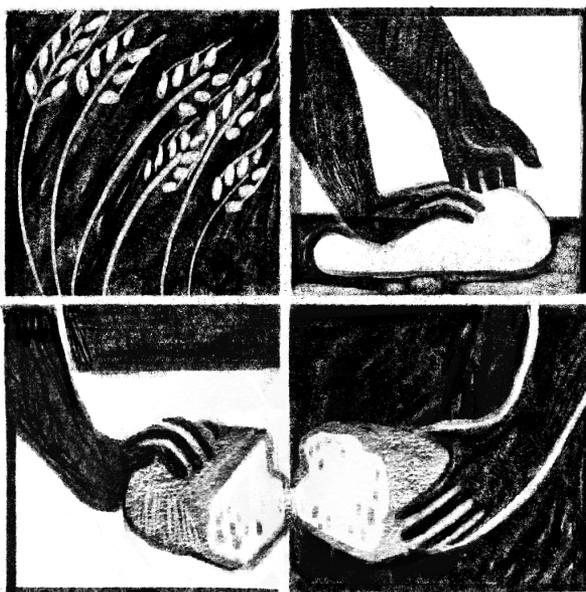


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Part 1: Introduction

DAILY PRAYER

As children of God, our aim is to grow to maturity in Christ. While God uses every facet of our lives to accomplish this, there is no substitute for regular engagement with God through the Scriptures and through prayer. This prayer book is intended to help us engage with God in these ways, with the broader goal of helping us grow to maturity to the glory of God.

The practice of common, daily prayer has long marked God's people, and its aim has always been, as the preface to the first Book of Common Prayer (1549) states, "a great advancement of godliness" through engagement with God and his Word. This book contains the Anglican Church in North America's (ACNA) editions of morning prayer, prayer during the day, evening prayer, and compline (night prayer), adapted only slightly for our context. Together, they are known as the Daily Office. The forms follow a basic pattern: enter God's presence, listen to God, speak to God.

In the context of daily prayer, we take up the practice of daily Scripture reading, because, as Jesus taught us, we live "not by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God" (Matthew 4.4, quoting Deuteronomy 8.3). The Daily Office Lectionary of the ACNA, at the back of this book, provides daily Scripture readings in the Old and New Testaments, taking us through the New Testament in one year, the Old Testament in two years, and the Psalms six times a year (see the more extensive introduction to the lectionary on page 84).

We encourage you to use the Daily Office and the Lectionary in triads, in Neighborhood Groups, at ministry team meetings, and at other gatherings of our community. We post regular reflections on the daily readings on our website under the "Resources" section.

This prayer, written by Thomas Cranmer (Archbishop of Canterbury, d. 1556), encourages us as we take up God's Word:

Blessed Lord, who caused the holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may so hear, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that through patience and the comfort of your holy Word, we may embrace and forever hold fast the joyful hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

THE CHRISTIAN CALENDAR

By ordering time around the redemptive acts of God, the Christian calendar becomes a powerful tool for spiritual formation. Through it, we retell the story of God's rescue year after year, reminding ourselves that we are, first and foremost, the rescued people of our God. We are adopted children the God who, in fulfillment of his promises (Advent), entered our world as a human being (Christmastide), manifested his glory to the nations (Epiphany), suffered and died (Lent), rose from the dead (Eastertide), ascended into heaven (Ascension), sent the Spirit to comfort and empower us (Pentecost), and is coming back to make all things new (Advent). The Christian calendar keeps all of this front and center in our lives.

ADVENT

Introduction: The English word Advent is derived from the Latin word *adventus*, meaning “arrival” or “coming.” During these four weeks, we highlight the fact that we are a people awaiting the return—the coming, the arrival, the Advent—of our King, Jesus, to his world and his people. We also look back upon his first advent, Christ's coming in humility as a helpless baby, and we remember the anticipation and expectation of God's people awaiting the coming of the Messiah.

