lord, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin.

(Exod. 34:6-7)

Preface: Passion

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Maundy Thursday Liturgy

1. The *SERMON* begins the service. A hymn may precede the Sermon.

2. An *INSTRUCTION* in these or similar words concludes the Sermon.

¶ In this Lenten season we have heard our Lord's call to intensify our struggle against sin, death, and the devil—all that keeps us from loving God and each other. This is the struggle to which we were committed at Baptism; God's forgiveness and the power of his Spirit to amend our lives continue with us because of his love for us in Jesus, our Savior.

Within the community of his Church, God never wearies of giving peace and new life. In the words of absolution we receive forgiveness as from God himself. This absolution we should not doubt, but firmly believe that thereby our sins are forgiven before God in heaven, for it comes to us in the name and by the command of our Lord.

We who receive God's love in Jesus Christ are called to love one another, to be servants to each other as Jesus became our servant. [Our commitment to this loving service is signified in the washing of feet, following the example the Lord gave us on the night before his death.]

It is, however, in the Holy Communion that the members of Christ's body participate most intimately in his love. Remembering our Lord's last supper with

his disciples, we eat the bread and share the cup of this meal. Together we receive the Lord's gift of himself and participate in that new covenant which makes us one in him. The Eucharist is the promise of the great banquet we will share with all the faithful when our Lord returns, the culmination of our reconciliation with God and each other.

3. The *CONFESSION of sin* follows. The appropriate portion of *Corporate Confession and Forgiveness*, page 318 [193], may be used, including individual pronouncement of forgiveness with the laying on of hands. Or, as a second option, the *Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness*, page 195 [56], may be used.

4. The *PEACE* is exchanged following the pronouncement of forgiveness. It is not repeated later in the service.

5. The *PRAYER OF THE DAY* is said. It may be preceded by the salutation.

6. The *LESSONS, PSALM, and VERSE* follow, in the customary order. When this service is used, only one set of readings serves for all three lectionary years: *Jeremiah 31:31–34; 1 Corinthians 11:17–32; John 13:1–17, 34. Psalm 116:10–17 is always used.*

7. The *WASHING OF FEET* may follow. The minister lays his vestments aside, puts on an apron or a towel, and washes the feet of a representative group of the congregation. During the washing of the feet, "Where charity and love prevail," hymn 126, is sung. Other hymns may be sung also.

8. The Holy Communion continues with *The Prayers* (22).

9. After all have received the bread and cup and the minister has said the blessing (38), the *Post-Communion prayer* (40) is said, the *canticle* (39) having been omitted.

10. The *STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR* follows: *Linens, paraments, ornaments, and candles are removed. As this is done, Psalm 22 is sung or said, the congregation kneeling.*

11. There is no benediction. All leave the church in silence.

GOOD FRIDAY

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, we ask you to look with mercy on your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed and to be given over to the hands of sinners and to suffer death on the cross; who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. (39)

OR

Lord Jesus, you carried our sins in your own body on the tree so that

we might have life. May we and all who remember this day find new life in you now and in the world to come, where you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. (40)

Psalms and Lessons

A, B, C

Psalm 22:1–23

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? (v. 1)

Isaiah 52:13–53:12

or Hosea 6:1–6

Hebrews 4:14–16; 5:7–9

John 18:1–19:42

or John 19:17–30

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Good Friday Liturgy

1. Organ or other instrumental music is used only to support the singing.
2. The ministers enter in silence and go to their places.

Stand

3. The PRAYER OF THE DAY is said. The salutation is omitted.

P Almighty God, we ask you to look with mercy on your family for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed and to be given over to the hands of sinners and to suffer death on the cross; who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. (39)

C Amen

Sit

4. The LESSON, Hosea 6:1–6 or Isaiah 52:13–53:12, is read. Silence for prayer and meditation follows the reading.
5. “O sacred head, now wounded,” hymn 116 or 117, or another appropriate hymn is sung.
6. The PASSION ACCORDING TO ST. JOHN, John 18:1–19:42, is read by several readers or is sung using a setting appropriate to liturgical use. The congregation may remain seated during all or part of the reading. Silence for prayer and meditation follows.
7. “Lamb of God, pure and sinless,” hymn 111, or another appropriate hymn is sung.
8. A SERMON may follow.

Kneel

9. The BIDDING PRAYER is said or sung.

A Let us pray, brothers and sisters, for the holy Church of God throughout the world, that God the almighty Father guide it and gather it together, so that we may worship him in peace and tranquility.

Silent prayer.

P Almighty and eternal God, you have shown your glory to all nations in Jesus Christ. Guide the work of the Church. Help it to persevere in faith, proclaim your name, and bring salvation to people everywhere. We ask this through Christ our Lord. (42)

C Amen

A Let us pray for _____ name _____ and _____ name _____, for our pastors and other ministers, for all servants of the Church, and for all the people of God.

Silent prayer.

P Almighty and eternal God, your Spirit guides the Church and makes it holy. Strengthen and uphold our pastors and our leaders; keep them in health and safety for the good of the Church, and help each of us to do faithfully the work to which you have called us. We ask this through Christ our Lord. (43)

C Amen

A Let us pray for those preparing for Baptism, that God make them responsive to his love, and give them new life in Jesus Christ.

Silent prayer.

P Almighty and eternal God, you continually bless the Church with new members. Increase the faith and understanding of those preparing for Baptism. Give them a new birth as your children, and keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church. We ask this through Christ our Lord. (44)

C Amen

A Let us pray for all our brothers and sisters who share our faith in Jesus Christ, that God may gather and keep together in one Church all those who know Christ as Lord.

Silent prayer.

P Almighty and eternal God, you give your Church its unity. Look with favor on all who follow Jesus your Son. We are all consecrated to you by our Baptism; make us one in the fullness of faith, and keep us one in the fellowship of love. We ask this through Christ our Lord. (45)

C Amen

A Let us pray for the Jewish people, the first to hear the Word of God, that they may receive the fulfillment of the covenant's promises.

Silent prayer.

P Almighty and eternal God, long ago you gave your promise to Abraham and his posterity. Hear the prayers of your Church that the people you first made your own may arrive with us at the fullness of redemption. We ask this through Christ our Lord. (46)

C Amen

A Let us pray for those who do not believe in Christ, that the light of the Holy Spirit may show them the way of salvation.

Silent prayer.

P Almighty and eternal God, enable those who do not acknowledge Christ to receive the truth of the Gospel. Help us, your people, to grow in love for one another, to grasp more fully the mystery of your Godhead, and so to become more perfect witnesses of your love in the sight of all people. We ask this through Christ our Lord. (47)

C Amen

A Let us pray for those who do not believe in God, that they may find him who is the author and goal of our existence.

Silent prayer.

P Almighty and eternal God, you created humanity so that all might long to know you and have peace in you. Grant that, in spite of the hurtful things that stand in their way, they may all recognize in the lives of Christians the tokens of your love and mercy, and gladly acknowledge you as the one true God and Father of us all. We ask this through Christ our Lord. (48)

C Amen

A Let us pray for those who serve in public office, that God may guide their minds and hearts, so that all of us may live in true peace and freedom.

Silent prayer.

P Almighty and eternal God, you are the champion of the poor and oppressed. In your goodness, watch over those in authority, so that people everywhere may enjoy justice, peace, freedom, and a share in the goodness of your creation. We ask this through Christ our Lord. (49)

C Amen

A Let us pray that God, the almighty and merciful Father, may heal the sick, comfort the dying, give safety to travelers, free those unjustly deprived of liberty, and rid the world of falsehood, hunger, and disease.

Silent prayer.

P Almighty and eternal God, you give strength to the weary and new courage to those who have lost heart. Hear the prayers of all who call on you in any trouble, that they may have the joy of receiving your help in their need. We ask this through Christ our Lord. (50)

C Amen

A Finally, let us pray for all those things for which our Lord would have us ask.

C Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and
the glory are yours, now and
forever. Amen

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

Stand

10. If it was not placed before the service began, a rough-hewn cross may be carried in procession through the church and placed in front of the altar.

11. The following versicles and responses are sung or said, one as the procession begins, the second as the procession is halfway to the altar, the third as the procession ends at the altar. When there is no procession, they are simply repeated in sequence.

P Behold, the life-giving cross on which was hung the salvation of the whole world.

C Oh, come, let us worship him.

P Behold, the life-giving cross on which was hung the salvation of the whole world.

C Oh, come, let us worship him.

P Behold, the life-giving cross on which was hung the salvation of the whole world.

C Oh, come, let us worship him.

Kneel

12. Silence is kept for meditation on the mystery of the crucified Savior, the mystery of redemption.

13. "Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended," hymn 123, may be sung to conclude the meditation.

Stand

14. “Sing, my tongue, the glorious battle,” hymn 118, and/or “The royal banners forward go,” hymn 124 or 125, are sung.

Kneel

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

C By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

15. *The ministers leave in silence. Worshipers may remain for prayer and meditation.*

VIGIL OF EASTER

Service of Light

1. *The congregation gathers, preferably in a place other than the interior of the church itself. A large fire may have been prepared.*

2. *Each person is given a candle.*

3. *The presiding minister and the assisting ministers, vested for the Holy Communion, come and stand among the people. One of them carries the paschal candle which has been appropriately inscribed.*

4. *The presiding minister lights the paschal candle from the large fire or from a new fire which has been struck. As the candle is lighted, the minister may say:*

P May the light of Christ, rising in glory, dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds.

5. *The assisting minister who holds the candle lifts it high and sings:*

A The light of Christ.

C Thanks be to God.

6. *The PROCESSION into the darkened church begins, led by the assisting minister who bears the paschal candle.*

7. *At the church door, the assisting minister lifts the candle high and sings a second time:*

A The light of Christ.

C Thanks be to God.

All light their candles from the paschal candle, and the procession continues into the church.

8. *When the assisting minister arrives before the altar, he turns to face the congregation. When all have reached their places, he lifts the candle high and sings a third time:*

A The light of Christ.

C Thanks be to God.

9. *The EASTER PROCLAMATION is sung after the paschal candle has been placed on its stand.*

Stand

A Rejoice, now,
all heavenly choirs of angels,
and celebrate the divine mysteries
with exultation;
and, for the victory
of so great a King,
sound the trumpet of salvation.

Exult, also, O earth,
enlightened with such radiance;
and, made brilliant
by the splendor of the eternal King,
know that the ancient darkness
has been banished
from all the world.

Be glad also, O mother Church,
clothed with the brightness
of such a light,
and let this house resound
with the triumphant voices
of the peoples.

Wherefore, dearly beloved,
who stand in the clarity
of this bright and holy light,
join with me, I ask you,
in praising the lovingkindness
of almighty God;
through our Lord, Jesus Christ,
your Son,
who lives and rules with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

C Amen

A The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

A Let us give thanks
to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give him
thanks and praise.

A It is indeed right and salutary
that we should with full devotion
of heart and mind and voice
praise the invisible God,
the Father Almighty,
and his only Son,
our Lord, Jesus Christ;

who paid for us the debt of Adam
to the eternal Father,
and who by his precious blood
redeemed us from the bondage
to the ancient sin.

For this indeed is the Paschal Feast
in which the true Lamb is slain,
by whose blood
the doorposts of the faithful
are made holy.

This is the night in which,
in ancient times,
you delivered our forebears,
the children of Israel,
from the land of Egypt;
and led them, dry-shod,
through the Red Sea.

This, indeed, is the night
in which the darkness of sin
has been purged away
by the rising brightness.

This is the night
in which all who believe in Christ
are rescued from evil
and the gloom of sin,
are renewed in grace,
and are restored to holiness.

This is the night in which,
breaking the chains of death,
Christ arises from hell in triumph.

For it would have
profited us nothing to be born
had we not also been redeemed.

Oh, how wonderful the condescension
of your lovingkindness!

Oh, how inestimable
the goodness of your love,
that to redeem a slave
you delivered up your Son!

O necessary sin of Adam
that is wiped away
by the death of Christ!

O happy fault
that was worthy
to have so great a Redeemer!

O night truly blessed
which alone was worthy
to know the time and the hour
wherein Christ
arose again from hell!

This is the night
of which it is written:
“and the night is
as clear as the day”;
and, “then shall my night
be turned into day.”

The holiness of this night
puts to flight
the deeds of wickedness;
washes away sin;
restores innocence to the fallen,
and joy to those who mourn;
casts out hate;
brings peace;
and humbles earthly pride.

*10. The assisting minister may fix five grains
of incense in the candle.*

A Therefore, in this night of grace,
receive, O holy Father,
this evening sacrifice of praise;
which the Church lays before you
in the solemn offering
of the candle.

We sing the glories
of this pillar of fire,

11. Tapers are lighted from the paschal candle to light other candles and lamps in the church as the Easter Proclamation continues.

the brightness of which
is not diminished,
even when its light
is divided and borrowed.

For it is fed by the melting wax
which the bees, your servants,
have made for the substance
of this candle.

O night truly blessed in which
heaven and earth are joined—
things human and things divine.

We, therefore, pray to you, O Lord,
that this candle,
burning to the honor of your name,
will continue to vanquish
the darkness of this night
and be mingled with
the lights of heaven.

May he who is the morning star
find it burning—
that morning star which never sets,
that morning star which,
rising again from the grave,
faithfully sheds light
on all the human race.

And we pray, O Lord,
rule, govern, and preserve
with your continual protection
your whole Church,
giving us peace in this time
of our paschal rejoicing;
through the same Lord, Jesus Christ,
your Son, who lives and reigns with
you and the Holy Spirit, one God,
now and forever.

C Amen

A Rejoice, now,
all heavenly choirs of angels,
and celebrate the divine mysteries
with exultation;
and, for the victory
of so great a King,
sound the trumpet of salvation.

Exult, also, O earth,
enlightened with such radiance;
and, made brilliant
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breaking the chains of death,
Christ arises from hell in triumph.

O night truly blessed
which alone was worthy
to know the time and the hour
wherein Christ
arose again from hell!

O night truly blessed in which
heaven and earth are joined—
things human and things divine.

We, therefore, pray to you, O Lord,
that he, in whose honor
this candle burns,
will continue to vanquish
the darkness of this night
and faithfully shed light
on all the human race;
through the same Lord,
Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and rules with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen

12. *The members of the congregation extinguish their candles. A few of the lights in the church may be turned on.*

Sit

Service of Readings

13. *Twelve readings are appointed. The number may be reduced to seven or four, but the first and fourth lessons should always be read. The canticle, “All you works of the Lord, bless the Lord,” page 151, is always sung after the reading of the final lesson.*

14. *After the reading of each lesson and its canticle, where one is appointed, there is silence for reflection which is concluded by the appointed prayer. Assisting ministers read the lessons; the presiding minister says the prayers.*

15. *The congregation may sit throughout, or may stand for each prayer.*

FIRST LESSON Genesis 1:1—2:2 or Genesis 1:1—3:24

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, you wonderfully created the dignity of human nature and yet more wonderfully restored it. In your mercy, let us share the divine life of him who came to share our humanity, Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord. (51)

C Amen

SECOND LESSON Genesis 7:1-5, 11-18; 8:6-18; 9:8-13

P Let us pray.

