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The Holy Eucharist

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The Celebrant begins, making the sign of the cross:

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: And blessed be His Kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

Or

Celebrant: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God

and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People: And with your spirit.

Lent and other Penitential Occasions

Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People: His mercy endures forever.

Easter through Pentecost

Celebrant: Alleluia, Christ is risen.

People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

With hands extended, the Celebrant continues:

Celebrant: Almighty God, to You all hearts are open, all desires known, and from You no secrets are hid. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You and worthily magnify Your holy name; through Christ our

Lord. Amen.

Facing the congregation, the Deacon or Priest says:

Deacon/Priest: Jesus said, "The first Commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is One. Love the Lord Your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these."

During Lent and other Penitential Occasions

The following may be used in place of the summary of the Law:

Deacon/Priest: And God spoke all these words:

I am the Lord Your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. You shall have no other gods before me.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

You shall not make for yourself an idol in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. You shall not bow down to them or worship them.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

You shall not misuse the name of the Lord Your God, for the LORD will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses His name.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Honor your father and your mother.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

You shall not murder.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

You shall not commit adultery.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

You shall not steal.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor. Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

You shall not covet your neighbor's house or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and write these Your laws in our hearts.

Deacon/Priest: Let us confess our sins against God and our

neighbor.

Or

Deacon/Priest: As we prepare to celebrate the mystery of

Christ's love, let us acknowledge our sins and ask

the Lord for pardon and strength.

Or

Deacon/Priest: Coming together as God's family, with

confidence let us ask the Father's forgiveness, for

He is full of gentleness and compassion.

Or

Deacon/Priest: To prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred

mysteries, let us call to mind our sins.

The Celebrant and the people say together:

ost merciful God,
I confess that I have sinned against You
in thought, word, and deed,
by what I have done
and by what I have left undone.
I have not loved You with my whole heart;
I have not loved my neighbors as myself.
I am truly sorry and I humbly repent.
For the sake of Your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on me and forgive me;

that I may delight in Your will, and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your Name. Amen. ost merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against You
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved You with our whole hearts;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of Your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in Your will,
and walk in Your ways,
to the glory of Your Name. Amen.

Imighty God,
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
maker of all things and judge of all men:
We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins
and wickedness,
which we, from time to time, most grievously have committed,
by thought, word, and deed against Your Divine Majesty,
provoking most justly Your wrath and indignation against us.
We do earnestly repent,
and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings;
the remembrance of them is grievous unto us;
the burden of them is intolerable.

Have mercy upon us,

have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for Your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past, and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please You in newness of life, to the honor and glory of Your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Imighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep, we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts, we have offended against Your holy laws, we have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done, and there is no health in us.

But You, O Lord, have mercy upon us miserable offenders, spare those, O God, who confess their faults, restore those who are penitent, according to Your promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord:

and grant, O most merciful Father, for His sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of Your holy Name. Amen.

The Celebrant stands and says one of the following while making the sign of the cross over the congregation:

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy on you, + forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

The congregation responds: Amen.

Or

Celebrant: The Almighty and merciful Lord + grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit.

The congregation responds: Amen.

Customary during Lent, other penitential occasions, and weekdays:

Celebrant: Lord, have mercy.
People: Christ, have mercy.
Celebrant: Lord, have mercy.

On feast days or Sundays, the following is said or sung (except during Lent and other penitential occasions):

lory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; You are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord. You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Other songs of praise may be sung here as appropriate with all standing.

Collect for the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you. People: And with your spirit.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

The Lessons:

A Reading	g from, chapter, at verse
Reader:	ding, the reader says: The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.
Introd	uction to the Gospel:
voice: "I bid be in your he in the name	comes before the Bishop or Priest and asks for a blessing, saying in a quiet your blessings." The Bishop or Priest blesses in a quiet voice: "May the Lord eart and on your lips, that you may proclaim His Gospel worthily and well, of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen." The Lord be with you.
People:	And with your spirit.
Deacon:	May the Lord be on our minds, on our lips, and on our hearts as we hear His Holy Gospel. The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint
People:	Glory to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

Deacon: We are reading from _______'s Gospel

chapter _____, beginning at verse _____.

After the Gospel reading, the Deacon elevates the book and says:

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Sermon

The Nicene Creed

On Sundays and Feast Days, the Celebrant and the people say together: (Omitted during standard Mid-Week Mass)

believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. and of all things visible and invisible; And in one Lord Jesus Christ. the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven. and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and was made man: and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate: he suffered and was buried: and the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit the Lord, and Giver of Life, who proceeds from the Father who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who has spoken through the Prophets. And I believe in one holy Catholic and Apostolic Church; I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins; and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

e believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. and of all things visible and invisible; And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven. and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried: and the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end. And we believe in the Holy Spirit the Lord, and Giver of Life, who proceeds from the Father who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who has spoken through the Prophets. And we believe in one holy Catholic and Apostolic Church; I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins; and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Liturgical forms of the Prayers of the People or spontaneous prayers by the congregation are to be offered.

The Peace

Celebrant: The Peace of the Lord be with you.

People: And with your Spirit.

Celebrant: Let us offer one another a sign of God's peace.

Offertory

Facing the congregation, the Celebrant says one of the following or some other appropriate sentence of Scripture:

- 1. Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the Most High. *Psalm 50:14*
- 2. Ascribe to the Lord the honor due His Name; bring offerings and come into His courts. *Psalm 96:8*
- 3. Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave Himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*
- 4. I appeal to you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present yourselves as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. *Romans 12:1*

or this bidding:

Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

Preparation of the Gifts

The Celebrant, standing at the altar, takes the paten with the bread and, holding it slightly raised above the altar, says:

lessed are You, Lord God of all creation, for through Your goodness we have received the bread we offer You: fruit of the earth and work of human hands, it will become the Body of Christ.

People: Blessed be God forever.

While pouring a small amount of water into the chalice(s), the Celebrant says quietly: (By the mystery of this water and wine, may we come to share in the divinity of Christ, who humbled Himself to share in our humanity.)

Then the Celebrant takes the chalice and, holding it slightly raised above the altar, says:

lessed are You, Lord God of all creation, for through Your goodness we received the wine we offer You, fruit of the vine and work of human hands, it will become the Blood of Christ.

People: Blessed be God forever.

Then the Celebrant takes the offering and, holding it slightly raised above the altar, says:

lessed are You, Lord God of all creation, through Your goodness we bring these tithes and offerings before You. They will be used in Your church for the work You have set before us and the furthering of Your kingdom.

People: Blessed be God forever.

The Celebrant and Concelebrants may wash their hands while saying one or more of the following prayers.

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

or

Lord, wash away my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.

or

I will wash my hands among the innocent, Lord, and walk around your altar, that I may tell of your wondrous deeds.

Optional

Standing at the center of the altar, facing the people, the Celebrant extends and then joins his hands, saying:

Celebrant: Pray, brethren, that my sacrifice and yours may be

acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

People: May the Lord accept this sacrifice at your hands for

the praise and glory of His Name, for our good

and for the good of all His Church. Amen.

The Celebrant begins the Eucharistic prayer. With hands extended he sings or says:

Celebrant: The Lord be with you. People: And with your Spirit.

He lifts up his hands and continues:

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

With hands joined and bowing slightly, he continues:

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Collects

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First Sunday of Advent

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which Your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when He shall come again in His glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through Him who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Second Sunday of Advent

Merciful God, you sent Your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation. Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ, our Redeemer, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Third Sunday of Advent

Stir up Your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let Your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with You and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by Your daily visitation, that Your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for Himself; who lives and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The Nativity of Our Lord: Christmas Day, December 25

O God, You have caused this holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light: Grant that we, who have known the mystery of that Light on earth, may also enjoy Him perfectly in heaven; where with You and the Holy Spirit He lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

or this

O God, You make us glad by the yearly festival of the birth of Your only Son Jesus Christ: Grant that we who joyfully receive Him as our Redeemer, may with sure confidence behold Him when He comes to be our Judge; who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

or this

Almighty God, You have given Your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon Himself, and to be born [this day] of a pure virgin: Grant that we, who have been born again and made Your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by Your Holy Spirit; through our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom with You and the same Spirit be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

First Sunday after Christmas Day

This Sunday takes precedence over the three Holy Days which follow Christmas Day. As necessary, the observance of one, two, or all three of them, is postponed one day.

Almighty God, You have poured upon us the new light of Your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The Holy Name, January 1

Eternal Father, You gave to Your incarnate Son the holy name of Jesus to be the sign of our salvation: Plant in every heart, we pray, the love of Him who is the Savior of the world, our Lord Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

Second Sunday after Christmas Day

O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored the dignity of human nature, grant that we may share the divine life of Him who humbled Himself to share our humanity, Your Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

The Epiphany, January 6

O God, by the leading of a star You manifested Your only Son to the peoples of the earth; lead us who know You now by faith, to Your presence, where we may see Your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

First Sunday after the Epiphany: The Baptism of our Lord

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed Him Your beloved Son and anointed Him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into His name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess Him as Lord and Savior; who with You and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

This feast takes precedence over the Sunday otherwise appointed for the day.

O God of Beginnings, You are the Creator of all life. As we begin this week, be near us as we unite with our pre-born brothers and sisters who are scheduled for death. May You by Your Holy Spirit and by the voice of Your church, lead Your people to rescue from death these innocent children and bring those who participate in their death to true repentance that they may taste of Your goodness and mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Second Sunday after the Epiphany

Almighty God, your Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world. Grant that Your people, illumined by Your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that He may be known, worshiped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with You and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Third Sunday after the Epiphany

Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of His salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of His marvelous works, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

Almighty and everlasting God, You govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of Your people, and in our time grant us Your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord who, lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which You have made known to us in Your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany

O God, the strength of all who put their trust in You: Mercifully accept our prayers; and because in our weakness we can do nothing good without You, give us the help of Your grace, that in keeping Your commandments we may please You both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany

O Lord, You have taught us that without love whatever we do is worth nothing; send Your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts Your greatest gift, which is love, the true bond of peace and of all virtue, without which whoever lives is accounted dead before You. Grant this for the sake of Your only Son Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Eighth Sunday after the Epiphany

Most loving Father, whose will it is for us to give thanks for all things, to fear nothing but the loss of You, and to cast all our care on You who care for us, preserve us from faithless fears and worldly anxieties, that no clouds of this mortal life may hide from us the light of that love which is immortal, and which You have manifested to us in Your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Last Sunday after the Epiphany

This Proper is always used on the Sunday before Ash Wednesday.