Hopeful Waiting: Advent is a season of preparation, waiting, longing, and expectation. We renew our posture of hopeful waiting, and we focus on the hope of renewal, restoration, and resurrection life. In the midst of a broken world, our central hope is that Jesus, the world's true King, is going to return to right all wrongs, remove all sin and evil, and redeem his world and his people. In other words—thanks be to God!—the present state of affairs is not the end. We proclaim this hope during the Great Thanksgiving each week when we affirm, “Christ will come again!” but this hope is too easily obscured by present sorrows and worldly distractions. Advent is the season during which we focus on this hope again with the aim of renewing it in our lives.

A Time for Repentance: Renewed hope means renewed repentance as well. While we long for the return of Jesus (see 1 Corinthians 16.22 and Revelation 22.20), we quickly realize that we're not ready to meet the Holy One face-to-face. We're not simply innocent bystanders in a broken world; we are also perpetrators of evil and sin against God and against our neighbor. So as we rekindle our hope, we also renew

our repentance, knowing that God, by his grace, is faithful to cleanse us and to make us ready to meet him when he comes.

CHRISTMASTIDE (December 25-January 5)

This joyful season celebrates the Incarnation. Full deity became true humanity to rescue rebels: the Word became flesh and dwelt among us (John 1.14). We have a full twelve days to celebrate this wondrous event! Far too often, the tree and gifts get packed up a day or two after Christmas Day, the house returns to normal, and we move on to New Year's events. But Christmastide lasts until January 5, and we're meant to celebrate the amazing gift of the Incarnation for the entire twelve days. One of the ways we recover that as a community is by reflecting on Christmas themes for twelve days in our daily prayers.

THE FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY (January 6)

This feast, which immediately follows Christmastide, celebrates the revelation of Jesus to the whole world. Epiphany comes from the Greek word *epiphaino*, meaning “to appear” or “to make known.” Jesus is made known to the nations in his early life when the magi come from the East and pay homage to the newborn king with gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh (Matthew 2.1-12). We long for Jesus to be revealed to all people and for his light to shine in the darkness of our world; we ask for him to do that through us, his redeemed people.

LENT

Lent is the period of forty days (Sundays are excluded) leading up to Easter. Historically, this was a period of preparation for those planning to be baptized at Easter. It later became a time of penitence and self-examination for all Christians. The word Lent actually means “springtime” and much like the new life that comes after a cold winter, Lent is rooted in repentance and conversion, the putting off of the old self and the putting on of the new. This is not simply a one-time event, but a continuous action, a constant turning away from sin and a reorientation to God. All of this is aimed at the renewal of our spiritual lives.

The forty days of Lent symbolize the forty days Jesus spent in the wilderness being tempted by Satan. By observing Lent, we follow Jesus into the wilderness, resist temptation, pray, and proceed “on the

way” to Jerusalem and to the cross of Good Friday. Throughout Lent, we focus on our present wilderness while keeping an eye toward the resurrection.

Throughout the history of the church, faithful Christians have used the forty days of Lent to restore vibrancy, life, passion, and vision in their walks with God, primarily through a renewed focus on various spiritual disciplines, including prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Our recommended practices (pages 14-15) can help you make the most of Lent.

ASH WEDNESDAY

We begin Lent with the imposition of ashes as a sign of our mortality and penitence. As we receive the ashes, we hear the words, “Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return” (Genesis 3.19). But we are simultaneously marked by the cross, pointing to our hope in the grace of God through the cross of Christ.

HOLY WEEK & EASTER VIGIL

During Holy Week, we arrive at Jerusalem with Jesus’ triumphal entry on Palm Sunday, a day that is also referred to as the Sunday of the Passion. On this day, we reflect together on the passion story, a reflection that continues throughout the week as we read the passion narrative from each of the four Gospels.

On Maundy Thursday, we remember the meal Jesus instituted with his disciples the night before he was crucified and the new commandment (Maundy is derived from the Latin word *mandatum*, meaning “commandment”) Jesus gave us at that meal: to love one another as he has loved us (John 13.34).