O God, strength of the powerless and light in all darkness: Look in mercy upon your Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery, that it may be an ark of peace in the midst of chaos. Let the whole world experience and see that what was fallen is being raised up, that what was old is being made new, and that all things are being restored to wholeness through him from whom they first took being, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. (52)

C Amen

THIRD LESSON Genesis 22:1-18

P Let us pray.

God and Father of all the faithful, you promised Abraham that he would become the father of all nations, and through this paschal mystery you increase your chosen people throughout the world. Help us respond to your call by joyfully accepting the new life of grace. We ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. (53)

C Amen

FOURTH LESSON Exodus 14:10—15:1a or Exodus 13:17—15:1a

Cantemus Domino: Song of Moses and Miriam

I will sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously; *
the horse and its rider he has thrown into the sea.

The Lord is my strength and my song; *
he has been my Savior.

This is my God, and I will praise him, *
my father's God, and I will exalt him.

Your right hand, O Lord, glorious in power, *
your right hand, O Lord, shatters the enemy.

Who among the gods is like you, O Lord? *
Who is like you, majestic in holiness,
awesome in splendor, doing wonders?

In your mercy you led forth the people you set free; *
you guided them in your strength
to your holy habitation.

You will bring them in and plant them *
on the mount that is your possession,

The place, O Lord, you have made for your dwelling,
the sanctuary, O Lord, which your hands have prepared. *

The Lord shall reign forever and ever. (Exod. 15)

Glorify to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen

P Let us pray.

O God, whose wonderful deeds of old shine forth even to our own day: By the power of your mighty arm you once delivered your chosen people from slavery under Pharaoh, a sign for us of the salvation of all nations by the water of Baptism. Grant that all the peoples of earth may be numbered among the offspring of Abraham and may rejoice in the inheritance of Israel; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. (54)

C Amen

FIFTH LESSON Isaiah 55:1-11

P Let us pray.

O God, you have created all things by the power of your Word, and you renew the earth by your Spirit. Give now the water of life to those who thirst for you, that they may bring forth abundant fruit in your glorious kingdom; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. (55)

C Amen

SIXTH LESSON Baruch 3:9-37

P Let us pray.

O God, you increase your Church by continuing to call all peoples to salvation. Let the cleansing waters of Baptism flow, and by your love watch over those whom you have called; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. (56)

C Amen

SEVENTH LESSON Ezekiel 37:1-14

P Let us pray.

O God, by the Passover of the Son you have brought us out of sin into righteousness and out of death into life. Give us such an understanding of your mercy that, in receiving the gifts of Word and Sacrament now, we may learn to hope for all your gifts to come; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. (57)

C Amen

EIGHTH LESSON Isaiah 4:2-6

Vinea facta est: The Song of the Vineyard

I will sing for my beloved*
my love song about his vineyard.

My beloved had a vineyard*
high upon a fertile hillside.

He dug the soil, and cleared it of stones,*
and planted it with choice red vines;
he built a watchtower in the midst of it,*
and then hewed out a winepress.

The vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel,*
and the people of Judah are the plant he cherished. (Isa. 5)

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:*
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen

P Let us pray.

O God, by the word of the prophets you are known in the Church as the sower of the good seed, the keeper of the chosen vineyard. Grant to your people, who are called your vine and your harvest, that, cleansed of all thorns and briars, they may abundantly bring forth good fruit; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. (58)

C Amen

NINTH LESSON

Exodus 12:1–14 or Exodus 12:1–24

P Let us pray.

Almighty and ever-living God, wonderful in all your works: Let your people understand that even more marvelous than the world's creation is your gift at the end of time: the sacrifice of our Passover Lamb, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. (59)

C Amen

TENTH LESSON

Jonah 3:1–10

P Let us pray.

O God, you have united all nations in the confession of your name. Now give us the will and the power to do what you command, that the faith of the people whom you call to everlasting life may direct their speech and actions; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. (60)

C Amen

ELEVENTH LESSON

Deuteronomy 31:19–30

Attende, caelum: A Song of Moses

Give ear to what I say, you heavens,*
and let the earth hear the words of my mouth.

My teaching shall fall like drops of rain;*
my words shall distill as the dew,

Like fine rain upon the grass*
and like the showers on young plants.

When I call aloud in the name of the Lord,*
you shall respond, “Great is our God,

the rock whose work is perfect,*
and all his ways are just;

a faithful God, who does no wrong,*
righteous and true is he.”

Remember the days of old;*
think of the generations long ago;

ask your father to recount it*
and your elders to tell you the tale.

The Lord will give his people justice*
and have compassion on his servants.

Rejoice with him, you heavens;*
all you gods, bow down before him.

(Deut. 32)

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen

P Let us pray.

O God, exaltation of the humble and strength of the righteous: You taught your people through Moses to sing your praise, that the law which he delivered to them might be helpful to us. Show your power among all nations that, in the forgiveness of sins, terror may turn to joy, and fear of retribution to salvation; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. (61)

C Amen

TWELFTH LESSON Daniel 3:1-23 (Song of the Three Young Men 1-2, 23-27) 24-29 or Daniel 3:1-29

16. During the singing of the canticle, the paschal candle and its stand is taken to the font; the ministers gather there.

Benedicite, Omnia Opera

All you works of the Lord, bless the Lord—*
praise him and magnify him forever.

You angels of the Lord, bless the Lord;*
you heavens, bless the Lord;

all you powers of the Lord, bless the Lord—*
praise him and magnify him forever.

You sun and moon, bless the Lord;*
you stars of heaven, bless the Lord;

you showers and dew, bless the Lord—*
praise him and magnify him forever.

You winds of God, bless the Lord;*
you fire and heat, bless the Lord;

you winter and summer, bless the Lord—*
praise him and magnify him forever.

You dews and frost, bless the Lord;*
you frost and cold, bless the Lord;

you ice and snow, bless the Lord—*
praise him and magnify him forever.

You nights and days, bless the Lord;*
you light and darkness, bless the Lord;

you lightnings and clouds, bless the Lord—*
praise him and magnify him forever.

Let the earth bless the Lord;*
 you mountains and hills, bless the Lord;
 all you green things that grow on the earth, bless the Lord—*
 praise him and magnify him forever.
 You wells and springs, bless the Lord;*
 you rivers and seas, bless the Lord;
 you whales and all who move in the waters, bless the Lord—*
 praise him and magnify him forever.
 All you birds of the air, bless the Lord;*
 all you beasts and cattle, bless the Lord;
 all you children of mortals, bless the Lord—*
 praise him and magnify him forever.
 You people of God, bless the Lord;*
 you priests of the Lord, bless the Lord;
 you servants of the Lord, bless the Lord—*
 praise him and magnify him forever.
 You spirits and souls of the righteous, bless the Lord;*
 you pure and humble of heart, bless the Lord;
 let us bless the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit—*
 praise him and magnify him forever.

Service of Holy Baptism

17. *When there are candidates for Baptism, they gather at the font with their sponsors and parents.*

18. *The service of Holy Baptism, page 308 [121], is used with these modifications:*

The initial address (2) is omitted.

The Prayers (8) are omitted.

The members of the congregation are invited to join in the renunciation and the profession of faith (10) as a renewal of their Baptism.

Concluding portions (18–21) are omitted.

19. *When there are no candidates for Baptism, the congregation renews its baptismal vows, as indicated below:*

The thanksgiving from the baptismal rite (9) is said.

The congregation joins in the renunciation and profession of faith (10). During the creed, the minister may sprinkle the congregation with water from the font, using a green bough.

20. *A LITANY is sung or said as the ministers go to their places for the Holy Communion. If the Sacrament is not to be celebrated until morning, the Litany is not sung, and the people leave the church in silence.*

Service of Holy Communion

Stand

21. *“Glory to God in the highest” is intoned by the minister, the congregation continuing the Hymn of Praise (7).*

22. *As the Hymn of Praise is sung, the lights in the church are turned on, the bells may be rung, and any signs of the Holy Week observance are removed.*

23. *Following the Hymn of Praise, the Holy Communion continues with the Prayer of the Day (8). The sequence hymn is not sung until the Easter morning service. Because of the instructional character of the Service of Readings, the Sermon may be omitted. Psalm 136 may be sung in place of the Post-Communion canticles (39). Prayer 242 is the recommended Post-Communion prayer (40).*

THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

Easter Day

Prayer of the Day

O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, so that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (62)

OR

Almighty God, through your only Son you overcame death and opened for us the gate of everlasting life. Give us your continual help; put good desires into our minds and bring them to full effect; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (63)

Psalms and Lessons

A. Psalm 118:1-2, 15-24

On this day the Lord has acted (v. 24)

Acts 10:34-43

Colossians 3:1-4

John 20:1-9 (10-18)

or Matthew 28:1-10

B. Psalm 118:1-2, 15-24

On this day the Lord has acted (v. 24)

Isaiah 25:6-9

1 Corinthians 15:19-28

Mark 16:1-8

or John 20:1-9 (10-18)

C. Psalm 118:1-2, 15-24

On this day the Lord has acted (v. 24)

Exodus 15:1-11

or Psalm 118:14-24

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Luke 24:1-11

or John 20:1-9 (10-18)

Verse

Alleluia. Christ being raised from the dead will die no more; death has no more dominion over him. This is the day which the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. Alleluia. (Rom. 6:9; Ps. 118:24)

The sequence hymn, no. 137, may follow.

Offertory

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Cleanse out the old yeast to make yourselves fresh dough, new unleavened bread! For Christ our Pass-over Lamb has been sacrificed. Therefore let us celebrate the feast with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. (1 Cor. 5:7-8)

Preface: Easter

Color: white or gold

If a paschal candle is used, it is positioned near the altar and lighted at all services until The Ascension of Our Lord or The Day of Pentecost.

If a congregation has multiple services on Easter Day, these propers may be used at each, or those for Easter Evening may be used as seems appropriate.

Easter Evening

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, you give us the joy of celebrating our Lord's resurrection. Give us also the joys of life in your service, and bring us at last to the full joy of life eternal; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (64)

Psalms and Lessons

A, B, C.

Psalm 150

Alleluia.

Daniel 12:1c-3 (But at that time . . .)

or Jonah 2:2-9 (I called . . .)

1 Corinthians 5:6-8

Luke 24:13-49

Verse

Alleluia. Christ being raised from the dead will die no more; death has no more dominion over him. Alleluia. Jesus interpreted to them in all the Scriptures, beginning with Moses and all the prophets, the things concerning himself.

Alleluia. (Rom. 6:9; Luke 24:27)

Offertory

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The disciples said, The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon! Then they told what had happened on the road to Emmaus, and how Jesus was known to them in the breaking of bread.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. (Luke 24:34-35)

Preface: Easter

Color: white or gold

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, we have celebrated with joy the festival of our Lord's resurrection. Graciously help us to show the power of the resurrection in all that we say and do; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (65)

Psalms and Lessons

A. Psalm 105:1-7

Remember the marvels he has done. (v. 5)

Acts 2:14a (. . . and addressed them), 22-32

1 Peter 1:3-9

John 20:19-31

B. Psalm 148

Acts 3:13-15, 17-26

1 John 5:1-6

John 20:19-31

C. Psalm 149

Alleluia.

Acts 5:12, 17-32

Revelation 1:4-18

John 20:19-31

Verse

Alleluia. Christ being raised from the dead will die no more; death has no more dominion over him. Alleluia. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe. Alleluia. (Rom. 6:9; John 20:29)

Offertory

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Put away all malice and all guile and insincerity and envy and all slander. Like newborn babes, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up to salvation; for you have tasted the kindness of the Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. (1 Peter 2:1-3)

Preface: Easter

Color: white

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Prayer of the Day

O God, by the humiliation of your Son you lifted up this fallen world, rescuing us from the hopelessness of death. Grant your faithful people a share in the joys that are eternal; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (66)

Psalms and Lessons

A. Psalm 16

You will show me the path of life. (v. 11)

Acts 2:14a, 36-47

1 Peter 1:17-21

Luke 24:13-35

B. Psalm 139:1-11

Your hand will lead me. (v. 9)

Acts 4:8-12

1 John 1:1-2:2

Luke 24:36-49

C. Psalm 30

You have turned my wailing into dancing. (v. 12)

Acts 9:1-20

Revelation 5:11-14

John 21:1-14

Verse

Alleluia. Christ being raised from the dead will die no more; death has no more dominion over him. Alleluia. Our hearts burn within us while he opens to us the Scriptures. Alleluia. (Rom. 6:9; Luke 24:32)

Offertory

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things were created. He is the head of the body, the Church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things on earth and in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. (Col. 1:15-20)

Preface: Easter

Color: white

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Prayer of the Day

God of all power, you called from death our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep. Send us as shepherds to rescue the lost, to heal the injured, and to feed one another with knowledge and understanding; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (67)

OR

Almighty God, you show the light of your truth to those in darkness, to lead them into the way of righteousness. Give strength to all who are joined in the family of the Church, so that they will resolutely reject what erodes their faith and firmly follow what faith requires; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (68)

Psalms and Lessons

A. Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd. (v. 1)

Acts 6:1-9; 7:2a, 51-60

1 Peter 2:19-25

John 10:1-10

B. Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd. (v. 1)

Acts 4:23-33

1 John 3:1-2

John 10:11-18

C. Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd. (v. 1)

Acts 13:15-16a (. . . his hand said), 26-33

Revelation 7:9-17

John 10:22-30

Verse

Alleluia. Christ being raised from the dead will die no more; death has no more dominion over him.

Alleluia. I am the Good Shepherd; I know my own and my own know me. Alleluia. (Rom. 6:9; John 10:14)

Offertory

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The Lord God says, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. As a shepherd seeks out his flock when some of his sheep have been scattered abroad, so will I seek out my sheep. And I will bring them out from the peoples, and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. (Ezek. 34:11 ff)

Preface: Easter

Color: white

The Psalm and the Gospels preserve the Good Shepherd theme formerly associated with Misericordia Domini.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Prayer of the Day

O God, form the minds of your faithful people into a single will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that, amid all the changes of this world, our hearts may be fixed where true joy is found; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (69)

Psalms and Lessons

A. Psalm 33:1-11

Sing for him a new song. (v. 3)

Acts 17:1-15

1 Peter 2:4-10

John 14:1-12

B. Psalm 22:24-30

My praise is of him. (v. 24)

Acts 8:26-40

1 John 3:18-24

John 15:1-8

- C. Psalm 145:1–13
I will exalt you, O God my king. (v. 1)
 Acts 13:44–52
 Revelation 21:1–5
 John 13:31–35

Verse

Alleluia. Christ being raised from the dead will die no more; death has no more dominion over him. Alleluia. I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord. Alleluia. (Rom. 6:9; John 14:6)

Offertory

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
 Give thanks to the Lord,
 call upon his name;
 make known his deeds among the nations,
 proclaim that his name is exalted.
 Sing praises to the Lord, for he has done gloriously,
 let this be known in all the earth.
 Shout and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion,
 for great in your midst
 is the Holy One of Israel.
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. (Isa. 12:4–6)

Preface: Easter

Color: white

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Prayer of the Day

O God, from whom all good things come: Lead us by the inspiration of your Spirit to think those things which are right, and by your goodness help us to do them; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (70)

Psalms and Lessons

- A. Psalm 66:1–6, 14–18
Sing the glory of his name. (v. 1)
 Acts 17:22–31
 1 Peter 3:15–22 (In your hearts . . .)
 John 14:15–21
- B. Psalm 98
Sing to the Lord a new song. (v. 1)
 Acts 11:19–30
 1 John 4:1–11
 John 15:9–17
- C. Psalm 67
Let all the peoples praise you. (v. 3)
 Acts 14:8–18

- Revelation 21:10–14, 22–23
 John 14:23–29

Verse

Alleluia. Christ being raised from the dead will die no more; death has no more dominion over him. Alleluia. All who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Alleluia.