O God, who before the passion of Your only-begotten Son revealed His glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of His countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into His likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever. Amen.

Ash Wednesday

Almighty and everlasting God, You hate nothing You have made and forgive the sins of all who are penitent, create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of You, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever. Amen.

First Sunday in Lent

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan, come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as You know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find You mighty to save; through Jesus Christ Your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Second Sunday in Lent

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word, Jesus Christ Your Son; who with You and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, forever. Amen.

Third Sunday in Lent

Almighty God, You know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves, keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever. Amen.

Fourth Sunday in Lent

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world. Evermore give us this bread that He may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Fifth Sunday in Lent

Almighty God, You alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners. Grant Your people grace to love what You command and to desire what You promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever. Amen.

Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday

Almighty and ever living God, in Your tender love for the human race You sent Your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon Himself our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross, giving us the example of His great humility: Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of His suffering, and also share in His resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever. Amen.

Monday in Holy Week

Almighty God, whose dear Son went not up to joy but first He suffered pain, and entered not into glory before He was crucified: Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ Your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever. Amen.

Tuesday in Holy Week

O God, by the passion of Your blessed Son, You made an instrument of shameful death to be for us the means of life: Grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ, that we may gladly suffer shame and loss for the sake of Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever. Amen.

Wednesday in Holy Week

Lord God, whose blessed Son our Savior gave His body to be whipped and His face to be spit upon: Give us grace to accept joyfully the sufferings of the present time, confident of the glory that shall be revealed; through Jesus Christ Your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever. Amen.

Holy Thursday

Almighty Father, whose dear Son, on the night before He suffered, instituted the Sacrament of His Body and Blood: Mercifully grant that we may receive it thankfully in remembrance of Jesus Christ our Lord, who in these holy mysteries gives us a pledge of eternal life; and who now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever. Amen.

Good Friday

Almighty God, we pray You graciously to behold this Your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed and given into the hands of sinners, and to suffer death upon the cross; who now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever. Amen.

Easter

O God, who made this most holy night to shine with the glory of the Lord's resurrection: Stir up in Your church that spirit of adoption which is given to us in baptism, that we, being renewed both in body and mind, may worship You in sincerity and truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

or this

O God, who for our redemption gave Your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by His glorious resurrection delivered us from the power of our enemy: Grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with Him in the joy of His resurrection; through Jesus Christ Your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

or this

Almighty God, who through Your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by Your lifegiving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Monday in Easter Week

Grant, we pray, Almighty God, that we who celebrate with awe the Paschal feast may be found worthy to attain to everlasting joys; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Tuesday in Easter Week

O God, who by the glorious resurrection of Your Son Jesus Christ destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light: Grant that we, who have been raised with Him, may abide in His presence and rejoice in the hope of eternal glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with You and the Holy Spirit, be dominion and praise forever and ever. Amen.

Wednesday in Easter Week

O God, whose blessed Son made Himself known to His disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold Him in all His redeeming work; who lives and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Thursday in Easter Week

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Friday in Easter Week

Almighty Father, who gave Your only Son to die for our sins and to rise for our justification: Give us grace so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness, that we may always serve You in purity of living and truth; through Jesus Christ Your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Saturday in Easter Week

We thank You, heavenly Father, that You have delivered us from the dominion of sin and death and brought us into the kingdom of Your Son; and we pray that, as by His death He has recalled us to life, so by His love He may raise us to eternal joys; who lives and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Second Sunday of Easter

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Third Sunday of Easter

O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold Him in all His redeeming work; who lives and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Fourth Sunday of Easter

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of Your people; grant that when we hear His voice we may know Him who calls us each by name, and follow where He leads; who, with You and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know Your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow His steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ Your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Sixth Sunday of Easter

O God, You have prepared for those who love You such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards You, that we, loving You in all things and above all things, may obtain Your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Ascension Day

Almighty God, whose blessed Son our Savior Jesus Christ ascended far above all heavens that He might fill all things: Mercifully give us faith to perceive that, according to His promise, He abides with his Church on earth, even to the end of the ages; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

or this

Grant, we pray, Almighty God, that as we believe Your only-begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ to have ascended into heaven, so we may also in heart and mind there ascend, and with him continually dwell; who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Either of the preceding Collects, with the proper Psalm and Lessons for Ascension Day, serves for the following weekdays, except as otherwise appointed.

Seventh Sunday of Easter: The Sunday after Ascension Day

O God, the King of glory, You have exalted Your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to Your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us Your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

The Day of Pentecost

Almighty God, on this day You opened the way of eternal life to every race and nation by the promised gift of Your Holy Spirit: Shed abroad this gift throughout the world by the preaching of the Gospel, that it may reach to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

or this

O God, who on this day taught the hearts of Your faithful people by sending to them the light of Your Holy Spirit: Grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgment in all things, and evermore to rejoice in His holy comfort; through Jesus Christ Your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

First Sunday after Pentecost: Trinity Sunday

Almighty and everlasting God, You have given to us Your servants grace, by the confession of a 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 one and eternal glory, O Father; who with the Son and the Holy Spirit live and reign, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Second Sunday after Pentecost: Corpus Christi

Almighty and everlasting God, grant us, we pray, the grace to thankfully receive and participate in the sacred mysteries of the Body and Blood of Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may always manifest in ourselves the fruits of Your eternal love; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The Season after Pentecost

Proper 1

Week of the Sunday closest to May 11

Remember, O Lord, what You have wrought in us and not what we deserve; and, as You have called us to Your service, make us worthy of our calling; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Proper 2

Week of the Sunday closest to May 18

Almighty and merciful God, in Your goodness keep us, we pray, from all things that may hurt us, that we, being ready both in mind and body, may accomplish with free hearts those things which belong to Your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Proper 3

The Sunday closest to May 25

Grant, O Lord, that the course of this world may be peaceably governed by Your providence; and that Your church may joyfully serve You in confidence and serenity; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Proper 4

The Sunday closest to June 1

O God, Your never-failing providence sets in order all things both in heaven and earth: Put away from us, we entreat You, all hurtful things, and give us those things which are profitable for us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

The Sunday closest to June 8

O God, from whom all good proceeds: Grant that by Your inspiration we may think those things that are right, and by Your merciful guidance may do them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Proper 6

The Sunday closest to June 15

Keep, O Lord, Your household the Church in Your steadfast faith and love, that through Your grace we may proclaim Your truth with boldness, and minister Your justice with compassion; for the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Proper 7

The Sunday closest to June 22

O Lord, make us have perpetual love and reverence for Your holy Name, for You never fail to help and govern those whom You have set upon the sure foundation of Your loving-kindness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Proper 8

The Sunday closest to June 29

Almighty God, You have built Your church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone: Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their teaching, that we may be made a holy temple acceptable to You; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

The Sunday closest to July 6

O God, You have taught us to keep all Your commandments by loving You and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of Your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to You with our whole hearts, and united to one another with pure affection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Proper 10

The Sunday closest to July 13

O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of Your people who call upon You, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Proper 11

The Sunday closest to July 20

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, You know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of Your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Proper 12

The Sunday closest to July 27

O God, the protector of all who trust in You, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us Your mercy; that, with You as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

The Sunday closest to August 3

Let Your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend Your church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without Your help, protect and govern it always by Your goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Proper 14

The Sunday closest to August 10

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without You, may by You be enabled to live according to Your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Proper 15

The Sunday closest to August 17

Almighty God, You have given Your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of this redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of His most holy life; through Jesus Christ Your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Proper 16

The Sunday closest to August 24

Grant, O merciful God, that Your church, being gathered together in unity by Your Holy Spirit, may show forth Your power among all peoples, to the glory of Your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

The Sunday closest to August 31

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of Your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Proper 18

The Sunday closest to September 7

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in You with all our hearts; for, as You always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so You never forsake those who make their boast of Your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Proper 19

The Sunday closest to September 14

O God, because without You we are not able to please You, mercifully grant that Your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Proper 20

The Sunday closest to September 21

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

O God, You declare Your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of Your grace, that we, running to obtain Your promises, may become partakers of Your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Proper 22

The Sunday closest to October 5

Almighty and everlasting God, You are always more ready to hear than we 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 merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Proper 23

The Sunday closest to October 12

Lord, we pray that Your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Proper 24

The Sunday closest to October 19

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 Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

The Sunday closest to October 26

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 Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Proper 26

The Sunday closest to November 2

Almighty and merciful God, it is only by Your gift that Your faithful people offer You true and laudable service: Grant that we may run without stumbling to obtain Your heavenly promises; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Proper 27

The Sunday closest to November 9

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that He might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as He is pure; that, when He comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like Him in His eternal and glorious kingdom; where He lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Proper 28

The Sunday closest to November 16

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which You have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Proper 29, Christ the King

The Sunday closest to November 23

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under His most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Holy Days

Holy Days that fall under Sundays are transferred to the next Monday if they are an apostle or martyr; if they then fall on another Holy Day, that Holy day is not celebrated that year.

St. Andrew, Apostle- {Red}

November 30

Lord in Your kindness hear our petitions. You called Andrew the Apostle to preach the gospel and guide Your church in faith. May he always be our friend in Your presence to help us with his prayers. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

St. Francis Xavier, Priest- {White}

December 3

God our Father, by the preaching of Francis Xavier You brought many nations to Yourself. Give his zeal for the faith to all who believe in You, that Your church may rejoice in continued growth throughout the world. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

St. Nicholas, Bishop- {White}

December 6

Father, hear our prayers for mercy, and by the prayers of St. Nicholas, keep us safe from all danger and guide us on the way of salvation. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

St. Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor- {White}

December 7

Lord, You made St. Ambrose an outstanding teacher of the faith and gave him the courage of an apostle. Raise up in Your church more leaders after Your own heart, to guide us with courage and wisdom. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

St. John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor- {White}

December 14

Father, You endowed John of the Cross with a spirit of self-denial and a love of the cross. By following his example, may we come to the eternal vision of Your glory. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen

St. Stephen, Deacon and Proto Martyr-{Red}

December 26

Lord, today we celebrate the entrance of St. Stephen into eternal glory. He died praying for those who killed him. Help us to imitate his goodness and to love our enemies. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

St. John, Apostle and Evangelist- {White}

December 27

God our Father, You have revealed the mysteries of Your Word through John the Apostle. By prayer and reflection may we come to understand the wisdom he taught. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Holy Innocents, Martyrs-{Red}

December 28

Father, the Holy Innocents offered You praise by the death they suffered for Christ. May our lives bear witness to the faith we profess with our lips. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