We then proceed to the cross of Good Friday. This is the most somber service of the Christian year as we remember the death of Jesus. We enter into a deeper reflection upon the crucifixion of our Lord by self-examination, repentance, prayer, and by reading and meditating on God’s holy Word. On this day, we see our complicity in the death of Christ—he died for our sin—but we also see his love shining forth triumphantly, appropriately calling this day “good.” Our great enemies, sin and death, are defeated, and our freedom is assured by the death of the Son of God.

After a meditation on the Stations of the Cross, we depart our Good Friday service in silence; our lenten journey culminates the following evening when we return in silence for the celebration of Jesus' resurrection at our Easter Vigil. This service moves us from the darkness of the Good Friday tomb to the light of the resurrection dawn, which we continue to celebrate on Sunday morning. Through a collection of artistic offerings—original music, poetry, dance, visual art, drama, and congregational song—we give glory to God for the incomparable work of raising Christ from the dead and raising us with him. Our union with Christ by faith, signified through the sacrament of baptism, is at the heart of this service, so this service often includes baptisms and always includes a renewal of our baptismal vows.

EASTERTIDE

As we begin the fifty-day season of Easter, our penitence transitions into joyful celebration and feasting as we glory in Jesus' resurrection from the dead. This is marked liturgically by the reintroduction of "alleluia" in our corporate worship and the daily office. Alleluia means simply, "Praise the LORD," and the Christian family around the globe resounds in praise to God in response to the Easter event.

Easter is a season that focuses on new life (symbolized popularly by Easter eggs). In the resurrection, new life springs forth from the grave by the power of God. We celebrate the historical, bodily resurrection of our Lord as evidence that life has indeed conquered death. The resurrection signifies unambiguously that God is the final victor in the battle between light and darkness. Our greatest enemies are vanquished, and the new life we see in Jesus on Easter morning has come (in part) and is coming (in full) to all those who trust in him. There is a reason to shout, "Alleluia! Jesus is alive!" We serve a risen, living King who has conquered death.

Too often, Eastertide gets neglected. The church marks the season of Lent for the entire forty days, but Easter is often celebrated for only a couple of days (or just one day!), and then we return to "normal." To counteract that tendency, we have developed an Eastertide tradition of communal Easter feasts. From Easter to Pentecost, we gather together repeatedly with our favorite dishes and drinks to feast before our risen King. This is a purposeful, extravagant, extended celebration—as a community—in response to the resurrection of

Jesus. Join as many of these Easter feasts as possible, and invite friends to come along.

ASCENSION

Ascension is always on the Thursday ten days before Pentecost Sunday. Remembering Jesus' ascension into heaven highlights his present position as the victorious King who rules the world. Having ascended, he has taken his place above every ruler and power and authority (Ephesians 1.20-22). From there, he provides for, protects, and comforts us as we live for and bear witness to him.

THE FEAST OF PENTECOST

Pentecost, meaning "fifty," comes fifty days after Easter and is the celebration of the day the Holy Spirit was poured out on God's people, an event recorded in Acts 2. The person of the Holy Spirit brings the presence and power of God into our lives in the deepest way imaginable. God is no longer simply *among* us, but *in* us, empowering us to live the new creation life as witnesses to Jesus, the world's true and resurrected king.

ORDINARY TIME

Between the Feast of Epiphany and Ash Wednesday, and between Pentecost and the first Sunday of Advent, we have ordinary time. Ordinary time gives us a chance to glory in the God who manifests himself in the ordinary, and who longs to work in and through us in the mundane. Our God is found in the everyday trenches of life and is there to meet and guide us as we behold, worship, and serve him.