(Rom. 6:9; John 14:23)

Offertory

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
 Truly, truly, I say to you, those who believe in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will they do, because I go to the Father. Whatever you ask in my name, I will do it, that the Father may be glorified in the Son; if you ask anything in my name, I will do it.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. (John 14:12–14)

Preface: Easter

Color: white

The Psalms preserve the theme formerly associated with Cantate.

**THE ASCENSION
 OF OUR LORD**

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, your only Son was taken up into heaven and in power intercedes for us. May we also come into your presence and live forever in your glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (71)

Psalms and Lessons

- A, B, C.
 Psalm 110
I am with you always. (Matt. 28:20)
 Acts 1:1–11
 Ephesians 1:16–23
 Luke 24:44–53

Verse

Alleluia. Christ being raised from the dead will die no more; death has no more dominion over him. Alleluia. I am with you always, even to the close of the age. Alleluia. (Rom. 6:9; Matt. 28:20)

Offertory

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
 I saw one come with the clouds of heaven like a son of man, and he came to the Ancient of Days and

was presented before him. And to him was given dominion and glory and kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom one that shall not be destroyed.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. (Dan. 7:13-14)

Preface: Ascension

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If a paschal candle has been used during the preceding Sundays, it should be snuffed at the reading of the Gospel. Some may wish to omit this ceremony and continue lighting the candle until the Day of Pentecost. In either case the candle is then moved to the baptismal font where it is lighted as a reminder of the resurrection character of Holy Baptism.

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Prayer of the Day

Almighty and eternal God, your Son our Savior is with you in eternal glory. Give us faith to see that, true to his promise, he is among us still, and will be with us to the end of time; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (72)

OR

God, our creator and redeemer, your Son Jesus prayed that his followers might be one. Make all Christians one with him as he is one with you, so that in peace and concord we may carry to the world the message of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (73)

Psalms and Lessons

A. Psalm 47

God has gone up with a shout. (v. 5)

Acts 1:(1-7) 8-14

1 Peter 4:12-17; 5:6-11

John 17:1-11

B. Psalm 47

God has gone up with a shout. (v. 5)

Acts 1:15-26

1 John 4:13-21

John 17:11b-19

C. Psalm 47

God has gone up with a shout. (v. 5)

Acts 16:6-10

Revelation 22:12-17, 20

John 17:20-26

Verse

Alleluia. Christ being raised from the dead will die no more; death has no more dominion over him. Alleluia. I will not leave you desolate; I will come back to you. Alleluia. (Rom. 6:9; John 14:18)

Offertory

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Ask, and it will be given you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. Which of you, if your child asks for bread, will give a stone? If you then know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask him!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. (Matt. 7:7 ff)

Preface: Ascension

Color: white

VIGIL OF PENTECOST

Prayer of the Day

Almighty and ever-living God, you fulfilled the promise of Easter by sending your Holy Spirit to unite the races and nations on earth and thus to proclaim your glory. Look upon your people gathered in prayer, open to receive the Spirit's flame. May it come to rest in our hearts and heal the divisions of word and tongue, that with one voice and one song we may praise your name in joy and thanksgiving; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (74)

Psalms and Lessons

A, B, C.

Psalm 33:12-22

The Lord is our help and our shield. (v. 20)

or Psalm 130

There is forgiveness with you. (v. 3)

Exodus 19:1-9

or Acts 2:1-11

Romans 8:14-17, 22-27

John 7:37-39a (. . . were to receive)

Verse

Alleluia. Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful people; set them on fire with your love. Alleluia.

Offertory

Look carefully, then, how you walk, not as unwise but as wise; be filled with the Spirit, addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with all your heart, always and for everything giving thanks in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to God the Father.

(Eph. 5:15, 18–20)

Preface: Pentecost

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THE DAY OF PENTECOST

Prayer of the Day

God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, as you sent upon the disciples the promised gift of the Holy Spirit, look upon your Church and open our hearts to the power of the Spirit. Kindle in us the fire of your love, and strengthen our lives for service in your kingdom; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (75)

OR

God our creator, earth has many languages, but your Gospel announces your love to all nations in one heavenly speech. Make us messengers of the good news that, through the power of your Spirit, everyone everywhere may unite in one song of praise; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (76)

Psalms and Lessons

- A. Psalm 104:25–34
or Veni, Creator Spiritus
Alleluia.
Joel 2:28–29
Acts 2:1–21
John 20:19–23
- B. Psalm 104:25–34
or Veni, Creator Spiritus
Alleluia.
Ezekiel 37:1–14
Acts 2:1–21
John 7:37–39a (. . . were to receive)
- C. Psalm 104:25–34
or Veni, Creator Spiritus
Alleluia.
Genesis 11:1–9
Acts 2:1–21
John 15:26–27; 16:4b–11

Verse

Alleluia. Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful people; set them on fire with your love. Alleluia.

The sequence hymn, no. 472, may follow.

Offertory

Look carefully, then, how you walk, not as unwise but as wise; be filled with the Spirit, addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with all your heart, always and for everything giving thanks in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to God the Father.

(Eph. 5:15, 18–20)

Preface: Pentecost

Color: red

THE HOLY TRINITY **First Sunday after Pentecost**

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God our Father, dwelling in majesty and mystery, renewing and fulfilling creation by your eternal Spirit, and revealing your glory through our Lord, Jesus Christ: Cleanse us from doubt and fear, and enable us to worship you, with your Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, living and reigning, now and forever. (77)

OR

Almighty and ever-living God, you have given us grace, by the confession of the true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity and, in the power of your divine majesty, to worship the unity. Keep us steadfast in this faith and worship, and bring us at last to see you in your eternal glory, one God, now and forever. (78)

Psalms and Lessons

- A. Psalm 29
Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name. (v. 2)
Genesis 1:1–2:3
or Deuteronomy 4:32–34, 39–40
2 Corinthians 13:11–14
Matthew 28:16–20
- B. Psalm 149
Sing to the Lord a new song. (v. 1)
Deuteronomy 6:4–9
Romans 8:14–17
John 3:1–17
- C. Psalm 8
How exalted is your name in all the world. (v. 1)
Proverbs 8:22–31
Romans 5:1–5
John 16:12–15

Verse

Alleluia. Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory. Alleluia. (Isa. 6:3)

Offertory

Great and wonderful are your deeds,
O Lord God the Almighty!
Just and true are your ways,
O King of the ages!
Who shall not fear and glorify your name, O Lord?
For you alone are holy.
All nations come and worship you,
for your judgments have been revealed.

(Rev. 15:3–4)

Preface: The Holy Trinity

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SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Prayer of the Day

Lord God of all nations, you have revealed your will to your people and promised your help to us all.

Help us to hear and to do what you command, that the darkness may be overcome by the power of your light; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. (79)

Psalms and Lessons

- A. Psalm 31:1–5 (6–18) 19–24
Be my strong rock. (v. 3)
Deuteronomy 11:18–21, 26–28
Romans 3:21–25a (. . . received by faith), 27–28
Matthew 7:(15–20) 21–29
- B. Psalm 81:1–10
Raise a loud shout to the God of Jacob. (v. 1)
Deuteronomy 5:12–15
2 Corinthians 4:5–12
Mark 2:23–28
- C. Psalm 117
Praise the Lord, all you nations. (v. 1)
1 Kings 8:(22–23, 27–30) 41–43
Galatians 1:1–10
Luke 7:1–10

Verse

Alleluia. Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path. Alleluia. (Ps. 119:105)

Offertory

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,
his mercies never come to an end;
they are new every morning;
great is your faithfulness.
“The Lord is my portion,” says my soul,
“therefore I will hope in him.” (Lam. 3:22–24)

Preface: Sundays after Pentecost

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THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Prayer of the Day

O God, the strength of those who hope in you: Be present and hear our prayers; and, because in the weakness of our mortal nature we can do nothing good without you, give us the help of your grace, so that in keeping your commandments we may please you in will and deed; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. (80)

Psalms and Lessons

- A. Psalm 50:1–15
To those who keep in my way will I show the salvation of God. (v. 24)
Hosea 5:15–6:6
Romans 4:18–25
Matthew 9:9–13
- B. Psalm 61:1–5, 8
Set me upon the rock that is higher than I. (v. 2)
Genesis 3:9–15
2 Corinthians 4:13–18
Mark 3:20–35
- C. Psalm 30
O Lord my God, I cried out to you. (v. 2)
1 Kings 17:17–24
Galatians 1:11–24
Luke 7:11–17

Verse

Alleluia. God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself, and entrusting us with the message of reconciliation. Alleluia. (2 Cor. 5:19)

Offertory

And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they partook of food with glad and generous hearts.

(Acts 2:42, 46)

Preface: Sundays after Pentecost

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FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Prayer of the Day

God, our maker and redeemer, you have made us a new company of priests to bear witness to the Gospel. Enable us to be faithful to our calling to make known your promises to all the world; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. (81)

Psalms and Lessons

- A. Psalm 100
We are his people and the sheep of his pasture. (v. 2)
Exodus 19:2–8a (. . . we will do)
Romans 5:6–11
Matthew 9:35–10:8
- B. Psalm 92:1–5 (6–10) 11–14
The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree. (v. 11)

Ezekiel 17:22–24
2 Corinthians 5:1–10
Mark 4:26–34

- C. Psalm 32
Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin. (v. 6)
2 Samuel 11:26–12:10, 13–15
Galatians 2:11–21
Luke 7:36–50

Verse

Alleluia. Let your priests be clothed with righteousness, and let your saints shout for joy. Alleluia. (Ps. 132:9)

Offertory

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, that you may declare the wonderful deeds of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were no people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. (1 Peter 2:9–10)

Preface: Sundays after Pentecost

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FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Prayer of the Day

O God our defender, storms rage about us and cause us to be afraid. Rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and daughters from fear, and preserve us all from unbelief; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. (82)

Psalms and Lessons

- A. Psalm 69:1–20
Answer me, O Lord, for your love is kind. (v. 18)
Jeremiah 20:7–13
Romans 5:12–15
Matthew 10:24–33
- B. Psalm 107:1–3, 23–32
They beheld the works of the Lord. (v. 24)
Job 38:1–11
2 Corinthians 5:14–21
Mark 4:35–41
- C. Psalm 63:1–8
My soul clings to you. (v. 8)
Zechariah 12:7–10
Galatians 3:23–29
Luke 9:18–24

Verse

Alleluia. Because we are his children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" Alleluia. (Gal. 4:6)

Offertory

The Lord is faithful in all his words,
and gracious in all his deeds.
The Lord upholds all who are falling,
and raises up all who are bowed down.
The eyes of all look to you,
and you give them their food in due season.
You open your hand,
you satisfy the desire of every living thing.
(Ps. 145:13-16)

Preface: Sundays after Pentecost

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SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Prayer of the Day

O God, you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond understanding. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. (83)

Psalms and Lessons

- A. Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18
Your love, O Lord, forever will I sing. (v. 1)
Jeremiah 28:5-9
Romans 6:1b-11 (Are we to . . .)
Matthew 10:34-42
- B. Psalm 30
You restored me to health. (v. 2)
Lamentations 3:22-33
2 Corinthians 8:1-9, 13-14
Mark 5:21-24a, 35-43
or Mark 5:24b-34
- C. Psalm 16
In your presence is fullness of joy. (v. 11)
1 Kings 19:14-21
Galatians 5:1, 13-25
Luke 9:51-62

Verse

Alleluia. May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our hearts that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called.
Alleluia. (Eph. 1:17 ff.)

Offertory

The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living! I will offer in his house sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and chant praise to the Lord. (Ps. 27:1, 13, 6)

Preface: Sundays after Pentecost

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SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Prayer of the Day

God of glory, Father of love, peace comes from you alone. Send us as peacemakers and witnesses to your kingdom, and fill our hearts with joy in your promises of salvation; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. (84)

Psalms and Lessons

- A. Psalm 145:1-2 (3-13) 14-22
I will exalt you, O God my king. (v. 1)
Zechariah 9:9-12
Romans 7:15-25a
Matthew 11:25-30
- B. Psalm 143:1-2, 5-8
I lift up my soul to you. (v. 8)
Ezekiel 2:1-5
2 Corinthians 12:7-10
Mark 6:1-6
- C. Psalm 66:1-11, 14-18
Be joyful in God, all you lands. (v. 1)
Isaiah 66:10-14
Galatians 6:1-10, 14-16
Luke 10:1-12, 16 (17-20)

Verse

Alleluia. Happy are they who hear the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bring forth fruit with patience. Alleluia. (Luke 8:15)

Offertory

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light. (Matt. 11:28-30)

Preface: Sundays after Pentecost

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EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy, live according to it, and grow in faith and hope and love; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. (85)

OR

Lord God, use our lives to touch the world with your love. Stir us, by your Spirit, to be neighbor to those in need, serving them with willing hearts; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. (86)

Psalms and Lessons

- A. Psalm 65
Let them shout for joy and sing. (v. 14)
Isaiah 55:10-11
Romans 8:18-25
Matthew 13:1-9 (18-23)
- B. Psalm 85:8-13
He is speaking peace to his people. (v. 8)
Amos 7:10-15
Ephesians 1:3-14
Mark 6:7-13
- C. Psalm 25:1-9
Lead me in your truth and teach me. (v. 4)
Deuteronomy 30:9-14
Colossians 1:1-14
Luke 10:25-37

Verse

Alleluia. The word is very near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart, so that you can do it.
Alleluia. (Deut. 30:14)

Offertory

Jesus said, "The first commandment is: 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one; and you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' The second is: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'" (Mark 12:29-31)

Preface: Sundays after Pentecost

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NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Prayer of the Day

Pour out upon us, O Lord, the spirit to think and do what is right, that we, who cannot even exist without you, may have the strength to live according to your will; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. (87)

OR

O God, you see how busy we are with many things. Turn us to listen to your teachings and lead us to choose the one thing which will not be taken from us, Jesus Christ our Lord. (88)

Psalms and Lessons

- A. Psalm 86:11-17
Teach me your way, O Lord. (v. 11)
Isaiah 44:6-8
Romans 8:26-27
Matthew 13:24-30 (36-43)
- B. Psalm 23
Your rod and your staff, they comfort me. (v. 4)
Jeremiah 23:1-6
Ephesians 2:13-22
Mark 6:30-34
- C. Psalm 15
Who may abide upon your holy hill? Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right. (vv. 1-2)
Genesis 18:1-10a (10b-14)
Colossians 1:21-28
Luke 10:38-42

Verse

Alleluia. My word shall accomplish that which I purpose, and prosper in the thing for which I sent it.
Alleluia. (Isa. 55:11)

Offertory

I wash my hands in innocence,
and go about your altar, O Lord,
singing aloud a song of thanksgiving,
and telling all your wondrous deeds.
O Lord, I love the habitation of your house,
and the place where your glory dwells.