St. Thomas Becket, Archbishop of Canterbury and Martyr-{Red}

December 29

O Almighty God, by whose grace and power Your holy martyr Thomas triumphed over suffering and was faithful even unto death. Grant us, who now remember him with thanksgiving, to be so faithful in our witness to You in this world, that we may receive with him the crown of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen

Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nanzianzen- {White}

January 2

God our Father, You inspired the Church with the example and teaching of saints Basil and Gregory. In humility may we come to know Your truth and put it into action with faith and love. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

St. Anthony, Abbot- {White}

January 17

Father, You called St. Anthony to renounce the world and serve You in the solitude of the desert. By his prayers and example, may we learn to deny ourselves and to love You above all things. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Confession of Saint Peter - {White}

January 18

Almighty Father, who inspired Simon Peter, first among the apostles, to confess Jesus as Messiah and Son of the living God: Keep Your church steadfast upon the rock of this faith, so that in unity and peace we may proclaim the one truth and follow the one Lord, our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle-{White}

January 25

God our Father, You taught the Gospel to the entire world through the preaching of Paul Your apostle. May we who celebrate his conversion to the faith follow him in bearing witness to Your truth. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Sts. Timothy and Titus, Bishops-{Red}

January 26

God our Father, You gave Your saints Timothy and Titus the courage and wisdom of the apostles: May their prayers help us to live holy lives and lead us to heaven, our true home. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

St. Thomas Aguinas, Priest and doctor- {White}

January 28

God our Father, You made Thomas Aquinas known for his holiness and learning. Help us grow in wisdom by his teaching and in holiness by imitating his faith. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

The Presentation of our Lord Jesus Christ, Feast of Our Lord - {White}

February 2

All powerful Father, Christ Jesus Your Son became man for us and was presented in the temple. May He free our hearts from sin and bring us into Your presence. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen

St. Cornelius the Centurion- {White}

February 4

O God, by Your Spirit You called Cornelius the centurion to be the first Christian among the Gentiles; grant to Your church such a ready will to go where You send and to do what You command, that under Your guidance it may welcome all who turn to You in love and faith, and proclaim the Gospel to all nations, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

St. Scholastica, Virgin- {White}

February 10

Lord, as we recall the memory of St. Scholastica, we ask that by her example we may serve You with love and obtain perfect joy. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Sts. Cyril, Monk, and Methodius, Bishops-{White}

February 14

Father, You brought the light of the gospel to the Slavic nations through St. Cyril and his brother St. Methodius. Open our hearts to understand Your teaching and help us to become one in faith and praise. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

St. Valentine, Priest & Martyr- {Red}

February 14

Most Gracious Heavenly Father, You gave Saint Valentine the courage to witness to the gospel of Christ, even to the point of giving his life. Help us to endure all suffering for love of You, and to seek You with all our hearts, for You alone are the source of life and love. Grant that we may have the courage and love to be witnesses of Your truth to the whole world. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

St. Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr- {Red}

February 23

God of all creation, You gave Your Bishop Polycarp the privilege of being counted among the saints who gave their lives in faithful witness to the gospel. May his prayers give us the courage to share with him the cup of suffering and to rise to eternal glory. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

St. David of Wales, Bishop- {White}

March 1

Almighty God, You called your servant David to be a faithful and wise steward of Your mysteries for the people of Wales: Mercifully grant that, following his purity of life and zeal for the Gospel of Christ, we may with him receive our heavenly reward, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Sts. Perpetua, Felicity, and their Companions- {Red}

March 7

Father, Your love gave saints Perpetua and Felicity and their companions courage to suffer a cruel martyrdom. By their prayers, help us to grow in love of You. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

St. Gregory of Nyssa, Bishop- {White}

March 9

Almighty God, who has revealed to Your church your eternal being of glorious majesty and perfect love as one God in Trinity of persons: Give us grace that, like Your Bishop Gregory of Nyssa, we may continue steadfast in the confession of the faith, and constant in our worship of You, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, who live and reign forever and ever. Amen.

St. Patrick, Bishop- {White}

March 17

God our Father, You sent Patrick to preach Your glory to the people of Ireland. By the help of his prayers, may all Christians proclaim Your love to all men. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor- {White}

March 18

Father, through Cyril of Jerusalem You led your church to a deeper understanding of the mysteries of salvation. Let his prayers help us to know Your Son better and to have eternal life in all its fullness. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

St. Joseph, Husband of Mary- {White}

March 19

Father, You entrusted our Savior to the care of St. Joseph. By the help of his prayers may Your church continue to serve its Lord, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

The Annunciation- {White}

March 25

God our Father, Your Word became flesh and was born of the Virgin Mary. May we become more like Jesus Christ, whom we acknowledge as our redeemer, God and man. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

St. Dismas, Penitent Thief and Confessor- {Red}

March 26

Glorious Father, You freed the penitent St. Dismas from the prison of sin and death with the promise of Your eternal Kingdom: Grant that all who are imprisoned and condemned by the world, the flesh, and the devil may be drawn to the Holy Cross and partake of Your heavenly sacrifice; that on the last day they may rejoice in the eternal fellowship of Your love. This we ask of You through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

St. Alphege, Bishop and Martyr- {Red}

April 19

O loving God, Your martyr Bishop Alphege of Canterbury suffered violent death when he refused to permit a ransom to be extorted from his people: Grant that all pastors of Your flock may pattern themselves on the Good Shepherd, who laid down his life for the sheep; and who with You and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

St. Anselm, Bishop- {White}

April 21

Father, You called St. Anselm to study and teach the sublime truths You have revealed. Let Your gift of faith come to the aid of our understanding and open our hearts to Your truth. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

St. Mark, Evangelist- {Red}

April 25

Father, You gave Mark the privilege of proclaiming Your gospel. May we profit by his wisdom and follow Christ more faithfully. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

St. Catherine of Sienna- {White}

April 29

Everlasting God, You so kindled the flame of holy love in the heart of blessed Catherine of Siena, as she meditated on the passion of Your Son our Savior, that she devoted her life to the poor and the sick, and to the peace and unity of the Church: Grant that we also may share in the mystery of Christ's death, and rejoice in the revelation of his glory; who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

St. Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor- {White}

May 2

Father, You raised up St. Athanasius to be an outstanding defender of the truth of Christ's divinity. By his teaching and protection, may we grow in Your knowledge and love. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Sts. Philip and James, Apostles- {Red}

May 3

God our Father, every year You give us joy on the festival of the apostles Philip and James. By the help of their prayers, may we share in the suffering, death, and resurrection of Your only Son and come to the eternal vision of Your glory. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

St. Monica, Mother of St. Augustine of Hippo- {White}

May 4

O Lord, through spiritual discipline You strengthened your servant Monica to persevere in offering her love, and prayers, and tears for the conversion of her husband and of Augustine their son: Deepen our devotion, we pray, and use us in accordance with Your will to bring others, even our own kindred, to acknowledge Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord; who with You and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, forever and ever. Amen

St. Matthias, Apostle- {Red}

May 14

Father, You called St. Matthias to share in the mission of the apostles. By the help of his prayers may we receive with joy the love You share with us and be counted among those You have chosen. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

St. Bede, Priest and Doctor- {White}

May 25

Lord, You have enlightened Your church with the learning of St. Bede. In Your love may Your people learn from his wisdom and benefit from his prayers. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

St. Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop- {White}

May 27

Father, by the preaching of St. Augustine of Canterbury, You led the people of England to the gospel. May the fruits of his work continue in Your church. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

The Visitation, Feast of the Lord- {White}

May 31

Eternal Father, You inspired the Virgin Mary, mother of Your Son, to visit Elizabeth and assist her in her need. Keep us open to the working of Your Spirit and with Mary, may we praise You forever. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

St. Justin, Martyr- {Red}

June 1

Father, through the folly of the cross, You taught St. Justin the sublime wisdom of Jesus Christ. May we, too, reject falsehood and remain loyal to the faith. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

St. Columba, Abbot of Iona- {White}

June 9

O God, by the preaching of Your blessed servant Columba, You caused the light of the gospel to shine in Scotland: Grant, we pray, that, having his life and labors in remembrance, we may show our thankfulness to You by following the example of his zeal and patience through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

St. Barnabas, Apostle- {Red}

June 11

God our Father, You filled St. Barnabas with faith and the Holy Spirit and sent him to convert the nations. Help us to proclaim the gospel by word and deed. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

The Nativity of John the Baptist- {White}

June 24

God our Father, You raised up John the Baptist to prepare a perfect people for Jesus. Give Your church joy in spirit and guide those who believe in You into the way of salvation and peace. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

St. Irenaeus, Bishop and Martyr- {Red}

June 28

Father, You called St. Irenaeus to uphold Your truth and bring peace to Your church. By his prayers, renew us in faith and love that we may always be intent on fostering unity and peace. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles- {Red}

June 29

God our Father, today You give us the joy of celebrating the feast of the apostles Peter and Paul. Through them Your church first received the faith. Keep us true to their teaching. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

St. Thomas, Apostle- {Red}

July 3

Almighty Father, as we honor Thomas the Apostle, let us always experience the help of his prayers. May we have eternal life by believing in Jesus, whom Thomas acknowledged as our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

St. Benedict, Abbot- {White}

July 11

God our Father, You made St. Benedict an outstanding guide to teach men how to live in Your service. Grant that by preferring Your love to everything else, we may walk in the way of Your commandments. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

St. Silas, Bishop- {White}

July 13

Almighty and everlasting God, we thank You for Your servant Silas, whom You called to preach the gospel to the peoples of Turkey, Greece, and Macedonia. Raise up in this and every land evangelists and heralds of Your kingdom, that Your church may proclaim the unsearchable riches of our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

St. Mary Magdalene- {White}

July 22

Father, Your Son entrusted to Mary Magdalene the joyful news of His resurrection. By her prayers and example may we proclaim Christ as our living Lord and one day see him in glory, for He lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

St. Thomas à Kempis, Priest-{White}

July 24

Holy Father, You have nourished and strengthened Your church by the inspired writings of Your servant Thomas à Kempis; grant that we may learn from him to know what is necessary to be known, to love what is to be loved, to praise what highly pleases You, and always to seek to know and follow Your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

St. James, Apostle- {Red}

July 25

Almighty Father, by the martyrdom of St. James You blessed the work of the early Church. May his profession of faith give us courage and his prayers bring us strength. We ask this through Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Sts. Joachim and Ann, Parents of Mary- {White}

July 26

God of our fathers, You gave Saints Joachim and Ann the privilege of being the parents of Mary, the mother of Your incarnate Son. May their prayers help us to attain the salvation promised to Your people. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Sts. Martha and Mary- {White}