(Ps. 26:6-8)

Preface: Sundays after Pentecost

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TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Prayer of the Day

O God, your ears are open always to the prayers of your servants. Open our hearts and minds to you, that we may live in harmony with your will and receive the gifts of your Spirit; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. (89)

Psalms and Lessons

- A. Psalm 119:129–136
When your word goes forth, it gives light. (v. 130)
1 Kings 3:5–12
Romans 8:28–30
Matthew 13:44–52
- B. Psalm 145
The eyes of all wait upon you, O Lord. (v. 16)
Exodus 24:3–11
Ephesians 4:1–7, 11–16
John 6:1–15
- C. Psalm 138
When I called, you answered me. (v. 4)
Genesis 18:20–32
Colossians 2:6–15
Luke 11:1–13

Verse

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. (John 6:68)

Offertory

Even the sparrow finds a home,
and the swallow a nest for herself,
where she may lay her young,
at your altars, O Lord of hosts,
my king and my God.
Happy are those who dwell in your house,
ever singing your praise! (Ps. 84:3–4)

Preface: Sundays after Pentecost

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ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Prayer of the Day

Gracious Father, your blessed Son came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world. Give us this bread, that he

may live in us and we in him, Jesus Christ our Lord. (90)

OR

Almighty God, judge of us all, you have placed in our hands the wealth we call our own. Give us such wisdom by your Spirit that our possessions may not be a curse in our lives, but an instrument for blessing; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. (91)

Psalms and Lessons

- A. Psalm 104:25–31
You open your hand, and they are filled with good things. (v. 29)
Isaiah 55:1–5
Romans 8:35–39
Matthew 14:13–21
- B. Psalm 78:23–29
He provided for them food enough. (v. 25)
Exodus 16:2–15
Ephesians 4:17–24
John 6:24–35
- C. Psalm 49:1–11
We can never ransom ourselves. (v. 6)
Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:18–26
Colossians 3:1–11
Luke 12:13–21

Verse

Alleluia. Jesus said, All who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Alleluia. (John 14:23)

Offertory

Honor the Lord with your wealth
as the first fruits of your earnings;
then your bins will be filled with grain
and your vessels with new wine. (Prov. 3:9–10)

Preface: Sundays after Pentecost

Color: green

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Prayer of the Day

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve.

Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merit of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. (92)

Psalms and Lessons

- A. Psalm 85:8-13
Show us your mercy, Lord. (v. 7)
1 Kings 19:9-18
Romans 9:1-5
Matthew 14:22-33
- B. Psalm 34:1-8
Taste and see that the Lord is good. (v. 8)
1 Kings 19:4-8
Ephesians 4:30-5:2
John 6:41-51
- C. Psalm 33
The Lord is our help and our shield. (v. 20)
Genesis 15:1-6
Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16
Luke 12:32-40

Verse

Alleluia. Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.
Alleluia. (Heb. 11:1)

Offertory

The earth is filled with the fruit of your work.
You cause the grass to grow for the cattle,
and plants for us to cultivate,
that we may bring forth food from the earth
and wine to gladden our hearts,
oil to make our faces shine,
and bread to strengthen our hearts.
(Ps. 104:13-15)

Preface: Sundays after Pentecost

Color: green

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Prayer of the Day

Almighty and ever-living God, you have given great and precious promises to those who believe. Grant us the perfect faith which overcomes all doubts, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. (93)

Psalms and Lessons

- A. Psalm 67
Let all the peoples praise you. (v. 3)
Isaiah 56:1, 6-8
Romans 11:13-15, 29-32
Matthew 15:21-28
- B. Psalm 34:9-14
Taste and see that the Lord is good. (v. 8)
Proverbs 9:1-6
Ephesians 5:15-20
John 6:51-58
- C. Psalm 82
Arise, O God, and rule the earth. (v. 8)
Jeremiah 23:23-29
Hebrews 12:1-13
Luke 12:49-53

Verse

Alleluia. The Word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

Alleluia. (Heb. 4:12)

Offertory

Ascribe to the Lord, O families of the peoples,
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength!
Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;
bring an offering and come before him!
Worship the Lord in holy array.
Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
for his steadfast love endures forever!

(1 Chron. 16:28-29, 34)

Preface: Sundays after Pentecost

Color: green

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Prayer of the Day

God of all creation, you reach out to call people of all nations to your kingdom. As you gather disciples from near and far, count us also among those who boldly confess your Son Jesus Christ as Lord. (94)

Psalms and Lessons

- A. Psalm 138
Your love, O Lord, endures forever. (v. 9)
Exodus 6:2-8
Romans 11:33-36
Matthew 16:13-20
- B. Psalm 34:15-22
Taste and see that the Lord is good. (v. 8)
Joshua 24:1-2a (. . . all the people), 14-18

Ephesians 5:21-31

John 6:60-69

C. Psalm 117

He who believes and is baptized will be saved. (Mark 16:15,16)

Isaiah 66:18-23

Hebrews 12:18-24

Luke 13:22-30

Verse

Alleluia. Our Savior Jesus Christ has abolished death and brought life and immortality through the Gospel. Alleluia. (2 Tim. 1:10)

Offertory

Do not be anxious, saying, "What shall we eat?" or "What shall we drink?" or "What shall we wear?" Your heavenly Father knows what you need. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, for these things shall be yours as well. (Matt. 6:31 ff.)

Preface: Sundays after Pentecost

Color: green

**FIFTEENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST**

Prayer of the Day

O God, we thank you for your Son who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow his commands; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. (95)

Psalms and Lessons

A. Psalm 26

I have walked faithfully with you. (v. 3)

Jeremiah 15:15-21

Romans 12:1-8

Matthew 16:21-26

B. Psalm 15

Lord, who may dwell in your tabernacles? (v. 1)

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8

Ephesians 6:10-20

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

C. Psalm 112

Happy are they who fear the Lord! (v. 1)

Proverbs 25:6-7

Hebrews 13:1-8

Luke 14:1, 7-14

Verse

Alleluia. Your words became a joy to me, and the delight of my heart. Alleluia. (Jer. 15:16)

Offertory

This is the bread which comes down from heaven, that you may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread which came down from heaven; whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread which I shall give for the life of the world is my flesh.

(John 6:50-51)

Preface: Sundays after Pentecost

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**SIXTEENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST**

Prayer of the Day

Almighty and eternal God, you know our problems and our weaknesses better than we ourselves. In your love and by your power help us in our confusion and, in spite of our weakness, make us firm in faith; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. (96)

Psalms and Lessons

A. Psalm 119:33-40

I desire the path of your commandments. (v. 35)

Ezekiel 33:7-9

Romans 13:1-10

Matthew 18:15-20

B. Psalm 146

Praise the Lord, O my soul! (v. 1)

Isaiah 35:4-7a (. . . springs of water)

James 1:17-22 (23-25) 26-27

Mark 7:31-37

C. Psalm 10:12-15, 17-19

The Lord will hear the desire of the humble. (v. 18)

Proverbs 9:8-12

Philemon 1 (2-9) 10-21

Luke 14:25-33

Verse

Alleluia. Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Alleluia. (Phil. 4:4)

Offertory

Never flag in zeal, be aglow with the Spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in your hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints, practice hospitality. (Rom. 12:11-13)

Preface: Sundays after Pentecost

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SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Prayer of the Day

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity. Grant us the fullness of your grace, that, pursuing what you have promised, we may share your heavenly glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. (97)

Psalms and Lessons

- A. Psalm 103:1-13
The Lord is full of compassion and mercy. (v. 8)
Genesis 50:15-21
Romans 14:5-9
Matthew 18:21-35
- B. Psalm 116:1-8
I will walk in the presence of the Lord. (v. 8)
Isaiah 50:4-10
James 2:1-5, 8-10, 14-18
Mark 8:27-35
- C. Psalm 51:1-18
I have sinned against God and you. (Luke 15:18)
Exodus 32:7-14
1 Timothy 1:12-17
Luke 15:1-10

Verse

Alleluia. Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. Alleluia. (Rom. 15:4)

Offertory

Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Those also who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God. None of us lives alone, and none of us dies alone. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. (Rom. 14:6-8)

Preface: Sundays after Pentecost

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EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Prayer of the Day

Lord God, you call us to work in your vineyard and leave no one standing idle. Set us to our tasks in

the work of your kingdom, and help us to order our lives by your wisdom; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. (98)

Psalms and Lessons

- A. Psalm 27:1-13
Your face, Lord, will I seek. (v. 11)
Isaiah 55:6-9
Philippians 1:1-5 (6-11), 19-27
Matthew 20:1-16
- B. Psalm 54:1-4, 6-7a
It is the Lord who sustains my life. (v. 4)
Jeremiah 11:18-20
James 3:16-4:6
Mark 9:30-37
- C. Psalm 113
Praise the name of the Lord. (v. 1)
Amos 8:4-7
1 Timothy 2:1-8
Luke 16:1-13

Verse

Alleluia. Let your manner of life be worthy of the Gospel of Christ; strive side by side for the faith of the Gospel. Alleluia. (Phil. 1:27)

Offertory

I am the true vine and my Father is the vinedresser. Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me, and I in them, will bear much fruit. (John 15:1, 4-5)

Preface: Sundays after Pentecost

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NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Prayer of the Day

God of love, you know our frailties and failings. Give us your grace to overcome them; keep us from those things that harm us; and guide us in the way of salvation; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. (99)

Psalms and Lessons

- A. Psalm 25:1-9
Remember, Lord, your compassion and love. (v. 5)
Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32
Philippians 2:1-5 (6-11)
Matthew 21:28-32

- B. Psalm 135:1-7, 13-14
O Lord, your name is everlasting. (v. 13)
 Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29
 James 4:7-12 (13-5:6)
 Mark 9:38-50
- C. Psalm 146
Praise the Lord, O my soul! (v. 1)
 Amos 6:1-7
 1 Timothy 6:6-16
 Luke 16:19-31

Verse

Alleluia. At the name of Jesus every knee should bow, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Alleluia.
 (Phil. 2:10 ff.)

Offertory

Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if any hear my voice and open the door, I will come in to them and eat with them, and they with me. To those who conquer, I will grant to sit with me on my throne, as I myself conquered and sat down with my Father on his throne. (Rev. 3:20-21)

Preface: Sundays after Pentecost

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TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Prayer of the Day

Our Lord Jesus, you have endured the doubts and foolish questions of every generation. Forgive us for trying to be judge over you, and grant us the confident faith to acknowledge you as Lord. (100)

Psalms and Lessons

- A. Psalm 80:7-14
The vineyard of the Lord of hosts is Israel, and the men of Judah are the plan he cherished. (Isa. 5:7)
 Isaiah 5:1-7
 Philippians 3:12-21
 Matthew 21:33-43
- B. Psalm 128
The Lord bless you from Zion. (v. 5)
 Genesis 2:18-24
 Hebrews 2:9-11 (12-18)
 Mark 10:2-16
- C. Psalm 95:6-11
Oh, hearken to his voice! (v. 7)
 Habakkuk 1:1-3; 2:1-4
 2 Timothy 1:3-14
 Luke 17:1-10

Verse

Alleluia. I will proclaim your name to my people; in the midst of the congregation I will praise you. Alleluia. (Heb. 2:12)

Offertory

Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good!
 Happy are those who take refuge in him!
 Oh, fear the Lord, you his saints,
 for those who fear him have no want!
 The young lions suffer want and hunger;
 but those who seek the Lord lack no good thing.
 (Ps. 34:8-10)

Preface: Sundays after Pentecost

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TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, source of every blessing, your generous goodness comes to us anew every day. By the work of your Spirit lead us to acknowledge your goodness, give thanks for your benefits, and serve you in willing obedience; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. (101)

Psalms and Lessons

- A. Psalm 23
I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever. (v. 6)
 Isaiah 25:6-9
 Philippians 4:4-13
 Matthew 22:1-10 (11-14)
- B. Psalm 90:12-17
So teach us to number our days. (v. 12)
 Amos 5:6-7, 10-15
 Hebrews 3:1-6
 Mark 10:17-27 (28-30)
- C. Psalm 111
I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart. (v. 1)
 Ruth 1:1-19a (. . . until they came to Bethlehem)
 2 Timothy 2:8-13
 Luke 17:11-19

Verse

Alleluia. We have waited for the Lord; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation. Alleluia. (Isa. 25:9)

Offertory

If any one does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous, and he is the expi-

ation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world. See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God: and so we are. (1 John 2:1-2; 3:1)

Preface: Sundays after Pentecost

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TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Prayer of the Day

Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations. Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your name; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. (102)

Psalms and Lessons

A. Psalm 96

Ascribe to the Lord honor and power. (v. 7)

Isaiah 45:1-7

1 Thessalonians 1:1-5a (. . . conviction)

Matthew 22:15-21

B. Psalm 91:9-16

With long life will I satisfy him and show him my salvation. (v. 16)

Isaiah 53:10-12

Hebrews 4:9-16

Mark 10:35-45

C. Psalm 121

My help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth. (v. 2)

Genesis 32:22-30

2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

Luke 18:1-8a (. . . vindicate them speedily)

Verse

Alleluia. Of God's own will he brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of first-fruits of his creatures. Alleluia. (James 1:18)

Offertory

The cup of blessing which we bless is a participation in the blood of Christ. The bread which we break is a participation in the body of Christ. Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread. (1 Cor. 10:16-17)

Preface: Sundays after Pentecost

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TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Prayer of the Day

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. (103)

Psalms and Lessons

A. Psalm 1

Their delight is in the law of the Lord. (v. 2)

Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18

1 Thessalonians 1:5b-10 (You know . . .)

Matthew 22:34-40 (41-46)

B. Psalm 126

The Lord has done great things for us. (v. 4)

Jeremiah 31:7-9

Hebrews 5:1-10

Mark 10:46-52

C. Psalm 34

The Lord will save those whose spirits are crushed. (v. 18)

Deuteronomy 10:12-22

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

Luke 18:9-14

Verse

Alleluia. The Lord will rescue me from every evil and save me for his heavenly kingdom. Alleluia.

(2 Tim. 4:18)

Offertory

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing! To him who sits upon the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever! Amen! (Rev. 5:12-14)

Preface: Sundays after Pentecost

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TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Prayer of the Day

Lord, when the day of wrath comes we have no hope except in your grace. Make us so to watch for the last days that the consummation of our hope may be the joy of the mar-

riage feast of your Son, Jesus Christ
our Lord. (104)

Psalms and Lessons

A. Psalm 63:1-8

O God, I seek you. (v. 1)

Amos 5:18-24

1 Thessalonians 4:13-14 (15-18)

Matthew 25:1-13

B. Psalm 119:1-16

I love you, O Lord my strength. (Ps. 18:1)

Deuteronomy 6:1-9

Hebrews 7:23-28

Mark 12:28-34 (35-37)

C. Psalm 145

I will exalt you, O God my king. (v. 1)

Exodus 34:5-9

2 Thessalonians 1:1-5, 11-12

Luke 19:1-10

Verse

Alleluia. The Lord says, "Surely I am coming soon."
Amen. Come, Lord Jesus! Alleluia. (Rev. 22:20)

Offertory

Alleluia! The Lord our God the Almighty reigns.

Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory,

for the marriage of the Lamb has come,

and his Bride has made herself ready.

Blessed are those who are invited

to the marriage supper of the Lamb. (Rev. 19:6-7, 9)

Preface: Sundays after Pentecost

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TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Prayer of the Day

Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your
faithful people to seek more eagerly
the help you offer, that, at the last,
they may enjoy the fruit of salva-
tion; through our Lord Jesus Christ.

(105)

Psalms and Lessons

A. Psalm 90:12-17

Prosper the work of our hands. (v. 17)

Hosea 11:1-4, 8-9

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Matthew 25:14-30

B. Psalm 107:1-3, 33-43

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good. (v. 1)

1 Kings 17:8-16

Hebrews 9:24-28

Mark 12:41-44

C. Psalm 148

His splendor is over earth and heaven. (v. 13)

1 Chronicles 29:10-13

2 Thessalonians 2:13-3:5

Luke 20:27-38

Verse

Alleluia. Let the word of the Lord speed you on and
triumph, for the Lord is faithful and will strengthen
us. Alleluia. (2 Thess. 3:1 ff.)

Offertory

Alleluia! The Lord our God the Almighty reigns.

Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory,

for the marriage of the Lamb has come,

and his Bride has made herself ready.

Blessed are those who are invited
to the marriage supper of the Lamb. (Rev. 19:6-7, 9)

Preface: Sundays after Pentecost

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TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Prayer of the Day

Lord God, so rule and govern our
hearts and minds by your Holy
Spirit that, always keeping in mind
the end of all things and the day of
judgment, we may be stirred up to
holiness of life here and may live
with you forever in the world to
come, through your Son, Jesus Christ
our Lord. (106)

Psalms and Lessons

A. Psalm 131

Wait upon the Lord. (v. 4)

Malachi 2:1-2, 4-10

1 Thessalonians 2:8-13

Matthew 23:1-12

B. Psalm 16

You will show me the path of life. (v. 11)

Daniel 12:1-3

Hebrews 10:11-18

Mark 13:1-13

C. Psalm 98

In righteousness shall he judge. (v. 10)

Malachi 4:1-2a (. . . in its wings)

2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

Luke 21:5-19

Verse

Alleluia. Watch, therefore, for you do not know on
what day your Lord is coming. Alleluia. (Matt. 24:42)

Offertory

I am already on the point of being sacrificed; the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved his appearing.

(2 Tim. 4:6-8)

Preface: Sundays after Pentecost

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TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Prayer of the Day

Almighty and ever-living God, before the earth was formed and even after it ceases to be, you are God. Break into our short span of life and let us see the signs of your final will and purpose, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. (107)

Psalms and Lessons

A. Psalm 105:1-7

He is the Lord our God. (v. 7)

Jeremiah 26:1-6

1 Thessalonians 3:7-13

Matthew 24:1-14

B. Psalm 111

The works of his hands are faithfulness and justice. (v. 7)

Daniel 7:9-10

Hebrews 13:20-21

Mark 13:24-31

C. Psalm 68:1-4

YAHWEH is his name; rejoice before him! (v. 4)

Isaiah 52:1-6

1 Corinthians 15:54-58

Luke 19:11-27

Verse

Alleluia. Watch at all times, praying that you may have strength to escape all the things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.

Alleluia. (Luke 21:36)

Offertory

We give thanks, Lord God Almighty,
who is and who was,
that you have taken your great power
and begun to reign.

Fear God and give him glory,
for the hour of judgment has come;

and worship him who made heaven and earth,
the sea and the fountains of water.

(Rev. 11:17; 14:7)

Preface: Sundays after Pentecost

Color: green

CHRIST THE KING Last Sunday after Pentecost

Prayer of the Day

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things to your beloved Son, whom you anointed priest forever and king of all creation: Grant that all the people of the earth, now divided by the power of sin, may be united under the glorious and gentle rule of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (108)

Psalms and Lessons

A. Psalm 95:1-7a

We are the people of his pasture. (v. 7)

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 23-24

1 Corinthians 15:20-28

Matthew 25:31-46

B. Psalm 93

The Lord is king. (v. 1)

Daniel 7:13-14

Revelation 1:4b-8 (Grace to you . . .)

John 18:33-37

C. Psalm 95:1-7a

We are the people of his pasture. (v. 7)

Jeremiah 23:2-6

Colossians 1:13-20

Luke 23:35-43

Verse

Alleluia. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.

Alleluia. (Rev. 22:13)

Offertory

Beloved, we are God's children now; it does not yet appear what we shall be, but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. And all who thus hope in him purify themselves as he is pure. (1 John 3:2-3)

Preface: Sundays after Pentecost

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LESSER FESTIVALS

ST. ANDREW, APOSTLE

November 30

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, as the apostle Andrew readily obeyed the call of Christ and followed him without delay, grant that we, called by your holy Word, may in glad obedience offer ourselves to your service; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (109)

Psalms and Lessons

Psalms 19:1-6

Their sound has gone out into all lands. (v. 4)

Ezekiel 3:16-21

Romans 10:10-18

John 1:35-42

Verse

Alleluia. You shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem and Samaria and to the ends of the earth.

Alleluia. (Acts 1:8)

Offertory

Sing to the Lord, bless his name;

tell of his salvation from day to day.

Declare his glory among the nations,

his marvelous works among all peoples!

For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised.

Honor and majesty are before him;

strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.

(Ps. 96:2-4, 6)

Preface: Apostles

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ST. THOMAS, APOSTLE

December 21

Prayer of the Day

Almighty and ever-living God, you have given great and precious promises to those who believe. Grant us that perfect faith which overcomes

all doubts; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (110)

Psalms and Lessons

Psalms 136:1-4, 23-26

For his mercy endures forever. (part b of all verses)

Judges 6:36-40

Ephesians 4:11-16

John 14:1-7

Verse

Alleluia. You shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem and Samaria and to the ends of the earth.

Alleluia. (Acts 1:8)

Offertory

Sing to the Lord, bless his name;

tell of his salvation from day to day.

Declare his glory among the nations,

his marvelous works among all peoples!

For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised.

Honor and majesty are before him;

strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.

(Ps. 96:2-4, 6)

Preface: Apostles

Color: red

ST. STEPHEN,

DEACON AND MARTYR

December 26

Prayer of the Day

Grant us grace, O Lord, that like Stephen we may learn to love even our enemies and seek forgiveness for those who desire our hurt; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (111)

Psalms and Lessons

Psalms 17:1-9, 16

I call upon you, O God, for you will answer

me. (v. 6)

2 Chronicles 24:17-22

Acts 6:8-7:2a (. . . Stephen said), 51-60

Matthew 23:34-39

Verse

Alleluia. Blessed are those who are persecuted for

righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Alleluia. (Matt. 5:10)

Offertory

I trust in the Lord.
I will rejoice
and be glad for your steadfast love.
Let your face shine on your servant;
save me in your steadfast love!
In the covert of your presence you hide us
from the plots of the wicked;
You hold us safe under your shelter
from the strife of tongues. (Ps. 31:6-7, 16, 20)

Preface: Christmas

Color: red

ST. JOHN, APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST

December 27

Prayer of the Day

Merciful Lord, let the brightness of your light shine on your Church, so that all of us, instructed by the teachings of John, your apostle and evangelist, may walk in the light of your truth and attain eternal life; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (112)

Psalms and Lessons

Psalm 116:10-17
Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his servants. (v. 13)
Genesis 1:1-5, 26-31
1 John 1:1-2:2
John 21:20-25

Verse

Alleluia. For the word of the cross is the power of God to us who are being saved.
Alleluia. (1 Cor. 1:18)

Offertory

And his gifts were that some should be apostles, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for the building up of the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God.

(Eph. 4:11-13)

Preface: Apostles or Christmas

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THE HOLY INNOCENTS, MARTYRS

December 28

Prayer of the Day

We remember today, O God, the slaughter of the holy innocents of Bethlehem by order of King Herod. Receive, we pray, into the arms of your mercy all innocent victims, and by your great might frustrate the designs of evil tyrants and establish your rule of justice, love, and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (113)

Psalms and Lessons

Psalm 124
We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowler. (v. 7)
Jeremiah 31:15-17
1 Peter 4:12-19
Matthew 2:13-18

Verse

Alleluia. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Alleluia. (Matt. 5:10)

Offertory

I trust in the Lord.
I will rejoice
and be glad for your steadfast love.
Let your face shine on your servant;
save me in your steadfast love!
In the covert of your presence you hide us
from the plots of the wicked;
You hold us safe under your shelter
from the strife of tongues. (Ps. 31:6-7, 16, 20)

Preface: Christmas

Color: red

THE NAME OF JESUS

January 1

Prayer of the Day

Eternal Father, you gave your Son the name of Jesus to be a sign of

our salvation. Plant in every heart the love of the Savior of the world, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (114)

Psalms and Lessons

Psalms 8

He will save his people from their sins. (Matt. 1:21)

Numbers 6:22-27

Romans 1:1-7

or Philippians 2:9-13

Luke 2:21

Verse

Alleluia. At the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth.

Alleluia. (Phil. 2:10)

Offertory

Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving,
and pay your vows to the Most High.

Those who bring thanksgiving as their sacrifice
honor me;

to those who order their ways right

I will show the salvation of God. (Ps. 50:14, 23)

Preface: Christmas

Color: white

THE CONFESSION

OF ST. PETER

January 18

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, you inspired Simon Peter to confess Jesus as the Messiah and Son of the living God. Keep your Church firm on the rock of this faith, that in unity and peace it may proclaim one truth and follow one Lord, your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (115)

Psalms and Lessons

Psalms 18:1-7, 17-20

I love you, O Lord my strength. (v. 1)

Acts 4:8-13

1 Corinthians 10:1-5

Matthew 16:13-19

Verse

Alleluia. You shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem and Samaria and to the ends of the earth.

Alleluia. (Acts 1:8)

Offertory

Sing to the Lord, bless his name;

tell of his salvation from day to day.

Declare his glory among the nations,

his marvelous works among all peoples!

For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised.

Honor and majesty are before him;

strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.

Preface: Apostles

(Ps. 96:2-4, 6)

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THE CONVERSION

OF ST. PAUL

January 25

Prayer of the Day

Lord God, through the preaching of your apostle Paul, you established one Church from among the nations. As we celebrate his conversion, we pray that we may follow his example and be witnesses to the truth in your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (116)

Psalms and Lessons

Psalms 67

Let all the peoples praise you. (v. 3)

Acts 9:1-22

Galatians 1:11-24

Luke 21:10-19

Verse

Alleluia. This Jesus God raised up, and of that we are all witnesses. Alleluia. (Acts 2:32)

Offertory

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Declare his glory among the nations,

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strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.

(Ps. 96:2-4, 6)

Preface: Apostles

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THE PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD

February 2

Prayer of the Day

Blessed are you, O Lord our God,
for you have sent us your salvation.
Inspire us by your Holy Spirit to see
with our own eyes him who is the
glory of Israel and the light for all
nations, your Son, Jesus Christ our
Lord. (117)

Psalms and Lessons

Psalm 84

How dear to me is your dwelling, O Lord. (v. 1)

1 Samuel 1:21-28

Hebrews 2:14-18

Luke 2:22-40

Verse

Alleluia. My eyes have seen your salvation.

Alleluia. (Luke 2:30)

Offertory

Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving,
and pay your vows to the Most High.
Those who bring thanksgiving as their sacrifice
honor me;
to those who order their ways right
I will show the salvation of God. (Ps. 50:14, 23)

Preface: Christmas

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ST. MATTHIAS, APOSTLE

February 24

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, you chose your faithful
servant Matthias to be numbered
among the Twelve. Grant that your
Church, being delivered from false
apostles, may always be taught and
guided by faithful and true pastors;
through your Son, Jesus Christ our
Lord, who lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit, one God, now
and forever. (118)

Psalms and Lessons

Psalm 56

I am bound by the vow I made to you, O

God. (v. 11)

Isaiah 66:1-2

Acts 1:15-26

Luke 6:12-16

Verse

Alleluia. If any serve me, the Father will honor
them. Alleluia. (John 12:26)

Offertory

The Lord leads me in paths of righteousness
for his name's sake.

You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil,
my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life;

and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.
(Ps. 23:3-6)

Preface: Apostles

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THE ANNUNCIATION

OF OUR LORD

March 25

Prayer of the Day

Pour your grace into our hearts, O
Lord, that we, who have known the
incarnation of your Son, Jesus
Christ, announced by an angel, may
by his cross and Passion be brought
to the glory of his resurrection; who
lives and reigns with you and the
Holy Spirit, one God, now and for-
ever. (119)

Psalms and Lessons

Psalm 45

The virgin shall be with child and bear a son and shall
name him Immanuel. (Isa. 7:14)

Isaiah 7:10-14 (add: for God is with us [8:10c])

1 Timothy 3:16

Luke 1:26-38

Verse

Alleluia. Hail, O favored one, the Lord is with you!
The Holy Spirit will come upon you.

Alleluia. (Luke 1:28, 35)

OR

Alleluia. Behold, henceforth all generations will call me blessed; for he who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name.

Alleluia. (Luke 1:48-49)

Offertory

Who is like the Lord our God,
who is seated on high,
who looks far down

upon the heavens and the earth?
He raises the poor from the dust,
and lifts the needy from the ash heap,
to make them sit on thrones
and with the rulers of his people.

(Ps. 113:5-8)

Preface: Christmas

Color: white

ST. MARK, EVANGELIST

April 25

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, you have enriched your Church with Mark's proclamation of the Gospel. Give us grace to believe firmly in the good news of salvation and to walk daily in accord with it; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (120)

Psalms and Lessons

Psalm 57

How lovely are the feet of the herald who brings good news! (Isa. 52:7)

Isaiah 52:7-10

2 Timothy 4:6-11, 18

Mark 1:1-15

Verse

Alleluia. This Jesus God raised up, and of that we are all witnesses. Alleluia. (Acts 2:32)

Offertory

Sing to the Lord, bless his name;
tell of his salvation from day to day.