July 29

Father, You honored Saints Martha and Mary by coming to their home as a guest. By their prayers, may we serve Jesus in our brothers and sisters and be welcomed by You into heaven, our true home. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest-{White}

July 31

Father, You gave St. Ignatius of Loyola to Your church to bring greater glory to Your Name. May we follow his example on earth and share the crown of heaven. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

St. Joseph of Arimathea- {White}

August 1

Merciful God, whose servant Joseph of Arimathaea with reverence and godly fear prepared the body of our Lord and Savior for burial, and laid it in his own tomb: Grant to us, Your faithful people, grace and courage to love and serve Jesus with sincere devotion all the days of our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

St. John-Marie Vianney, Priest- {White}

August 4

Father of mercy, You made St. John Vianney outstanding in his Priestly zeal and concern for Your people. By his example and prayers, enable us to win our brothers and sisters to the love of Christ Jesus and come with them to eternal glory. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

The Transfiguration, Feast of the Lord- {White}

August 6

God our Father, in the transfigured glory of Jesus Christ Your Son, You strengthen our faith by confirming the witness of Your prophets, and show us the splendor of Your beloved sons and daughters. As we listen to the voice of Your Son, help us to become heirs to eternal life with Him who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

St. Dominic- {White}

August 8

Lord, let the holiness and teaching of St. Dominic come to the aid of Your church. May he help us now by his prayers as he once inspired people by his preaching. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

St. Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr- {Red}

August 10

Father, You called St. Lawrence to serve You by love and crowned his life with glorious martyrdom. Help us to be like him in loving You and doing Your work. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

St. Clare of Assisi- {White}

August 11

God of mercy, You inspired Clare with the love of poverty. By the help of her prayers may we follow Christ in poverty of spirit and come to the joyful vision of glory in the kingdom of heaven. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

St. Hippolytus, Priest and Martyr- {Red}

August 13

O God, who has enlightened Your church by the teaching of Your servant Hippolytus; enrich us evermore, we pray, with Your heavenly grace, and raise up faithful witnesses who by their lives and doctrine will set forth the truth of Your salvation, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and ever. Amen.

St. Mary the Virgin- {White}

August 15

O God, You have taken to Yourself the blessed Virgin Mary, mother of Your incarnate Son: Grant that we, who have been redeemed by His blood, may share with her the glory of Your eternal kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

St. Bartholomew, Apostle- {Red}

August 24

Lord, sustain within us the faith which made St. Bartholomew ever loyal to Jesus. Let Your church be the sign of salvation for all the nations of the world. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

St. Augustine of Hippo, Bishop and Doctor of the Church- {White} August 28

Lord, renew in Your church the spirit You gave St. Augustine. Filled with this spirit, may we thirst for You alone as the fountain of wisdom and seek You as the source of eternal love. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

The Beheading of John the Baptist- {Red}

August 29

Almighty Father, You willed that Saint John the Baptist be the forerunner of Your Son both as to His birth and to His death. Grant that as the Baptist died a witness to truth and justice, we too may fight the good fight in professing the revelation of Your love. This we ask of You through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

St. Aidan- {White}

August 31

O loving God, You who called Your servant Aidan from the peace of a cloister to re-establish the Christian mission in northern England, and gave him the gifts of gentleness, simplicity, and strength, grant that we, following his example, may use what You have given us for the relief of human need, and may persevere in commending the saving gospel of our Redeemer Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

St. Gregory the Great, Bishop and Doctor of the Church- {White} September 3

Almighty and merciful God, who raised up Gregory of Rome to be a servant of the servants of God, and inspired him to send missionaries to preach the Gospel to the English people: Preserve in Your church the catholic and apostolic faith they taught, that Your people, being fruitful in every good work, may receive the crown of glory that never fades away, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

St. John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church- {White}

September 13

Father, the strength of all who trust in You, You made John Chrysostom renowned for his eloquence and heroic in his sufferings. May we learn from his teaching and gain courage from his patient endurance. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Triumph of the Holy Cross, Feast of the Lord- {Red}

September 14

God our Father, in obedience to You, Your only Son accepted death on the cross for the salvation of mankind. We acknowledge the mystery of the cross on earth. May we receive the gift of redemption in heaven. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Sts. Cyprian, Bishop/Martyr, and Cornelius, Pope/Martyr- {Red}

September 16

God our Father, in Saints Cornelius and Cyprian You have given Your people inspiring examples of a dedication to the pastoral ministry and constant witness to Jesus in their suffering. May their prayers and faith give us courage to work for the unity of Your church. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your son, who with You and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist- {Red}

September 21

God of mercy, You chose a tax collector, St. Matthew, to share the dignity of the apostles. By his example and prayers, help us to follow Christ and remain faithful in Your service. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

St. Michael and All Angels- {White}

September 29

God our Father, in a wonderful way, You guide the work of angels and men. May those who serve You constantly in heaven keep our lives safe from harm on earth. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

St. Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church- {White}

September 30

O Lord, O God of truth, whose Word is a lantern to our feet and a light upon our path, we give You thanks for Your servant Jerome and those who, following in his steps, have labored to render the Holy Scriptures in the language of the people. We pray that Your Holy Spirit will overshadow us as we read the written Word, and that Christ, the living Word, will transform us according to Your righteous will, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

St. Francis of Assisi- {White}

October 4

Father, You helped St. Francis to reflect the image of Christ through a life of poverty and humility. May we follow Your Son by walking in the footsteps of Francis of Assisi and imitating his joyful love. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

St. Teresa of Avila, Virgin, Religious, Dr. of the Church- {White} October 15

Father, by Your Spirit You raised up Teresa of Avila to show Your church the way to perfection. May her inspired teaching awaken in us a longing for true holiness. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr- {Red}

October 17

All powerful and ever living God, You ennoble Your church with the heroic witness of all who give their lives for Jesus. Grant that the victory of St. Ignatius of Antioch may bring us Your constant help as it brought him eternal glory. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

St. Luke, Evangelist- {Red}

October 18

Father, You chose Luke the Evangelist to reveal by preaching and writing the mystery of Your love for the poor. Unite in one heart and spirit all who glory in Your name, and let all the nations come to see Your salvation. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

St. James of Jerusalem, First Bishop of Jerusalem- {Red}

October 23

Grant, O God, that following the example of Your servant James the Just, brother of our Lord, Your church may give itself continually to prayer and to the reconciliation of all who are at variance and enmity, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and ever. Amen.

Sts. Crispin and Crispinian, Martyrs- {Red}

October 25

Most merciful God, who strengthened Your church by the steadfast courage of Your holy martyrs Crispin and Crispinian: Grant that we also, thankfully remembering their victory of faith, may overcome what is evil and glorify Your holy name; through Jesus Christ Your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Sts. Simon and Jude, Evangelists- {Red}

October 28

Father, You revealed Yourself through the preaching of Your apostles Simon and Jude. By their prayers, give Your church continued growth and increase the number of those who believe in You. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Feast of All Saints- {White}

November 1

Father, all powerful and ever living God, today we rejoice in the holy men and women of every time and place. May their prayers bring us Your forgiveness and love. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

All Souls- {Black/White}

November 2

Merciful Father, hear our prayers and console us. As we renew our faith in Your Son, whom You raised from the dead, strengthen our hope that all our departed brothers and sisters will share in the resurrection. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

St. Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor- {White}

November 10

God our Father, You will never allow the power of hell to prevail against Your church, founded on the rock of the apostle Peter. Let the prayers of Leo the Great keep us faithful to Your truth and secure in Your peace. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.

St. Clement I, Pope and Martyr- {Red}

November 23

All powerful and ever living God, we praise Your power and glory revealed in the lives of all Your saints. Give us joy on this feast of St. Clement, the Priest and martyr who bore witness with his blood to the love he proclaimed and the gospel he preached. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

The Common of Saints

The festival of a saint is observed in accordance with the rules of precedence set forth in the Calendar of the Church Year.

At the discretion of the Celebrant, and as appropriate, any of the following Collects, with one of the corresponding sets of Psalms and Lessons, may be used

a) at the commemoration of a saint listed in the Calendar for which no Proper is provided in this Book, or

b) at the patronal festival or commemoration of a saint not listed in the Calendar.

Of a Martyr

Almighty God, who gave Your servant N. boldness to confess the name of our Savior Jesus Christ before the rulers of this world, and courage to die for this faith: Grant that we may always be ready to give a reason for the hope that is in us, and to suffer gladly for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

or this

Almighty God, by whose grace and power Your holy martyr N. triumphed over suffering and was faithful even to death: Grant us, who now remember him in thanksgiving, to be so faithful in our witness to You in this world, that we may receive with him the crown of life, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

or this

Almighty and everlasting God, who kindled the flame of Your love in the heart of Your holy martyr N., grant to us, Your humble servants, a like faith and power of love, that we who rejoice in her triumph may profit by her example; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Of a Missionary

Almighty and everlasting God, we thank You for Your servant N., whom You called to preach the Gospel to the people of ... (or to the ... people). Raise up in this and every land evangelists and heralds of Your kingdom, that Your church may proclaim the unsearchable riches of our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

or the following

Almighty God, whose will it is to be glorified in Your saints, and who raised up Your servant N. to be a light in the world; shine, we pray, in our hearts, that we also in our generation may show forth Your praise, who called us out of darkness into Your marvelous light; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Of a Pastor

Heavenly Father, Shepherd of Your people, we thank You for Your servant N., who was faithful in the care and nurture of Your flock; and we pray that, following his example and the teaching of his holy life, we may by Your grace grow into the stature of the fullness of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

or this

O God, our heavenly Father, who raised up Your faithful servant N. to be a [Bishop and] pastor in Your church and to feed Your flock: Give abundantly to all pastors the gifts of Your Holy Spirit, that they may minister in Your household as true servants of Christ and stewards of Your divine mysteries; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Of a Theologian and Teacher

O God, by Your Holy Spirit You give to some the word of wisdom, to others the word of knowledge, and to others the word of faith: We praise Your Name for the gifts of grace manifested in Your servant N., and we pray that Your church may never be destitute of such gifts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with You and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

or this

Almighty God, You gave to Your servant N. special gifts of grace to understand and teach the truth as it is in Christ Jesus: Grant that by this teaching we may know You, the one true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent; who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Of a Monastic

O God, whose blessed Son became poor that we through His poverty might be rich, deliver us from an inordinate love of this world, that we, inspired by the devotion of Your servant N., may serve You with singleness of heart, and attain to the riches of the age to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

or this

O God, by whose grace Your servant N. kindled with the flame of Your love, became a burning and a shining light in Your church: Grant that we also may be aflame with the spirit of love and discipline, and walk before You as children of light; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Of a Saint

Almighty God, You have surrounded us with a great cloud of witnesses: Grant that we, encouraged by the good example of Your servant N., may persevere in running the race that is set before us, until at last we may with him attain to Your eternal joy; through Jesus Christ, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

or this

O God, You have brought us near to an innumerable company of angels, and to the spirits of just men made perfect: Grant us during our earthly pilgrimage to abide in their fellowship, and in our heavenly country to become partakers of their joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

or this

Almighty God, by Your Holy Spirit You have made us one with Your saints in heaven and on earth: Grant that in our earthly pilgrimage we may always be supported by this fellowship of love and prayer, and know ourselves to be surrounded by their witness to Your power and mercy. We ask this for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whom all our intercessions are acceptable through the Spirit, and who lives and reigns forever and ever. Amen.

or this

Almighty God, to whose glory we celebrate the dedication of this house of prayer: We give You thanks for the fellowship of those who have worshiped in this place, and we pray that all who seek You here may find You, and be filled with Your joy and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Prefaces

Sundays in Ordinary Time

Ordinary I

The Celebrant continues the preface with hands extended:

Father, all powerful and ever living God, we do well always and everywhere to give You thanks through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through His cross and resurrection He freed us from sin and death and called us to the glory that has made us a chosen race, a royal Priesthood, a holy nation, a people set apart.