Declare his glory among the nations,
his marvelous works among all peoples!

For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised.

Honor and majesty are before him;
strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.

(Ps. 96:2-4, 6)

Preface: All Saints

Color: red

ST. PHILIP AND ST. JAMES, APOSTLES

May 1

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, to know you is to have eternal life. Grant us to know your Son as the way, the truth, and the life; and guide our footsteps along the way of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (121)

Psalms and Lessons

Psalm 44:1-3, 20-26

Save us for the sake of your steadfast love. (v. 26)

Isaiah 30:18-21

2 Corinthians 4:1-6

John 14:8-14

Verse

Alleluia. You shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem and Samaria and to the ends of the earth.

Alleluia. (Acts 1:8)

Offertory

Sing to the Lord, bless his name;
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Declare his glory among the nations,
his marvelous works among all peoples!

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Honor and majesty are before him;
strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.

(Ps. 96:2-4, 6)

Preface: Apostles

Color: red

THE VISITATION

May 31

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, in choosing the virgin Mary to be the mother of your Son, you made known your gracious regard for the poor and the lowly and the despised. Grant us grace to receive your Word in humility, and

so to be made one with your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and
reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. (122)

Psalms and Lessons

Psalm 113

Praise the name of the Lord. (v. 1)

Isaiah 11:1-5

Romans 12:9-16

Luke 1:39-47

Verse

Alleluia. My eyes have seen your salvation.

Alleluia. (Luke 2:30)

Offertory

Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving,
and pay your vows to the Most High.
Those who bring thanksgiving as their sacrifice
honor me;
to those who order their ways right
I will show the salvation of God. (Ps. 50:14, 23)

Preface: Christmas

Color: white

ST. BARNABAS, APOSTLE **June 11**

Prayer of the Day

Grant, almighty God, that we may
follow the example of your faithful
servant Barnabas, who, seeking not
his own renown but the well-being
of your Church, gave generously of
his life and substance for the relief
of the poor and the spread of the
Gospel; through Jesus Christ our
Lord, who lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit, one God, now
and forever. (123)

Psalms and Lessons

Psalm 112

Happy are they who fear the Lord. (v. 1)

Isaiah 42:5-12

Acts 11:19-30; 13:1-3

Matthew 10:7-16

Verse

Alleluia. This Jesus God raised up, and of that we
are all witnesses. Alleluia. (Acts 2:32)

Offertory

Sing to the Lord, bless his name;
tell of his salvation from day to day.
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his marvelous works among all peoples!
For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised.
Honor and majesty are before him;
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(Ps. 96:2-4, 6)

Preface: Apostles

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THE NATIVITY **OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST** **June 24**

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, you called John the
Baptist to give witness to the coming
of your Son and to prepare his way.
Grant to your people the wisdom to
see your purpose and the openness
to hear your will, that we too may
witness to Christ's coming and so
prepare his way; through your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and
reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. (124)

Psalms and Lessons

Psalm 141

My eyes are turned to you, Lord God. (v. 8)

Malachi 3:1-4

Acts 13:13-26

Luke 1:57-67 (68-80)

Verse

Alleluia. Blessed are those who are persecuted for
righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of
heaven. Alleluia. (Matt. 5:10)

Offertory

I trust in the Lord.
I will rejoice and be glad for your steadfast love.
Let your face shine on your servant;
save me in your steadfast love!
In the covert of your presence you hide us
from the plots of the wicked;
You hold us safe under your shelter
from the strife of tongues. (Ps. 31:6-7, 16, 20)

Preface: Advent

Color: white

ST. PETER AND ST. PAUL, APOSTLES

June 29

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, whose blessed apostles Peter and Paul glorified you by their martyrdom: Grant that your Church, instructed by their teaching and example, and knit together in unity by your Spirit, may ever stand firm upon the one foundation, which is Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (125)

Psalms and Lessons

Psalm 87:1-2, 4-6

Glorious things are spoken of you, O city of our God! (v. 2)

Ezekiel 34:11-16

1 Corinthians 3:16-23

Mark 8:27-35

Verse

Alleluia. This Jesus God raised up, and of that we are all witnesses. Alleluia. (Acts 2:32)

Offertory

Sing to the Lord, bless his name;
tell of his salvation from day to day.

Declare his glory among the nations,
his marvelous works among all peoples!

For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised.

Honor and majesty are before him;

strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.

(Ps. 96:2-4, 6)

Preface: Apostles

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ST. MARY MAGDALENE July 22

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ restored Mary Magdalene to health of body and mind, and called her to be a witness of his resurrection. Heal us now in body and mind,

and call us to serve you in the power of the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (126)

Psalms and Lessons

Psalm 73:23-29

Whom have I in heaven but you? (v. 25)

Ruth 1:6-18

or Exodus 2:1-10

Acts 13:26-33a

John 20:1-2, 11-18

Verse

Alleluia. If any serve me, the Father will honor them. Alleluia. (John 12:26)

Offertory

The Lord leads me in paths of righteousness
for his name's sake.

You prepare a table before me

in the presence of my enemies;

you anoint my head with oil, my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me

all the days of my life;

and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

(Ps. 23:3-6)

Preface: All Saints

Color: white

ST. JAMES THE ELDER, APOSTLE

July 25

Prayer of the Day

O gracious God, we remember before you today your servant and apostle James, first among the Twelve to suffer martyrdom for the name of Jesus Christ. Pour out upon the leaders of your Church that spirit of self-denying service which is the true mark of authority among your people; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (127)

Psalms and Lessons

Psalm 7:1-11

God is my shield and defense. (v. 11)

1 Kings 19:9-18

Acts 11:27-12:3a

Mark 10:35-45

Verse

Alleluia. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Alleluia. (Matt. 5:10)

Offertory

I trust in the Lord.

I will rejoice and be glad for your steadfast love.

Let your face shine on your servant;
save me in your steadfast love!

In the covert of your presence you hide us
from the plots of the wicked;

You hold us safe under your shelter
from the strife of tongues. (Ps. 31:6-7, 16, 20)

Preface: Apostles

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MARY, MOTHER OF OUR LORD August 15

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, you chose the virgin Mary to be the mother of your only Son. Grant that we, who have been redeemed by his blood, may share with her in the glory of your eternal kingdom; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (128)

Psalms and Lessons

Psalm 45:11-16

Hail, O favored one, the Lord is with you! (Luke 1:28)

Isaiah 61:7-11

Galatians 4:4-7

Luke 1:46-55

Verse

Alleluia. Hail, O favored one, the Lord is with you! The Holy Spirit will come upon you. Alleluia. (Luke 1:28, 35)

OR

Alleluia. Behold, henceforth all generations will call me blessed; for he who is mighty has done great

things for me, and holy is his name.

Alleluia. (Luke 1:48-49)

Offertory

Who is like the Lord our God,

who is seated on high,

who looks far down

upon the heavens and the earth?

He raises the poor from the dust,

and lifts the needy from the ash heap,

to make them sit on thrones

and with the rulers of his people.

(Ps. 113:5-8)

Preface: All Saints

Color: white

ST. BARTHOLOMEW, APOSTLE August 24

Prayer of the Day

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 what he believed and preach what he taught; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (129)

Psalms and Lessons

Psalm 12

The words of the Lord are pure. (v. 6)

Exodus 19:1-6

1 Corinthians 12:27-31a

John 1:43-51

Verse

Alleluia. How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good tidings, who publishes salvation. Alleluia. (Isa. 52:7)

Offertory

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strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.

(Ps. 96:2-4, 6)

Preface: Apostles

Color: red

HOLY CROSS DAY

September 14

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ was lifted high upon the cross so that he might draw the whole world to himself. Grant that we who glory in his death for our salvation may also glory in his call to take up our cross and follow him; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (130)

Psalms and Lessons

Psalms 98:1-5

The Lord has made known his victory. (v. 3)

Isaiah 45:21-25

1 Corinthians 1:18-24

John 12:20-33

Verse

Alleluia. Far be it from me to glory except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ. Alleluia. (Gal. 6:14)

Offertory

Our Lord Jesus emptied himself and became obedient to death, even death on a cross. Therefore, God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. (Phil. 2:7-11)

Preface: Passion

Color: red

ST. MATTHEW, APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST

September 21

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, your Son our Savior called a despised collector of taxes to become one of his apostles. Help us, like Matthew, to respond to the transforming call of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and

reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (131)

Psalms and Lessons

Psalms 119:33-40

Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes. (v. 33)

Ezekiel 2:8-3:11

Ephesians 2:4-10

Matthew 9:9-13

Verse

Alleluia. You shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem and Samaria and to the ends of the earth.

Alleluia. (Acts 1:8)

Offertory

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his marvelous works among all peoples!

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strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.

(Ps. 96:2-4, 6)

Preface: Apostles

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ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS

September 29

Prayer of the Day

Everlasting God, you have ordained and constituted in a wonderful order the ministries of angels and mortals. Mercifully grant that, as your holy angels always serve and worship you in heaven, so by your appointment they may help and defend us here on earth; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (132)

Psalms and Lessons

Psalms 103:1-5, 20-22

Bless the Lord, O my soul. (v. 1)

Daniel 10:10-14; 12:1-3

Revelation 12:7-12

Luke 10:17-20

Verse

Alleluia. Bless the Lord. O you his angels, you mighty ones who do his word. Alleluia. (Ps. 103:20)

Offertory

Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, saying with a loud voice, "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!" (Rev. 5:11-12)

Preface: Weekdays or Sundays after Pentecost

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ST. LUKE, EVANGELIST

October 18

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, you inspired your servant Luke the physician to reveal in his Gospel the love and healing power of your Son. Give your Church the same love and power to heal, to the glory of your name; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (133)

Psalms and Lessons

Psalms 124

Our help is in the name of the Lord. (v. 8)

Isaiah 43:8-13

or Isaiah 35:5-8

2 Timothy 4:5-11

Luke 1:1-4; 24:44 (Then *Jesus* said . . .)-53*

Verse

Alleluia. How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good tidings, who publishes salvation. Alleluia. (Isa. 52:7)

Offertory

Sing to the Lord, bless his name;

tell of his salvation from day to day.

Declare his glory among the nations,

his marvelous works among all peoples!

For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised.

Honor and majesty are before him;

strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.

(Ps. 96:2-4, 6)

Preface: All Saints

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ST. SIMON AND ST. JUDE, APOSTLES

October 28

Prayer of the Day

O God, we thank you for the glorious company of the apostles and, especially on this day, for Simon and Jude. We pray that, as they were faithful and zealous in their mission, so we may with ardent devotion make known the love and mercy of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (134)

Psalms and Lessons

Psalms 11

In the Lord have I taken refuge. (v. 1)

Jeremiah 26:(1-6) 7-16

1 John 4:1-6

John 14:21-27

Verse

Alleluia. You shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem and Samaria and to the ends of the earth.

Alleluia. (Acts 1:8)

Offertory

Sing to the Lord, bless his name;

tell of his salvation from day to day.

Declare his glory among the nations,

his marvelous works among all peoples!

For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised.

Honor and majesty are before him;

strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.

(Ps. 96:2-4, 6)

Preface: Apostles

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REFORMATION DAY

October 31

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, gracious Lord, pour out your Holy Spirit upon your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your Word, protect and comfort them in all temptations, defend them

against all their enemies, and bestow on the Church your saving peace; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (135)

Psalms and Lessons

Psalm 46

The Lord of hosts is with us. (v. 8)

Jeremiah 31:31–34

Romans 3:19–28

John 8:31–36

Verse

Alleluia. If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free. Alleluia. (John 8:31–32)

Offertory

I appeal to you, therefore, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your minds, that you may prove what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect. (Rom. 12:1–2)

Preface: Weekdays or Sundays after Pentecost

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ALL SAINTS' DAY

November 1

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, whose people are knit together in one holy Church, the body of Christ our Lord: Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (136)

Psalms and Lessons

Psalm 34:1–10

Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord. (v. 3)

Isaiah 26:1–4, 8–9, 12–13, 19–21

Revelation 21:9–11, 22–27 (22:1–5)

Matthew 5:1–12

Verse

Alleluia. They are before the throne of God, and he who sits upon the throne will shelter them with his presence. Alleluia. (Rev. 7:15)

Offertory

Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and his Bride has made herself ready; it was granted her to be clothed with fine linen bright and pure—for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints.

(Rev. 19:7–8)

Preface: All Saints

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COMMEMORATIONS

SAINTS

Prayer of the Day

Lord God, you have surrounded us with so great a cloud of witnesses. Grant that we [encouraged by the example of your *servant/servants* _____] may persevere in the course that is set before us, to be living signs of the Gospel and at last, with all the saints, to share in your eternal joy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. (137)

Psalms and Lessons

Psalm 9:1–10

Those who know your name will put their trust in you. (v. 10)

Micah 6:6–8

1 Corinthians 1:26–31

Luke 6:20–23

Verse

Alleluia. He who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. I am the door of the sheep.

Alleluia. (John 10:2, 7)

OR

Alleluia. If any serve me, the Father will honor them. Alleluia. (John 12:26)

Offertory

The Lord leads me in paths of righteousness
for his name's sake.
You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life;
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.
(Ps. 23:3-6)

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MARTYRS

Prayer of the Day

Gracious Lord, in every age you
have sent men and women who have
given their lives for the message of
your love. Inspire us with the mem-
ory of those martyrs for the Gospel
[like your *servant/servants*

_____] whose faith-
fulness led them in the way of the
cross, and give us courage to bear
full witness with our lives to your
Son's victory over sin and death;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. (138)

Psalms and Lessons

Psalms 5
All those who take refuge in you will be glad. (v. 13)
Ezekiel 20:40-42
Revelation 6:9-11
Mark 8:34-38

Verse

Alleluia. Blessed are those who are persecuted for
righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of
heaven. Alleluia. (Matt. 5:10)

OR

Alleluia. Blessed are those who endure trial for Jesus'
sake, for when they have stood the test, he will give
them the crown of life. Alleluia. (James 1:12)

Offertory

I trust in the Lord.
I will rejoice and be glad for your steadfast love.
Let your face shine on your servant;
save me in your steadfast love!
In the covert of your presence you hide us
from the plots of the wicked;
You hold us safe under your shelter
from the strife of tongues. (Ps. 31:6-7, 16, 20)

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MISSIONARIES

Prayer of the Day

God of grace and might, we praise
you for your *servant/servants*
_____, to whom
you gave gifts to make the good
news known. Raise up, we pray, in
every country, heralds and evangel-
ists of your kingdom, so that the
world may know the immeasurable
riches of our Savior, Jesus Christ our
Lord. (139)

Psalms and Lessons

Psalms 48
*I have posted watchmen on your walls, Jeru-
salem.* (Isa. 62:6)
Isaiah 62:1-7
Romans 10:11-17
Luke 24:44-53

Verse

Alleluia. For the word of the cross is the power of
God to us who are being saved.
Alleluia. (1 Cor. 1:18)

Offertory

And his gifts were that some should be apostles,
some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the
work of ministry, for the building up of the body of
Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith
and of the knowledge of the Son of God.
(Eph. 4:11-13)

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RENEWERS OF THE CHURCH

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, we praise you for the
men and women you have sent to
call the Church to its tasks and
renew its life [such as your *servant/
servants* _____].
Raise up in our own day teachers
and prophets inspired by your Spirit,
whose voices will give strength to
your Church and proclaim the real-
ity of your kingdom; through your
Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. (140)

Psalms and Lessons

Psalms 46

The Lord of hosts is with us. (v. 8)

Jeremiah 1:4-10

1 Corinthians 3:11-23

Mark 10:35-45

Verse

Alleluia. For the word of the cross is the power of God to us who are being saved.

Alleluia. (1 Cor. 1:18)

Offertory

And his gifts were that some should be apostles, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for the building up of the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God.

(Eph. 4:11-13)

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RENEWERS OF SOCIETY

Prayer of the Day

Lord God, your Son came among us to serve and not to be served, and to give his life for the world. Lead us by his love to serve all those to whom the world offers no comfort and little help. Through us give hope to the hopeless, love to the unloved, peace to the troubled, and rest to the weary; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. (141)

OR

Holy and righteous God, you created us in your image. Grant us grace to contend fearlessly against evil and to make no peace with oppression.

Help us [like your *servant/servants* _____]

name

to use our freedom to bring justice among people and nations, to the glory of your name; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. (142)

Psalms and Lessons

Psalms 94:1-14

The Lord will not abandon his people. (v. 14)

Hosea 2:18-23

Romans 12:9-21

Luke 6:20-36

Verse

Alleluia. Let your light so shine before others, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven. Alleluia. (Matt. 5:16)

Offertory

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God. (Matt. 5:6-9)

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PASTORS AND BISHOPS

Prayer of the Day

Heavenly Father, shepherd of your people, we thank you for your *servant/servants* _____, who *was/were* faithful in the care and nurture of your flock; and we pray that, following *his/her* example and the teaching of *his/her* holy life, we may by your grace grow into the full stature of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. (143)

OR

Almighty God, you have raised up faithful bishops and leaders of your Church. May the memory of their lives be a source of joy for us and a bulwark of our faith, so that we may serve you and confess your name before the world; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. (144)

Psalms and Lessons

Psalms 84

My heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God. (v. 1)

Ezekiel 34:11-16

or Acts 20:17-35

1 Peter 5:1-4

or Ephesians 3:14-21

John 21:15-17

or Matthew 24:42-47

Verse

Alleluia. For the word of the cross is the power of God to us who are being saved.

Alleluia. (1 Cor. 1:18)

Offertory

And his gifts were that some should be apostles, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for the building up of the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God.

(Eph. 4:11-13)

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THEOLOGIANS

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, your Holy Spirit gives to one the word of wisdom, and to another the word of knowledge, and to another the word of faith. We praise you for the gifts of grace imparted to your *servant/servants* _____, and we pray that by *his/her* teaching we may be led to a fuller knowledge of the truth which we have seen in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. (145)

Psalms and Lessons

Psalms 119:89-104

How sweet are your words to my taste. (v. 103)

Proverbs 3:1-7

or Wisdom 7:7-14

1 Corinthians 2:6-10, 13-16

or 1 Corinthians 3:5-11

John 17:18-23

or Matthew 13:47-52

Verse

Alleluia. If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free. Alleluia. (John 8:31-32)

Offertory

I appeal to you, therefore, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your minds, that you may prove what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect. (Rom. 12:1-2)

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ARTISTS AND SCIENTISTS

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, beautiful in majesty, majestic in holiness: You have shown us the splendor of creation in the work of your *servant/servants*

_____. Teach us to drive from the world the ugliness of chaos and disorder, that our eyes may not be blind to your glory, and that at length everyone may know the inexhaustible richness of your new creation in Jesus Christ our Lord. (146)

Psalms and Lessons

Psalms 96

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness. (v. 9)

Isaiah 28:5-6

or Hosea 14:5-8

or 2 Chronicles 20:20-21

Philippians 4:8-9

or Ephesians 5:18b-20

Matthew 13:44-52

Verse

Alleluia. Your words became a joy to me, and the delight of my heart. Alleluia. (Jer. 15:16)

Offertory

Sing to the Lord, bless his name;

tell of his salvation from day to day.

Declare his glory among the nations,

his marvelous works among all peoples!

For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised.

Honor and majesty are before him;

strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.

(Ps. 96:2-4, 6)

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OCCASIONS

UNITY

Prayer of the Day

God our Father, your Son Jesus prayed that his followers might be one. Make all Christians one with

him as he is one with you, so that in peace and concord we may carry to the world the message of your love; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (147)

Psalms and Lessons

Psalm 133

How good and pleasant it is to live together in unity. (v. 1)

Isaiah 2:2-4

Ephesians 4:1-6

John 17:15-23

Verse

Alleluia. There is one body and one Spirit, one Lord, one faith, one Baptism, one God and Father of us all. Alleluia. (Eph. 4:4-6)

Offertory

Put on, then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassion, kindness, lowliness, meekness, and patience; and above all, put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful.

(Col. 3:12-15)

Color: of the season

DEDICATION AND ANNIVERSARY

Prayer of the Day

Most High God, whom the heavens cannot contain, we give you thanks for the gifts of those who have built this house of prayer to your glory; we praise you for the fellowship of those who by their use *will make it/have made it* holy; and we pray that all who seek you here may find you and be filled with your joy and peace; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. (148)

OR

O God, you have promised through your Son to be with your Church

forever. We give you thanks for those who founded this community of believers and for the signs of your presence in our congregation. Increase in us the spirit of faith and love, and make us worthy of our heritage. Knit us together in the communion of saints, and make our fellowship an example to all believers and to all nations. We pray through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. (149)

Psalms and Lessons

Psalm 84

The Lord God is both sun and shield. (v. 10)

1 Kings 8:22-30

1 Peter 2:1-9

John 10:22-30

Verse

Alleluia. I have chosen and consecrated this house that my name may be there forever.

Alleluia. (2 Chron. 7:16)

Offertory

I was glad when they said to me,

“Let us go to the house of the Lord!”

Peace be within your walls,

and security within your towers!

For my brethren and my companions' sake

I will say, “Peace be within you!”

For the sake of the house of the Lord our God,

I will seek your good. (Ps. 122:1, 7-9)

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HARVEST

Prayer of the Day

O Lord, maker of all things, you open your hand and satisfy the desire of every living creature. We praise you for crowning the fields with your blessings and enabling us once more to gather in the fruits of the earth. Teach us to use your gifts carefully, that our land may continue to yield her increase; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. (150)

Psalms and Lessons

Psalms 65

You crown the year with your goodness. (v. 12)

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

2 Corinthians 9:6-15

Matthew 13:24-30 (36-43)

Verse

Alleluia. God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that you may always have enough of everything and may provide in abundance for every good work. Alleluia. (2 Cor. 9:8)

Offertory

Mountains and all hills,
fruit trees and all cedars!
Beasts and all cattle,
creeping things and flying birds!
Kings of the earth and all people,
princes and all rulers of the earth!
Young men and maidens together,
old men and children!
Let them praise the name of the Lord,
for his name alone is exalted;
his glory is above earth and heaven.

(Ps. 148:9-13)

Color: of the season

DAY OF PENITENCE

Prayer of the Day

Lord God, accept our humble confession of the wrongs we have done, the injustice to which we have been party, and the countless denials of your mercy we have expressed. Turn us toward the love offered in your Son, and cleanse us by your grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. (151)

These prayers may be used in observing a Day of Penitence for the slaying by Christians of others because of their faith, or race, or nation. The occasion may coincide with a local remembrance of the Holocaust. The following Prayer of the Day may be used.

Almighty God, in penitence we come before you, acknowledging the sin that is within us. We share the guilt of all those who, bearing the name Christian, slay their fellow human beings because of race or

faith or nation. Whether killing or standing silent while others kill, we crucify our Lord anew. Forgive us and change us by your love, that your Word of hope may be heard clearly throughout the world; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. (152)

Psalms and Lessons

Psalms 6

Save me for your mercy's sake. (v. 4)

Nehemiah 1:4-11a

1 John 1:5-2:2

Luke 15:11-32

Verse

Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love. (Joel 2:13)

Offertory

Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from your presence,
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and uphold me with your free Spirit.

(Ps. 51:10-12)

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NATIONAL HOLIDAY

Prayer of the Day

Lord of the nations, guide our people by your Spirit to go forward in justice and freedom. Give us what outward prosperity may be your will, but above all things give us faith in you, that our nation may bring glory to your name and blessings to all peoples; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. (153)

Psalms and Lessons

Psalms 20

We will call upon the name of the Lord our God. (v. 7)

Jeremiah 29:4-14

Romans 13:1-10

Mark 12:13-17

Verse

Alleluia. If any serve me, the Father will honor them. Alleluia. (John 12:26)

Offertory

Mountains and all hills,
fruit trees and all cedars!
Beasts and all cattle,
creeping things and flying birds!
Kings of the earth and all people,
princes and all rulers of the earth!
Young men and maidens together,
old men and children!
Let them praise the name of the Lord,
for his name alone is exalted;
his glory is above earth and heaven.
(Ps. 148:9-13)

Color: of the season

PEACE

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, all thoughts of truth and peace come from you. Kindle in the hearts of all your children the love of peace, and guide with your wisdom the leaders of the nations, so that your kingdom will go forward in peace and the earth will be filled with the knowledge of your love; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. (154)

Psalms and Lessons

Psalm 85
They shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks. (Isa. 2:4)
Micah 4:1-5
Ephesians 2:13-18
John 15:9-12

Verse

Alleluia. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the children of God. Alleluia. (Matt. 5:9)

Offertory

Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet;
righteousness and peace will kiss each other.
Faithfulness will spring up from the ground,
and righteousness will look down from the sky.
Yes, the Lord will give what is good,
and our land will yield its increase.
Righteousness will go before him,
and make his footsteps a way. (Ps. 85:10-12)

Color: of the season

DAY OF THANKSGIVING

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God our Father, your generous goodness comes to us new every day. By the work of your Spirit lead us to acknowledge your goodness, give thanks for your benefits, and serve you in willing obedience; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. (155)

Psalms and Lessons

Psalm 65
You are to be praised, O God, in Zion. (v. 1)
Deuteronomy 8:1-10
Philippians 4:6-20
or 1 Timothy 2:1-4
Luke 17:11-19

Verse

Alleluia. God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that you may always have enough of everything and may provide in abundance for every good work. Alleluia. (2 Cor. 9:8)

Offertory

Mountains and all hills,
fruit trees and all cedars!
Beasts and all cattle,
creeping things and flying birds!
Kings of the earth and all people,
princes and all rulers of the earth!
Young men and maidens together,
old men and children!
Let them praise the name of the Lord,
for his name alone is exalted;
his glory is above earth and heaven.
(Ps. 148:9-13)

Color: white

STEWARDSHIP OF CREATION

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, Lord of heaven and earth, we humbly pray that your gracious providence may give and preserve to our use the fruitfulness of the land and of the seas, and may prosper all who labor therein, that

we, who are constantly receiving good things from your hand, may always give you thanks; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. (156)

OR

O merciful Creator, your hand is open wide to satisfy the needs of every living creature. Make us always thankful for your loving providence; and grant that we, remembering the account that we must one day give, may be faithful stewards of your good gifts; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. (157)

OR

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ in his earthly life shared our toil and hallowed our labor: Be present with our people where they work; make those who carry on the industry and commerce of this land responsive to your will; and give to us all a pride in what we do, and a just return for our labor; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. (158)

Psalms and Lessons

Psalms 104:1, 13–24

May the glory of the Lord endure forever. (v. 32)

or Psalm 104:25–37

May the glory of the Lord endure forever. (v. 32)

Job 38:1–11, 16–18

1 Timothy 6:7–10, 17–19

Luke 12:13–21

Verse

Alleluia. Of God's own will he brought us forth, by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of first-fruits of his creatures. Alleluia. (James 1:18)

Offertory

I appeal to you, therefore, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your minds, that you may prove what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect. (Rom. 12:1–2)

Color: of the season

NEW YEAR'S EVE

Prayer of the Day

Eternal Father, you have placed us in a world of space and time, and through the events of our lives you bless us with your love. Grant that in this new year we may know your presence, see your love at work, and live in the light of the event which gives us joy forever—the coming of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. (159)

Psalms and Lessons

Psalms 102:24–28

You laid the foundations of the earth. (v. 25)

Jeremiah 24:1–7

1 Peter 1:22–25

Luke 13:6–9

Verse

Alleluia. Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path. Alleluia. (Ps. 119:105)

Offertory

Look carefully, then, how you walk, not as unwise but as wise; be filled with the Spirit, addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with all your heart, always and for everything giving thanks in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to God the Father. (Eph. 5:15, 18–20)

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These propers are intended for a service on the evening of December 31 only, and are not to be used in place of propers for the First Sunday after Christmas should that day fall on December 31.

HOLY BAPTISM

Prayer of the Day

Grant to us, Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ, your Son, may also live with him in the power of his resurrection; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. (160)

Psalms and Lessons

Psalms 8

Psalms 23

Psalm 29
Psalm 34:1–9
Psalm 42:1–2a
Psalm 43:3–4
Psalm 84
Psalm 93
Psalm 122

Awake and rise from the dead, and Christ shall give you light. (Eph. 5:14)
You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, God's own people. (1 Peter 2:9)
The Lord is my light and my salvation. (Ps. 27:1)

Deuteronomy 30:15–20a
Jeremiah 31:31–34
Ezekiel 36:24–28
Acts 8:26–38
Romans 5:1–5
Romans 6:3–5
Romans 8:14–17
1 Corinthians 12:12–13
2 Corinthians 5:17–20
Ephesians 4:1–6
Titus 3:4–8a (. . . is sure)
1 Peter 2:4–10
Revelation 21:5–7
Matthew 28:16–20
Mark 1:9–11
Mark 10:13–16
John 3:1–8
John 4:5–14
John 15:1–11

Verse

Alleluia. By water and the spirit we share Christ's death, and by his rising we have new life. Alleluia.

The Prayers

Let us pray for *those* who are to receive the Sacrament of Holy Baptism, for *their* sponsors and parents, and for all the baptized everywhere. Deliver *them* from the way of sin and death. Lord, in your mercy,

☞ Hear our prayer.

Fill *them* with the Holy Spirit, so that *they* lack no spiritual gift. Lord, in your mercy,

☞ Hear our prayer.

Let the examples of *their* sponsors and parents strengthen *them* in faith and life so that together *they* may enter the joy which is prepared for all the faithful. Lord, in your mercy,

☞ Hear our prayer.

Strengthen all who bear the sign of the cross, so that *they* may always bear witness to the Lord by word and life. Lord, in your mercy,

☞ Hear our prayer.