Everywhere we proclaim Your mighty works, for You have called us out of darkness into Your own wonderful light.

And so with all the choirs of angels in heaven we proclaim Your glory and join in their unending hymn of praise:

Ordinary II

The Celebrant continues the preface with hands extended:

Father, all powerful and ever living God, we do well always and everywhere to give You thanks through Jesus Christ our Lord. Out of love for sinful man, He humbled Himself to be born of the Virgin Mary.

By suffering on the cross He freed us from death, and by rising from the dead He gave us eternal life.

And so, with all the choirs of angels in heaven we proclaim Your glory and join in their unending hymn of praise:

oly, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of Your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Ordinary III

The Celebrant continues the preface with hands extended:

Father, all powerful and ever living God, we do well always and everywhere to give You thanks.

We see Your infinite power in Your loving plan of salvation. You came to our rescue by Your power as God, but You wanted us to be saved by one like us. Man refused Your friendship, but man himself was to restore it through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him the angels of heaven offer their prayer of adoration as they rejoice in Your presence forever. May our voices be one with theirs in their triumphant hymn of praise:

oly, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of Your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

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

Hosanna in the highest.

Ordinary IV

The Celebrant continues the preface with hands extended:

Father, all powerful and ever living God, we do well always and everywhere to give You thanks through Jesus Christ our Lord.

By His birth we are reborn. In His suffering we are freed from sin. By His rising from the dead we rise to everlasting life. In His return to You in glory we enter into Your heavenly kingdom. And so, we join the angels and the saints as they sing their unending hymn of praise:

Ordinary V

The Celebrant continues the preface with hands extended:

Father, all powerful and ever living God, we do well always and everywhere to give You thanks.

All things are of Your making, all times and seasons obey Your laws, but You chose to create man in Your own image, setting him over the whole world in all its wonder. You made man the steward of creation, to praise You day by day for the marvels of Your wisdom and power, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

We praise You, Lord, with all the angels in their song of joy:

Ordinary VI

The Celebrant continues the preface with hands extended:

Father, all powerful and ever living God, we do well always and everywhere to give You thanks.

In You we live and move and have our being. Each day You show us a Father's love; Your Holy Spirit, dwelling within us, gives us on earth the hope of unending joy.

Your gift of the Spirit, who raised Jesus from the dead, is the foretaste and promise of the paschal feast of heaven.

With thankful praise, in company with the angels, we glorify the wonders of Your power:

Ordinary VII

The Celebrant continues the preface with hands extended:

Father, all powerful and ever living God, we do well always and everywhere to give You thanks.

When Your children sinned and wandered from Your friendship, You reunited them with Yourself through the blood of Your Son and the power of the Holy Spirit.

You gather them into Your church to be one, as You, Father, are one with Your Son and the Holy Spirit. You call them to be Your people, to praise Your wisdom in all Your works. You make them the body of Christ and the dwelling place of the Holy Spirit.

In our joy we sing to Your glory with all the choirs of angels:

Weekdays in Ordinary Time

Weekday I

The Celebrant continues the preface with hands extended:

Father, all powerful and ever living God, we do well always and everywhere to give You thanks through Jesus Christ our Lord.

In Him You have renewed all things and You have given us all a share in His riches.

Though His nature was divine, He stripped himself of glory and by shedding His blood on the cross He brought His peace to the world.

Therefore He was exalted above all creation and became the source of eternal life to all who serve Him.

And so, with all the choirs of angels in heaven we proclaim Your glory and join in their unending hymn of praise:

Weekday II

The Celebrant continues the preface with hands extended:

Father, all powerful and ever living God, we do well always and everywhere to give You thanks.

In love You created man, in justice You condemned him, but in mercy You redeemed him, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him the angels and all the choirs of heaven worship in awe before Your presence. May our voices be one with theirs as they sing with joy the hymn of Your glory:

oly, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of Your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

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

Hosanna in the highest.

Weekday III

The Celebrant continues the preface with hands extended:

Father, all powerful and ever living God, we do well always and everywhere to give You thanks.

Through Your beloved Son You created our human family. Through Him You restored us to Your likeness.

Therefore it is Your right to receive the obedience of all creation, the praise of the Church on earth and the thanksgiving of Your saints in heaven.

We, too, rejoice with the angels as we proclaim Your glory forever:

Weekday IV

The Celebrant continues the preface with hands extended:

Father, all powerful and ever living God, we do well always and everywhere to give You thanks.

You have no need of our praise, yet our desire to thank You is itself Your gift. Our prayer of thanksgiving adds nothing to Your greatness, but makes us grow in Your grace, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

In our joy we sing to Your glory with all the choirs of angels:

oly, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of Your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

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

Hosanna in the highest.

Weekday V

The Celebrant continues the preface with hands extended:

Father, all powerful and ever living God, we do well always and everywhere to give You thanks through Jesus Christ our Lord:

With love we celebrate His death. With living faith we proclaim His resurrection. With unwavering hope we await His return in glory.

Now with the saints and all the angels we praise You forever:

Weekday VI

The Celebrant continues the preface with hands extended:

Father, it is our duty and our salvation always and everywhere to give You thanks through Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ.

He is the Word through whom You made the universe, the Savior You sent to redeem us. By the power of the Holy Spirit He took flesh and was born of the Virgin Mary.

For our sake He opened his arms on the cross; He put an end to death and revealed the resurrection. In this He fulfilled Your will and won for You a holy people.

And so we join with the angels and the saints in proclaiming Your glory:

Proper Prefaces for Other Occasions

Advent Weeks I & II

The Celebrant continues the preface with hands extended:

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give You thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through Christ our Lord.

For He assumed at His first coming the lowliness of human flesh, and so fulfilled the design You formed long ago, and opened for us the way to eternal salvation, that, when He comes again in glory and majesty and all is at last made manifest, we who watch for that day may inherit the great promise in which now we dare to hope.

And so, with angels and archangels, with thrones and dominions, and with all the hosts and powers of heaven, we sing the hymn of Your glory, as without end we acclaim:

Advent Weeks III & IV

The Celebrant continues the preface with hands extended:

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give You thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through Christ our Lord.

For all the oracles of the prophets foretold Him, the Virgin Mother longed for Him with love beyond all telling and, John the Baptist sang of His coming and proclaimed His presence when He came.

It is by His gift that already we rejoice at the mystery of His Nativity, so that He may find us watchful in prayer and exultant in His praise.

And so, with angels and archangels, with thrones and dominions, and with all the hosts and powers of heaven, we sing the hymn of Your glory, as without end we acclaim:

Christmas I

The Celebrant continues the preface with hands extended:

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give You thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God.

For in the mystery of the Word made flesh a new light of Your glory has shone upon the eyes of our mind, so that, as we recognize in Him God made visible, we may be caught up through Him in love of things invisible.

And so, with angels and archangels, with thrones and dominions, and with all the hosts and powers of heaven, we sing the hymn of Your glory, as without end we acclaim:

Christmas II

The Celebrant continues the preface with hands extended:

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give You thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through Christ our Lord.

For on the feast of this awe-filled mystery, though invisible in His own divine nature, He has appeared visibly in ours, and begotten before all ages, He has begun to exist in time, so that, raising up in Himself all that was cast down, He might restore unity to all creation and call straying humanity back to the heavenly Kingdom.

And so, with all the angels, we praise You, as in joyful celebration we acclaim:

Christmas III

The Celebrant continues the preface with hands extended:

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give You thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through Christ our Lord.

For through Him the holy exchange that restores our life has shone forth today in splendor: When our frailty is assumed by Your Word not only does human mortality receive unending honor but by this wondrous union we, too, are made eternal.

And so, in company with the choirs of angels, we praise You, and with joy we proclaim:

oly, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of Your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

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

Hosanna in the highest.

Holy Name

The Celebrant continues the preface with hands extended:

It is right and proper that on all occasions we give You praise. You have given to Your Son Jesus the Name that is above every name, that at His name every knee should bow.

Therefore we join with angels, archangels, with the saints and martyrs, all thrones and dominions, cherubim and seraphim, and with the hosts of the heavenly army, and sing:

Epiphany

The Celebrant continues the preface with hands extended:

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give You thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God.

For today You have revealed the mystery of our salvation in Christ as a light for the nations, and, when He appeared in our mortal nature, You made us new by the glory of His immortal nature.

And so, with angels and archangels, with thrones and dominions, and with all the hosts and powers of heaven, we sing the hymn of Your glory, as without end we acclaim:

Baptism of the Lord

The Celebrant continues the preface with hands extended:

Father, all powerful and ever living God, we do well always and everywhere to give You thanks.

You celebrated Your new gift of baptism by signs and wonders at the Jordan. Your voice was heard from heaven to awaken faith in the presence among us of the Word made man.

Your Spirit was seen as a dove, revealing Jesus as Your servant, and anointing Him with joy as the Messiah, sent to bring to the poor the good news of salvation.

In our unending joy we echo on earth the song of the angels in heaven as they praise Your glory forever:

Feast of the Lord, the Giver of Life

The Celebrant continues the preface with hands extended:

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to You, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

O Lord, You are the Giver of life; we as Your children eagerly anticipate the revealing of Your crowning glory to the entire world.

Therefore we praise You, joining our voices with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of Your Name:

oly, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of Your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

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

Hosanna in the highest.

Presentation of the Lord

The Celebrant continues the preface with hands extended:

Father, all powerful and ever living God, we do well always and everywhere to give You thanks through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Today Your Son, who shares Your eternal splendor, was presented in the temple, and revealed by the Spirit as the glory of Israel and the light of the peoples.

Our hearts are joyful, for we have seen Your salvation, and now with the angels and saints we praise Your forever:

Ash Wednesday

The Celebrant continues the preface with hands extended:

Father, all powerful and ever living God we do well always and everywhere to give You thanks through Jesus Christ our Lord.

You bid Your faithful people to cleanse their hearts, and to prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by Your word and sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which You have prepared for those who love You.

Therefore with angels, archangels, patriarchs, prophets, apostles and martyrs and the whole company of heaven we join in their unending hymn of praise:

Lent I

The Celebrant continues the preface with hands extended:

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give You thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through Christ our Lord.

For by Your gracious gift each year Your faithful await the sacred paschal feasts with the joy of minds made pure, so that, more eagerly intent on prayer and on the works of charity, and participating in the mysteries by which they have been reborn, they may be led to the fullness of grace that You bestow on Your sons and daughters.

And so, with angels and archangels, with thrones and dominions, and with all the hosts and powers of heaven, we sing the hymn of Your glory, as without end we acclaim:

Lent II

The Celebrant continues the preface with hands extended:

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give You thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God.

For You have given Your children a sacred time for the renewing and purifying of their hearts, that, freed from disordered affections, they may so deal with the things of this passing world as to hold rather to the things that eternally endure.

And so, with all the angels and saints, we praise You, as without end we acclaim:

Lent III

The Celebrant continues the preface with hands extended:

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give thanks, Lord, holy, Father, almighty and eternal God.

For You will that our self-denial should give You thanks, humble our sinful pride, contribute to the feeding of the poor, and so help us imitate You in Your kindness.

And so we glorify You with countless angels, as with one voice of praise we acclaim:

Lent IV

The Celebrant continues the preface with hands extended:

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give You thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God.

For through bodily fasting You restrain our faults, raise up our minds, and bestow both virtue and its rewards, through Christ our Lord.

Through him the angels praise Your majesty, dominions adore and powers tremble before You. Heaven and the virtues of heaven and the blessed seraphim worship together with exultation. May our voices, we pray, join with theirs in humble praise, as we acclaim:

Feast of the Annunciation

The Celebrant continues the preface with hands extended:

Father, all powerful and ever living God, we do well always and everywhere to give You thanks through Jesus Christ our Lord. He came to save mankind by becoming a man Himself. The Virgin Mary, receiving the angel's message in faith, conceived by the power of the Spirit and bore Your Son in purest love.

In Christ, the eternal truth, Your promise to Israel came true. In Christ, the hope of all peoples, man's hope was realized beyond all expectation.

Through Christ the angels of heaven offer their prayer of adoration as they rejoice in Your presence forever. May our voices be heard with theirs in their triumphant hymn of praise:

Passion of the Lord I (Palm Sunday)

The Celebrant continues the preface with hands extended:

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give You thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God.

For through the saving Passion of Your Son the whole world has received a heart to confess the infinite power of Your majesty, since by the wondrous power of the Cross Your judgment on the world is now revealed and the authority of Christ crucified.

And so, Lord, with all the angels and saints, we, too, give You thanks, as in exultation we acclaim:

Passion of the Lord II (Palm Sunday)

The Celebrant continues the preface with hands extended:

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give You thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through Christ our Lord.

For the days of His saving passion and glorious resurrection are approaching, by which the pride of the ancient foe is vanquished and the mystery of our redemption in Christ is celebrated.

Through Him the host of angels adores Your majesty and rejoices in Your presence forever. May our voices, we pray, join with theirs in one chorus of exultant praise, as we acclaim:

Holy Thursday

The Celebrant continues the preface with hands extended:

Father, all powerful and ever living God, we do well always and everywhere to give You thanks through Jesus Christ our Lord.

He is the true and eternal Priest who established this unending sacrifice. He offered himself as a victim for our deliverance and taught us to make this offering in His memory. As we eat His body, which He gave for us, we grow in strength. As we drink His blood, which He pours out for us, we are washed clean.

Now, with angels and archangels, and the whole company of heaven, we sing the unending hymn of Your praise:

Easter 1

The Celebrant continues the preface with hands extended:

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, at all times to acclaim You, O Lord, but (on this night / on this day / in this time) above all to laud You yet more gloriously, when Christ our Passover has been sacrificed.

For He is the true Lamb who has taken away the sins of the world; by dying He has destroyed our death, and by rising, restored our life.

Therefore, overcome with paschal joy, every land, every people exults in Your praise and even the heavenly powers, with the angelic hosts, sing together the unending hymn of Your glory, as they acclaim:

Easter II

The Celebrant continues the preface with hands extended:

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, at all times to acclaim You, O Lord, but in this time above all to laud You yet more gloriously, when Christ our Passover has been sacrificed.

Through Him the children of light rise to eternal life and the halls of the heavenly Kingdom are thrown open to the faithful; for His death is our ransom from death, and in His rising the life of all has risen.

Therefore, overcome with paschal joy, every land, every people exults in Your praise and even the heavenly powers, with the angelic hosts, sing together the unending hymn of Your glory, as they acclaim:

Easter III

The Celebrant continues the preface with hands extended:

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, at all times to acclaim You, O Lord, but in this time above all to laud You yet more gloriously, when Christ our Passover has been sacrificed.

He never ceases to offer Himself for us but defends us and ever pleads our cause before You: He is the sacrificial Victim who dies no more, the Lamb, once slain, who lives forever.

Therefore, overcome with paschal joy, every land, every people exults in Your praise and even the heavenly powers, with the angelic hosts, sing together the unending hymn of Your glory, as they acclaim:

Easter IV

The Celebrant continues the preface with hands extended:

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, at all times to acclaim You, O Lord, but in this time above all to laud You yet more gloriously, when Christ our Passover has been sacrificed.

For, with the old order destroyed, a universe cast down is renewed, and integrity of life is restored to us in Christ.

Therefore, overcome with paschal joy, every land, every people exults in Your praise and even the heavenly powers, with the angelic hosts, sing together the unending hymn of Your glory, as they acclaim:

Easter V

The Celebrant continues the preface with hands extended:

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, at all times to acclaim You, O Lord, but in this time above all to laud You yet more gloriously, when Christ our Passover has been sacrificed.

By the oblation of His body, He brought the sacrifices of old to fulfillment in the reality of the Cross and, by commending Himself to You for our salvation, showed himself the Priest, the Altar, and the Lamb of sacrifice.

Therefore, overcome with paschal joy, every land, every people exults in Your praise and even the heavenly Powers, with the angelic hosts, sing together the unending hymn of Your glory, as they acclaim:

Ascension

The Celebrant continues the preface with hands extended:

Father, all powerful and ever living God, we do well always and everywhere to give You thanks.

The Lord Jesus, the King of glory, the conqueror of sin and death, ascended to heaven while the angels sang His praises.

Christ, the mediator between God and man, judge of the world and Lord of all, has passed beyond our sight, not to abandon us but to be our hope. Christ Jesus is the beginning, the head of the Church; where He has gone, we hope to follow.

The joy of the resurrection and ascension renews the whole world, while the choirs of heaven sing forever to Your glory:

Pentecost

The Celebrant continues the preface with hands extended:

Father, all powerful and ever living God, we do well always and everywhere to give You thanks.

Today You sent the Holy Spirit on those marked out to be Your children by sharing the life of Your Son, and so You brought the paschal mystery to completion.

Today we celebrate the great beginning of Your church when the Holy Spirit made known to all peoples the one true God, and created from the many languages of man one voice to profess one faith.

Today You poured out the gifts of tongues and prophecy, and filled Your church with the blessings of the Spirit that we might continue to preach, teach, heal, cast out demons, and proclaim the good news of Your Kingdom.

Therefore we praise You, joining our voices with angels, archangels, patriarchs, prophets, apostles, martyrs and the whole company of heaven in their unending hymn of praise:

Trinity Sunday

The Celebrant continues the preface with hands extended:

Father, all powerful and ever living God, we do well always and everywhere to give You thanks.

We joyfully proclaim our faith in the mystery of the Trinity. You have revealed Your glory as the glory also of Your Son and of the Holy Spirit: three persons equal in majesty, undivided in splendor, yet one Lord, one God, ever to be adored in Your everlasting glory.

And so, with all the choirs of angels in heaven we proclaim Your glory and join their unending hymn of praise:

Feast of Corpus Christi

The Celebrant continues the preface with hands extended:

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give You thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through Christ our Lord.

For at the Last Supper with His apostles, establishing for the ages to come the saving memorial of the cross, He offered himself to You as the unblemished Lamb, the acceptable gift of perfect praise.

Nourishing Your faithful by this sacred mystery, You make them holy, so that the human race, bounded by one world, may be enlightened by one faith and united by one bond of charity.

And so, we approach the table of this wondrous Sacrament, so that, bathed in the sweetness of Your grace, we may pass over to the heavenly realities here foreshadowed.

Therefore, all creatures of heaven and earth sing a new song in adoration, and we, with all the host of angels, cry out, and without end we acclaim:

The Transfiguration

The Celebrant continues the preface with hands extended:

Father, all powerful and ever living God, we do well always and everywhere to give You thanks through Jesus Christ our Lord.

He revealed His glory to the disciples to strengthen them for the scandal of the cross. His glory shone from His body like our own, to show that the Church, which is the body of Christ, would one day share His glory.

In our unending joy, we echo on earth the song of all the angels in heaven as they praise Your glory forever:

Triumph of the Cross

The Celebrant continues the preface with hands extended:

Father, all powerful and ever living God, we do well always and everywhere to give You thanks.

You decreed that man should be saved through the wood of the cross. The tree of man's defeat became his tree of victory; where life was lost, there life has been restored through Christ our Lord.

Through Him the choirs of angels and all the powers of heaven praise and worship Your glory. May our voices blend with theirs as we join in their unending hymn:

Feast of All Saints

The Celebrant continues the preface with hands extended:

Father, all powerful and ever living God, we do well always and everywhere to give You thanks.

Today we keep the festival of Your holy city, the heavenly Jerusalem. Around Your throne the saints, our brothers and sisters, sing Your praise forever. Their glory fills us with joy, and their communion with us in Your church gives us inspiration and strength as we hasten on our pilgrimage of faith, eager to meet them.