Other intercessions may be offered.

We give thanks for all who have gone before us in the faith [St. John the Baptist, Mary the mother of our Lord, apostles and martyrs, evangelists and teachers, and all those] who by their lives have testified to the love of God, especially
_____ name _____ . Lord, in your mercy,

☞ Hear our prayer.

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

☞ Amen

Preface

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise,
O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord. In him you have received us as your children, made us citizens of your kingdom, and given us your Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Post-Communion Prayer

Praise to you, Father, for making us members of your Church and for inviting us to share in the joy of the supper of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

(161)

MARRIAGE

Hymn of Praise

"I will sing the story of your love," canticle 16.

Prayer of the Day

Eternal God, our creator and redeemer, as you gladdened the wedding at Cana in Galilee by the presence of your Son, so bring your joy to this wedding by his presence now. Look in favor upon _____ name _____ and _____ name _____, and grant that they, rejoicing in all your gifts, may at length celebrate the marriage feast which has no end with Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (162)

Psalms and Lessons

Psalm 33
Psalm 100
Psalm 117
Psalm 127
Psalm 128
Psalm 136
Psalm 150

The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord.
(Ps. 33:5)

Happy are they who delight in the commandments of the Lord. (Ps. 112:1)

They are no longer two but one. (Matt. 19:6)

Genesis 1:26–31

Genesis 2:18–24

Song of Solomon 2:10–13

Song of Solomon 8:7

Isaiah 63:7–9

Romans 12:1–2

1 Corinthians 12:31—13:13

Ephesians 5:21–33

Matthew 19:4–6

John 2:1–10

John 15:9–12

Verse

Alleluia. God himself dwells in us if we love one another; his love is made perfect in us. Alleluia.

(1 John 4:12)

Or, the Verse for Advent 1, Epiphany 8, Lent 4, or Pentecost 11 may be used.

Preface

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise,
O Lord, holy Father, almighty and ever-living God.
For your love is firm as the ancient earth,
your faithfulness fixed as the heavens.
Creating and enriching and continuing life,
you created us male and female
to fulfill one another;
you gave us the gift of marriage
which embodies your love
and which, even where your name is not known,
proclaims your love for the whole human family.
And so, with the Church on earth
and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name
and join their unending hymn:

Post-Communion Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, as you freely give yourself to your bride the Church, grant that the mystery of the union of man and woman in marriage may reveal to the world the self-giving love which you have for your Church; and to you with the Father and the Holy Spirit be glory and honor now and forever. (163)

BURIAL OF THE DEAD

Psalms and Verses for the Processions

Psalm 23

Refrain/antiphon (v. 4)

Psalm 90

Refrain/antiphon (v. 13)

Psalm 118

Refrain/antiphon (v. 19)

Psalm 130

Refrain/antiphon (v. 5)

John 11:25–26

Romans 14:7–9

Revelation 14:13

“Even as we live each day,” hymn 350

Psalms and Lessons

Psalm 42:1–7

Refrain/antiphon (v. 2)

Psalm 46:1–7

Refrain/antiphon (v. 4)

Psalm 121

Refrain/antiphon (v. 4)

Psalm 143

Refrain/antiphon (v. 1)

Job 19:23–27a

Isaiah 25:6–9

Isaiah 61:1–3

*Lamentations 3:22–26, 31–33

Romans 5:1–11

Romans 5:17–21

Romans 8:31–35, 37–39

1 Corinthians 15:12–26

1 Peter 1:3–9

*1 John 3:1–2

Revelation 7:9–17

Revelation 21:2–7

*Matthew 11:25–30

Matthew 25:1–13

Luke 12:35–40

John 5:24–29

*John 6:37–40

John 11:21–27

John 14:1–6

Preface

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise,
O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord;
who brought to light
the living hope of a blessed resurrection,
that, in our grief,
we may rejoice in full assurance of our change
into the likeness of his glory.
And so, with the Church on earth
and the hosts of heaven,

we praise your name
and join their unending hymn:

Post-Communion Prayer

Almighty God, we thank you that in your great love you have given us a foretaste of your heavenly banquet. Grant that this Sacrament may be to us a comfort in affliction and a pledge of our inheritance in that kingdom where there is no death, neither sorrow nor crying, but the fullness of joy with all your saints; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

(164)

**Appropriate at the burial of a child*

CORPORATE CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Psalms and Lessons

Psalm 25

To you I lift up my soul. (v. 1)

Psalm 36

How priceless is your love, O God. (v. 7)

Psalm 73

It is good to be near God. (v. 28)

Psalm 90

Lord, you have been our refuge. (v. 1)

Psalm 130

With the Lord there is mercy. (v. 6)

Psalm 133

How good and pleasant it is to live in unity. (v. 1)

Psalm 139:1-17, 22-23

Search me, God, and know my heart. (v. 22)

Psalm 143:1-11

Lord, answer me in your righteousness. (v. 1)

Exodus 20:1-17

Deuteronomy 6:4-9

2 Samuel 12:1-9, 13

Isaiah 1:2-4, 12-20

Isaiah 53:4-6

Isaiah 55:1, 6-11

Ezekiel 18:20-23 (30-32)

Daniel 9:4-9, 17-19

Joel 2:12-19

Micah 6:1-4, 6-8

Romans 3:20-26

Romans 5:6-11

Romans 6:20-23

Romans 7:14-25

Romans 12:1-2, 9-21

Romans 13:8-14

2 Corinthians 5:17-21

Galatians 5:1, 13-25

Ephesians 2:1-10

Ephesians 6:10-18

James 1:22-27

1 Peter 1:13-23

1 John 1:5-2:2

Matthew 9:1-13

Matthew 11:28-30

Matthew 18:15-20

Matthew 18:21-35

Matthew 25:31-46

Mark 12:28-31

Luke 6:36-42

Luke 7:36-50

Luke 13:1-9

Luke 15:1-10

Luke 17:1-6

Luke 18:9-14

John 8:2-11

John 13:1-17

John 15:1-8

John 15:9-14

John 20:19-23

ONE-YEAR LECTIONARY

First Sunday in Advent

Isaiah 62:10-12
Romans 13:10-14a (. . . on the Lord Jesus Christ.)
Luke 19:29-38

Second Sunday in Advent

Malachi 4:1-6
Hebrews 12:25-29
Mark 13:19-27

Third Sunday in Advent

Isaiah 40:1-8
Romans 15:4-13
Matthew 3:1-12

Fourth Sunday in Advent

Jeremiah 23:5-6
Philippians 4:4-7
Luke 1:26-38
or Luke 1:46-55

The Nativity of Our Lord

1. Isaiah 9:2 (3-5) 6-7
Titus 2:11-14
Luke 2:1-20
2. Ezekiel 37:24-28
Titus 3:4-8a (. . . the saying is sure.)
John 1:1-14
3. Micah 5:2-4
Hebrews 1:1-6
Luke 2:1-20

First Sunday after Christmas

Isaiah 63:7-9
1 Corinthians 1:(18-20) 21-25
Luke 2:25-38

Second Sunday after Christmas

1 Samuel 2:1-10
1 John 5:11-13
Luke 2:39-52

The Epiphany of Our Lord

Isaiah 60:1 (2-4) 5-6
Ephesians 3:1-12
Matthew 2:1-12

The Baptism of Our Lord

First Sunday after the Epiphany
Isaiah 42:1 (2-4) 5-7
1 Corinthians 1:26-31
Mark 1:9-11
or Matthew 3:13-17

Second Sunday after the Epiphany

Isaiah 61:1-3
James 1:17-18
John 2:1-11

Third Sunday after the Epiphany

Jeremiah 9:23-24
1 Corinthians 9:19-27
Matthew 20:1-16

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

Amos 8:11-12
Hebrews 4:12-13
Luke 8:4-15

Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

Isaiah 49:1-6
Romans 1:16-17
Matthew 8:5-17

Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany

Exodus 15:1-13 (14-18)
Ephesians 1:15-23
Matthew 8:23-27

Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany

Deuteronomy 7:6-9
1 Corinthians 1:4-9
Matthew 13:24-30 (36-43)

Eighth Sunday after the Epiphany

Isaiah 50:4-7 (8-9)
1 Corinthians 13:1-13
Mark 8:31-38

The Transfiguration of Our Lord

Last Sunday after the Epiphany
Exodus 24:4b-18 (And he rose . . .)
2 Peter 1:16-21
or 2 Corinthians 4:6-10
Luke 9:28-36

Ash Wednesday

Isaiah 59:12-20
2 Corinthians 5:19-6:2
Matthew 11:20-30

First Sunday in Lent

Genesis 3:1-19
Hebrews 4:14-16
Matthew 4:1-11

Second Sunday in Lent

Isaiah 5:1-7
Romans 5:6-11
Mark 12:1-12

Third Sunday in Lent

Jeremiah 20:7-12
Romans 12:1-2
or Ephesians 5:1-2, 6-9
Luke 9:51-62

Fourth Sunday in Lent

Isaiah 54:7-10
2 Corinthians 1:3-7
Matthew 5:1-12

Fifth Sunday in Lent

Genesis 18:20–21, 22b–33 (omit “So the men turned from there and went toward Sodom; but . . .”)
 Hebrews 9:15–22
 or Romans 5:1–5
 Mark 10:32–45

Sunday of the Passion

Palm Sunday
 Isaiah 52:13–53:4
 or Zechariah 9:9–12
 Philippians 2:5–11
 John 12:12–24
 or Matthew 21:1–9

Monday in Holy Week

Isaiah 42:1–9
 Hebrews 9:11–15
 John 12:1–11

Tuesday in Holy Week

Isaiah 49:1–6
 1 Corinthians 1:18–25
 John 12:20–36

Wednesday in Holy Week

Isaiah 50:4–9a (. . . declare me guilty?)
 Romans 5:6–11
 Matthew 26:14–25

Maundy Thursday

Exodus 12:1–12
 1 Corinthians 11:23–26
 or 1 Corinthians 11:17–32
 John 13:1–15

Good Friday

Isaiah 53:4–12
 or Hosea 6:1–6
 2 Corinthians 5:14–21
 or Hebrews 5:(1–6) 7–9
 John 19:16–30 (31–42)

The Resurrection of Our Lord

- Daniel 3:8–25
 1 Corinthians 15:55–58
 Matthew 28:1–10
- Daniel 12:1c–3 (At that time your people . . .)
 or Job 19:25–27
 Colossians 3:1–4
 or 1 Corinthians 15:6–8
 Mark 16:1–8
- Jonah 2:2–9 (I called to the Lord . . .)
 1 Corinthians 15:12–20
 or Acts 10:34–43
 John 20:1–9 (10–18)
 or Luke 24:33–49

Second Sunday of Easter

Ezekiel 37:1–14
 1 Peter 1:3–9
 John 20:19–31
 or Luke 24:13–35

Third Sunday of Easter

Ezekiel 34:11–16
 1 Peter 2:21b–25 (Christ also suffered . . .)
 John 10:11–16

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Isaiah 40:25–31
 1 John 5:1–13
 John 15:1–8

Fifth Sunday of Easter

1 Chronicles 16:23–31
 Colossians 3:12–17
 John 16:4b–15 (I did not say . . .)

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Isaiah 55:6–11
 1 Timothy 2:1–8
 Luke 11:5–13
 or John 16:23b–24 (25–31) 32–33 (Truly, truly, I . . .)

The Ascension of Our Lord

Isaiah 45:18–25
 or Daniel 7:13–14
 Acts 1:4–11
 or Ephesians 4:7–13
 Matthew 28:16–20

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Ezekiel 36:24–27
 Ephesians 3:14–21
 John 15:26–16:4a (. . . told you of them.)

Pentecost

- Joel 2:28–29
 Acts 2:1–8 (9–11) 12–18
 John 14:23–27
- Acts 2:1–8 (9–13) 14–18 (19–20) 21–24 (25–31)
 32–33 (34–35) 36–42
 1 Corinthians 12:4–11
 John 3:16–21

The Holy Trinity

First Sunday after Pentecost
 Isaiah 6:1–8
 Ephesians 1:3–14
 John 3:1–8
 or Matthew 28:16–20

Second Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 20:1–17
 1 John 3:11–18
 Luke 16:19–31

Third Sunday after Pentecost

Deuteronomy 8:11–20
 or Zechariah 1:3–6
 Ephesians 2:13–22
 or Revelation 3:14–22
 Luke 14:15–24

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Micah 7:18–20
 1 Timothy 1:12–16
 Luke 15:11–32

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 50:15-21
Romans 12:14-21
Luke 6:36-42

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Lamentations 3:22-26
or Exodus 3:1-15
1 Peter 2:4-10
Luke 5:1-11

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 43:1-7
or Jeremiah 17:9-13
Romans 6:1-11
John 4:5-15 (16-26)

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 16:2-3, 11-18
Acts 2:38-47
John 6:1-14

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 12:1-4a (4b-7) (. . . as the Lord had told him.)
Galatians 5:16-25
Matthew 5:13-16

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 32:1-7 (8-14) 15-20 (30-34)
Philippians 3:7-11
Matthew 25:14-30

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Daniel 9:15-18
Romans 9:1-5; 10:1-4
Luke 19:41-48

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Chronicles 1:7-12
1 Peter 5:5b-11 (Clothe yourselves . . .)
Luke 18:9-14

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 29:18-21
2 Corinthians 12:6-10
Mark 7:31-37

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 4:(1-7) 8-16a (. . . from the presence of the Lord.)
1 John 4:7-11
Luke 10:25-37

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 28:10-19a (. . . that place Bethel.)
Romans 8:12-17
Luke 17:11-19

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

1 Kings 17:8-16
2 Corinthians 6:1-10
Matthew 6:25-33

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

1 Kings 17:17-24
1 Corinthians 15:1-11
Luke 7:11-16
or John 11:17-27

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 8:18-22
Galatians 3:26-28
Matthew 26:26-29
or Mark 14:22-25

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Deuteronomy 6:4-15
Romans 13:1-10
Mark 12:28-34
or Matthew 22:34-40

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 34:4b-10 (Moses . . . rose up early . . .)
Ephesians 4:22-30
Mark 2:1-12

Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 33:17-23
Romans 10:9-17 (If you confess . . .)
Matthew 15:21-28

Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18 (22-28) (v. 2a = And Joshua said to all the people,)
Acts 4:23-31
Matthew 5:38-48

Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

Micah 6:6-8
Acts 6:1-7
Mark 12:41-44

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 14:10, 26-31
Colossians 1:9-14 (15-23)
Mark 4:35-41

Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Ezekiel 33:10-16
Galatians 1:6-9
Matthew 13:44-52

Twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Job 14:1-6
Romans 14:7-11 (12-19)
Luke 17:20-24 (25-30)

Twenty-seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Amos 5:14-20
Philippians 3:17-21
or Romans 8:18-23
Matthew 25:31-46

Christ the King

Last Sunday after Pentecost
Isaiah 65:17-25
Revelation 21:1-7
Matthew 25:1-13