With their great company and the angels we praise Your glory as we cry out with one voice:

Christ the King

The Celebrant continues the preface with hands extended:

Father, all powerful and ever living God, we do well always and everywhere to give You thanks.

You anointed Jesus Christ, Your only Son, with the oil of gladness, as the eternal Priest and universal King.

As Priest He offered his life on the altar of the cross and redeemed the human race by this one perfect sacrifice of peace.

As king He claims dominion over all creation, that He may present to You, his almighty Father, an eternal and universal kingdom: a kingdom of truth and life, a kingdom of holiness and grace, a kingdom of justice, love, and peace.

As so, with all the choirs in heaven we proclaim Your glory and join in their unending hymn of praise:

Feast of St. Joseph

The Celebrant continues the preface with hands extended:

Father, all powerful and ever living God, we do well always and everywhere to give You thanks through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Saint Joseph is that just man, that wise and loyal servant, whom You placed at the head of Your family. With a husband's love he cherished Mary, the virgin Mother of God. With fatherly care he watched over Jesus Christ Your Son, conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Through Christ the choirs of angels and all the powers of heaven praise and worship Your glory. May our voices blend with theirs as we join in their unending hymn of praise:

Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles

The Celebrant continues the preface with hands extended:

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give You thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God.

For by Your providence the blessed apostles Peter and Paul bring us joy: Peter, foremost in confessing the faith, established the early Church from the remnant of Israel. Paul, that church's outstanding preacher, became master and teacher of the Gentiles that You called.

And so as they gathered together, each in a different way, the one family of Christ, revered together throughout the world, they share one martyr's crown.

And therefore, with all the angels and saints, we praise You, as without end we acclaim:

For an Apostle

The Celebrant continues the preface with hands extended:

Father, all powerful and ever living God, we do well always and everywhere to give You thanks.

You are the eternal shepherd who never leaves His flock untended. Through the apostles You watch over us and protect us always. You made them shepherds of the flock to share in the work of your Son, and from their place in heaven they guide us still.

And so, with all the choirs of angels in heaven we proclaim Your glory and join in their unending hymn of praise:

For a Martyr

The Celebrant continues the preface with hands extended:

Father, all powerful and ever living God, we do well always and everywhere to give You thanks.

Your holy martyr ______ followed the example of Christ, and gave his (her) life for the glory of Your name. His (Her) death reveals Your power shining through our human weakness. You choose the weak and make them strong in bearing witness to You, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

In our unending joy, we echo on earth the song of the angels in heaven as they praise Your glory forever:

oly, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of Your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

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

Hosanna in the highest.

For a Pastor

The Celebrant continues the preface with hands extended:

Father, all powerful and ever living God, we do well always and everywhere to give You thanks.

You give the Church this feast in honor of Saint _____; You inspire us by his holy life, instruct us by his preaching, and give us Your protection in answer to his prayers.

We join the angels and the saints in their unending hymn of praise:

For Virgins and Religious

The Celebrant continues the preface with hands extended:

Father, all powerful and ever living God, we do well always and everywhere to give You thanks.

Today we honor Your saints who consecrated their lives to Christ for the sake of the kingdom of heaven. What love You show us as You recall mankind to its innocence, and invite us to taste on earth the gifts of the world to come.

Now with the saints and all the angels we praise You forever:

oly, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of Your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

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

Hosanna in the highest.

For Holy Men and Women

The Celebrant continues the preface with hands extended:

Father, all powerful and ever living God, we do well always and everywhere to give You thanks.

You renew the Church in every age by raising up men and women outstanding in holiness, living witnesses of Your unchanging love. They inspire us by their heroic lives and help us by their constant prayers to be the living signs of Your saving power.

We praise You, Lord, with all the angels and saints in their song of joy:

For Baptism

The Celebrant, with hands extended, says:

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to You, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because in Jesus Christ our Lord You have received us as Your sons and daughters, made us citizens of Your kingdom, and given us the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth.

Therefore we praise You, joining our voices with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of Your Name:

Celebration and Blessings of Holy Matrimony

The Celebrant, with hands extended, says:

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to You, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because in the love of wife and husband, You have given us an image of the heavenly Jerusalem, adorned as a bride for her bridegroom, Your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who loves her and gave Himself for her, that He might make the whole creation new.

Therefore we praise You, joining our voices with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of Your Name:

The Burial of the Dead

The Celebrant proceeds:

Father, all powerful and ever living God, we do well, always and everywhere, to give You thanks through Jesus Christ our Lord who rose victorious from the dead, and comforts us with the blessed hope of everlasting life. For to Your faithful people, O Lord, life is changed, not ended; and when our mortal body lies in death, there is prepared for us an eternal dwelling place in the heavens.

And so, with all the choirs of angels in heaven, we proclaim Your glory and join in their unending hymn of praise:

Eucharistic Prayers

Eucharistic Prayer I

The Celebrant joins his hands and holding them outstretched over the offerings, says: Lord, you are holy indeed, the fountain of all holiness. Make holy, therefore, these gifts, we pray, by sending down Your Spirit upon them

He joins his hands and, making the sign of the cross once over both bread and chalice, says:

so that they may become for us the + Body and Blood of our Lord. Jesus Christ.

He joins his hands.

The words of the Lord in the following formulas should be spoken clearly and distinctly, as their meaning demands.

Before He was given up to death, a death He freely accepted, He took bread and gave You thanks. He broke the bread, gave it to His disciples, and said,

Take, eat: This is My Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me.

He shows the consecrated host to the people, places it on the paten, and bows, or genuflects, in adoration. Then he continues:

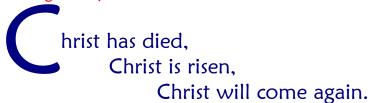
When supper was ended, He took the cup. Again He gave You thanks and praise, gave the cup to His disciples, and said:

Drink this, all of you: This is My Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of Me.

He shows the consecrated chalice to the people, places it on the corporal, and bows, or genuflects, in adoration.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Then he sings or says:



Then with hands extended, the Celebrant says:

In memory of His death and resurrection, we offer You, Father, this life-giving bread, this saving cup. We thank You for counting us worthy to stand in Your presence and serve You. Humbly we pray that, partaking of the Body and Blood of Christ, we may be gathered into one by the Holy Spirit.

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Lord, remember Your church throughout the world; make us grow in love, together with our Patriarch, N, our Bishop, N, and all the clergy.
Remember those for whom we now pray
He prays for them briefly with hands joined. Then, with hands extended, he continues: Draw our hearts to remember the poor and broken. As we receive the Body and Blood of Jesus, may we be transformed to become the Body of Christ to the world.
Lord have mercy on us all; Lord You have made us worthy to share eternal life with Blessed Virgin Mary, the mother of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, Joseph, her husband, and with the apostles, martyrs, and all the saints (especially). May we praise You in union with them and give You glory
He joins his hands. through Your Son, Jesus Christ.
He takes the chalice and the host and, lifting them up, says: By Him, with Him, and in Him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is Yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

The people respond:

AMEN.

Eucharistic Prayer II

The Celebrant, with hands extended, says:

Father, You are holy indeed, and all creation rightly gives You praise. All life, all holiness comes from You through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, by the working of the Holy Spirit. And You never cease to gather a people to Yourself, so that from the rising of the sun to its setting a pure sacrifice may be offered to Your name.

He joins his hands and holding them outstretched over the offerings, says:

Therefore, O Lord, we humbly implore You: By the same Spirit graciously make holy these gifts we have brought to You for consecration, that they may become

He joins his hands and, making the sign of the cross once over both bread and chalice, says:

the + Body and Blood of Your Son, Jesus Christ, at whose command we celebrate these mysteries.

He joins his hands.

The words of the Lord in the following formulas should be spoken clearly and distinctly, as their meaning demands.

On the night He was betrayed, He took bread and gave You thanks and praise. He broke the bread, gave it to His disciples, and said,

Take, eat: This is My Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of Me.

He shows the consecrated host to the people, places it on the paten, and bows, or genuflects, in adoration. Then he continues:

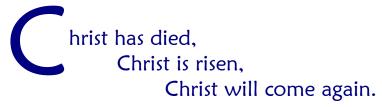
When supper was ended, He took the cup. Again, He gave You thanks and praise, gave the cup to His disciples, and said:

Drink this, all of you: This is My Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of Me.

He shows the consecrated chalice to the people, places it on the corporal, and bows, or genuflects, in adoration.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Then he sings or says:



Then with hands extended, the Priest says:

Father, calling to mind the death Your Son endured for our salvation, His glorious resurrection and ascension into heaven, and as we look forward to His second coming, we offer You in thanksgiving this holy and living sacrifice.

Look with favor on Your church's offering, and recognizing the sacrificial Victim whose death has reconciled us to Yourself, grant that we, who are nourished by His Body and Blood, may be filled with the Holy Spirit and become one Body in Christ.

May He make us an everlasting gift to You	u and enable us to share
in the inheritance of Your saints, with Bles	ssed Virgin Mary, the
mother of our Lord and Savior Jesus Chris	st, Joseph her husband,
and the apostles, the martyrs (Saint) and all Your
saints, on whose constant intercession in \	our presence we rely for
unfailing help.	

Strengthen	in faith Your church on earth, along with Your servant,
N	, our Patriarch, our own Bishop, N,
and all the has gained	Bishops, with the clergy and the entire people Your Son for You.
Remember	those for whom we now pray

He prays for them briefly with hands joined. Then, with hands extended, he continues: Listen graciously to the prayers of this family, whom, You have summoned before You: In Your compassion, O merciful Father, gather to Yourself all Your children scattered throughout the world,

He joins his hands.

through Jesus Christ our Lord, from whom all good things come.

He takes the chalice and the host and, lifting them up, says:

By Him, with Him, and in Him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is Yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

The people respond: AMEN.

Eucharistic Prayer III

The Celebrant, with hands extended, says:

Holy and gracious Father, in Your infinite love You made us for Yourself and when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, You, in Your mercy sent Jesus Christ, Your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to You, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out His arms on the cross and offered Himself, in obedience to Your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

He joins his hands and holding them outstretched over the offerings, says:

And so, Father, we pray that, in Your goodness and mercy, Your Holy Spirit may descend upon us and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for Your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation,

He joins his hands and, making the sign of the cross once over both bread and chalice, says:

the + Body and Blood of Your Son Jesus Christ.

He joins his hands.

The words of the Lord in the following formulas should be spoken clearly and distinctly, as their meaning demands.

On the night He was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when He had given thanks to You, He broke it, gave it to His disciples, and said,

Take, eat: This is My body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me.

He shows the consecrated host to the people, places it on the paten, and bows, or genuflects, in adoration. Then he continues:

After supper He took the cup of wine and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them and said:

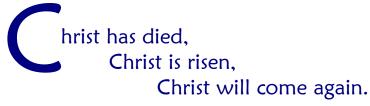
Drink this, all of you: This is My Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of Me.

He shows the consecrated chalice to the people, places it on the corporal, and bows, or genuflects, in adoration.

Then, with hands extended, he says:

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and His descent among the dead, proclaiming His resurrection and ascension to Your right hand, and awaiting His coming in glory. Offering to You from the gifts You have given us, this bread and this cup, we give You praise as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Then he sings or says:



Then with hands extended, the Priest says:

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice to the praise of Your Name.

Remember, Lord, Your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of Jesus. Reveal her unity, guard her faith, and preserve her in peace.

own Bishop, and all wh	, our Patriarch, N ho minister in Your church an o us from the apostles. Remen	d teach the
He prays for them briefly with And grant that we may Mary, with Joseph her patriarchs, prophets, ap	hands joined. Then, with hands extend of find our inheritance with the husband, with (postles, and martyrs, and all the You in ages past. We praise Y	e Blessed Virgin), he saints who
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The people respond: AMEN.		

Eucharistic Prayer IV

The Celebrant, with hands extended, says:

We give thanks to You, O God, for the goodness and love which You have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be Your people; in Your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all, in the Word made flesh, Jesus, Your Son. For in these last days You sent Him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In Him, You have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before You. In Him, You have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, and out of death into life.

Offering our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to You, O Lord of all; we present to You, from Your creation, this + bread and this + wine. We pray You, gracious God, to send Your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and His blood of the new covenant. Unite us to Your Son in His sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through Him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

The words of the Lord in the following formulas should be spoken clearly and distinctly, as their meaning demands.

On the night before He died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when He had given thanks to You, He broke it, and gave it to His disciples and said:

Take, eat: This is My Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of Me.

He shows the consecrated host to the people, places it on the paten, and bows, or genuflects, in adoration. Then he continues:

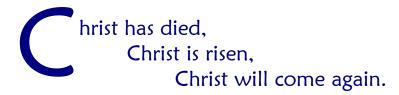
After supper He took the cup of wine and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them and said:

Drink this, all of you: This is My Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of Me.

He shows the consecrated chalice to the people, places it on the corporal, and bows, or genuflects, in adoration.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Then he sings or says:



Then with hands extended, the Celebrant says:

In the fullness of time, put all t	hings in subjection (under Your
Christ and bring us to that hear	venly country where	e with Blessed
Mary, the Mother of our Lord	and Savior Jesus Ch	rist, with Joseph
her husband, and with (, and) all Youi	r saints, we may
enter the everlasting heritage of	of Your sons and dat	ughters.
Remember N, our	Patriarch, N	our
bishop and all the bishops and	clergy. Bring your	Church to unity
in Christ Jesus, the firstborn of	all creation, the hea	ad of the Church.
and the author of our salvation	n.	

By Him, with Him, and in Him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is Yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

The people respond: AMEN.

Eucharistic Prayer V

The Celebrant, with hands extended, says:

We give You praise, Father most holy, for You are great and You have fashioned all Your works in wisdom and in love. You formed man in Your own image and entrusted the whole world to his care, so that in serving You alone, the Creator, he might have dominion over all creatures. And when through disobedience he had lost Your friendship, You did not abandon him to the domain of death. For You came in mercy to the aid of all, so that those who seek might find You. Time and again You offered them covenants and through the prophets taught them to look forward to salvation.

And You so loved the world, Father most holy, that in the fullness of time You sent Your only begotten Son to be our Savior. Made incarnate by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary, He shared our human nature in all things but sin. To the poor, He proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; and to the sorrowful of heart, joy. To accomplish Your plan, He gave himself up to death, and rising from the dead, He destroyed death and restored life.

And that we might live no longer for ourselves but for Him who died and rose again for us, He sent the Holy Spirit from You, Father, as the first fruits for those who believe, so that, bringing to perfection His work in the world, He might sanctify creation to the full.

He joins his hands and, holding them extended over the offerings, says:

Therefore, O Lord, we pray: May this same Holy Spirit graciously sanctify these offerings,

He joins his hands and makes the Sign of the Cross once over the bread and the chalice together, saying:

that they may become the Body + and Blood + of our Lord Jesus Christ +

He joins his hands.

for the celebration of this great mystery, which He Himself left us as an eternal covenant.

The words of the Lord in the following formulas should be spoken clearly and distinctly, as their meaning demands.

For when the hour had come for Him to be glorified by You, Father most holy, having loved his own who were in the world, He loved them to the end and while they were at supper,

He takes the bread and, holding it slightly raised above the altar, continues: He took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to His disciples, saying:

Take, eat: This is My Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of Me.

He shows the consecrated host to the people, places it on the paten, and bows, or genuflects, in adoration. Then he continues:

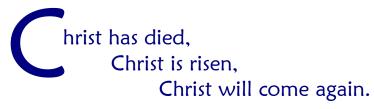
In a similar way, taking the cup filled with the fruit of the vine, He gave thanks and gave the cup to His disciples, saying:

Drink this, all of you: This is My Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of Me.

He shows the consecrated chalice to the people, places it on the corporal, and bows, or genuflects, in adoration.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Then he sings or says:



Then with hands extended, the Celebrant says:

Therefore, O Lord, as we now celebrate the memorial of our redemption, we remember Christ's death and His descent to the realm of the dead. We proclaim His resurrection and His ascension to Your right hand, and, as we await His coming in glory, we offer You His Body and Blood.

Look, O Lord, upon the sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving which You Yourself have provided for Your church, and grant in Your loving kindness to all who partake of this one bread and one cup that, gathered into one body by the Holy Spirit, they may truly become a living sacrifice in Christ to the praise of Your glory.

Therefore, Lord, remember now your servant N._____, our Patriarch, N._____, our Bishop and the whole order of Bishops. Remember all the clergy, especially those who take part in the offering, as well as Your people gathered here before You, seeking You with sincere hearts.

To all of us, Your children, grant, O merciful Father, that we may enter into a heavenly inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, and with Your apostles and saints in Your kingdom.

There, with the whole of creation freed from the corruption of sin and death, may we glorify You through Christ our Lord,

He joins his hands.

through whom You bestow on the world all that is good.

He takes the chalice and the host and, lifting them up, says:

By Him, with Him, and in Him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is Yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

The people respond: AMEN.

Eucharist Continues

The Celebrant continues:

And now as our Savior Christ taught us, we are bold to pray...

or

Let us pray with confidence to the Father in the words our Savior gave us....

or

Jesus taught us to call God our Father, and so we have the courage to pray...

or

Let us ask the Father to forgive our sins and bring us to forgive those who sin against us...

or

Let us pray for the coming of the kingdom as Jesus taught us...

or

At the Savior's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say...

All say together:

ur 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.

The Fraction

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated host in half, then elevates the host and the chalice together, saying:

Celebrant: Behold the Lamb of God, behold Him who takes

away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called

to the supper of the Lamb.

People: Lord, I am not worthy that You should enter under

my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall

be healed.

Or

Celebrant: [Alleluia.] Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. [Alleluia.]

Agnus Dei

The Celebrant and the people continue with the Agnus Dei:

Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world:

Response is: Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world:

Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world:

Grant us peace.

The Celebrant may add this invitation to Communion:

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the people of God: (take them

in remembrance that Jesus died for you and feed

on Him in your hearts with thanksgiving.)

Optional private preparation of the Celebrant:

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, by the will of the Father and the work of the Holy Spirit, Your death brought life to the world. By Your holy body and blood free me from all my sins and from every evil. Keep me faithful in Your teaching and never let me be parted from You.

Or

Lord Jesus Christ, with faith in Your love and mercy I eat Your body and drink Your blood. Let it not bring me condemnation but health in mind and body.

Abridged Eucharistic Prayer

If the consecrated Bread or Wine does not suffice for the number of communicants, The Celebrant is to return to the Holy Table, and consecrate more Bread or Wine by saying one of the following:

To Consecrate More Bread

Hear us, O heavenly Father, and with Your Word and Holy Spirit + bless and sanctify this bread that it, also, may be the Sacrament of the precious Body of Your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who took the bread and said, "This is My Body."

Amen.

Or

To Consecrate More Wine

Hear us, O heavenly Father, and with Your Word and Holy Spirit + bless and sanctify this wine that it, also, may be the Sacrament of the precious Blood of Your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who took the cup and said, "This is My Blood."

Amen.

Closing Prayers

After Communion the Celebrant says:

Priest: Let us pray.

Celebrant and congregation say together:

ternal God, heavenly Father,
You have graciously accepted us as living members of Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, and You have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of His Body and Blood.

Send us now into the world in peace and grant us strength and courage to love and serve You with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Or

Imighty and ever living God,
we thank You for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of Your Son,
and heirs of Your eternal kingdom.

And now, Father, send us out to do the work
You have given us to do, to love and serve You
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To Him, to You, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

Optional:

Saint Michael the Archangel,
defend us in battle.

Be our protection against the wickedness
and snares of the devil.

May God rebuke him, we humbly pray;
and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts,
by the divine power of God,
cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits
who roam throughout the world,
seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

Blessings

Making the sign of the cross over the congregation, the Celebrant says:

Remember the Gospel. God was in Christ Jesus reconciling the world to Himself, not counting your sins against you. God loves you. God has forgiven you. God is not angry at you. And God will never leave you, nor forsake you. And the blessing of God Almighty, + the Father + and the Son + and the Holy Spirit be with you this day and forever. Amen.

Or

The Peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God and of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. And the blessing of God Almighty + the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit be with you for always. Amen.

Or

May almighty God bless you, + the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Or

Remember the poor. Be kindly affectionate one to another. And may the watchful care of + the Father, the quiet confidence of the Son, and the abiding presence of the Holy Spirit be with you and with those you love and care for now and forever. Amen.

Or

When the Bishop is present:

Deacon: Bow your heads and pray for God's blessing.

Bishop: The Lord be with you. People: And with your spirit.

Bishop: Our help is in the Name of the Lord.

People: The maker of heaven and earth.

Bishop: (Adds a blessing)

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Dismissals

(Alleluia, Alleluia is added at the beginning during Easter until Pentecost Sunday)

The Deacon dismisses the people with these words:

Deacon: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Or

Deacon: Go forth in the Name of Christ.

Or

Deacon: Go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the

Spirit.

Or

Deacon: Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord.

Or

Deacon: Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.

People: Thanks be to God.

(Alleluia, Alleluia is added at the end during Easter until Pentecost Sunday.)