Part 2: Tips and Resources

TIPS AND RESOURCES: General

- Don't be overwhelmed! It takes time to get used to these forms for prayer. Start simply and, if possible, do this with others.
- It is possible to pray these forms alone. Just change the pronouns to "me" and "my" as you pray and say both parts yourself.
- If you only have limited time, do a shortened version of any of the four forms. That's better than nothing at all!
- If you find these forms challenging, consider simply engaging with God using the following basic pattern:
 1. enter God's presence (confess your sins and praise God)
 2. listen to God (read Scripture)
 3. speak to God (pray)
- Use the daily biddings for prayer in morning/evening prayer to pray for this community, our leaders, and our mission partners.

SUGGESTIONS FOR FAMILIES

- We encourage you to use these forms of prayer with your children. One of the powers of regular, habitual, common prayer for all of us, but especially for children, is that these prayers get written on our hearts. Even children who can't read will soon be saying the prayers with your family.
- Feel free to modify these forms in whatever way works best for your family. Compline is the shortest form and is great for use before bedtime.
- Don't try to do too much with your children. Longer readings can be difficult, so cut readings down as needed, and experiment with ways to keep your children engaged. One way to increase engagement is to ask your children to lead a section of the liturgy.
- During times of open intercession and thanksgiving, consider giving each child a specific topic or person for prayer.
- Take time to ask your children for their observations on Scripture readings. What did they notice? What questions do they have?

- We encourage parents to help their children memorize Scripture and to teach them the Ten Commandments, the Apostles' Creed, and the Lord's Prayer (pages 17-18).

TIPS AND RESOURCES: Advent & Christmastide

- Get an Advent wreath for your home and light the appropriate Advent candle each day during morning/evening prayer or compline. Continue lighting the Christ candle daily (the white candle in the middle) during Christmastide.
- With your triad or Neighborhood Group, do some kind of regular fasting during Advent (e.g. skip lunch every Wednesday to pray).
- Give generously to those in need during Advent. One way to do this is to participate in our special Advent offering that will go to support our missionary partners and/or to relieve those in need.

SUGGESTIONS FOR FAMILIES

- If you don't have time for the full evening prayer or compline, use an abbreviated liturgy like this to light the Advent candle(s):
 - begin with the Lord's Prayer
 - ask the children to name the candle(s) you are lighting that day (hope, peace, joy, love) and to explain briefly how those words are connected to the coming of Jesus
 - say John 8.12 together while lighting the candle(s)—consider letting older children light the candle(s)
 - read a short passage of Scripture
 - have an open time of prayer: start with the previous Advent Sunday collect (page 71) and have the children/adults pray as they are led
 - let one of the younger children blow the candle(s) out
- Consider giving a modest amount to a ministry or need each day, and incorporate this giving into your daily Advent devotion as a family. One idea is to hide a piece of paper on which you have written the name of the person/organization to whom you are giving and have a child look for the paper as part of your Advent devotion time. Teach your children a little bit about the ministry or

need to which you are giving (show pictures or videos). Incorporate prayer for that ministry into your prayer time. Save all the slips of paper and review them all on Christmas Eve at your last Advent devotion.

- Consider using a Jesse Tree, which tells the story of Jesus' ancestors.
- Use an Advent calendar that helps you count down to Christmas. Instead of using chocolates, consider wrapping a picture of a family member or friend for each day. When your children “unwrap” the picture, pray for that person and/or write that person a card.
- Listen to music—and remember that Advent music is different from Christmas music!
- Don't decorate for Christmas too early. Consider starting sparingly and slowly building up to full decorations on Christmas Eve.

TIPS AND RESOURCES: Lent

- Choose one issue in your life and pray for that every day in Lent. This could be an area in which you'd like to grow, a specific situation you're facing, an area in which you need healing, etc.
- Choose several non-Christians in your life and pray for them daily, that they might come to know life in Jesus.
- Consider participating in our weekly fasts (page 15).
- Give generously to those in need during Lent. One way to do this is by contributing to our special lenten offering that will go to support our missionary partners and/or to relieve those in need.
- Increase the amount of solitude/silence in your life. For example, don't use your headphones on the morning commute, turn off the radio in the car, devote a period of time each day to quiet, don't check email first thing when you wake up, etc.

SUGGESTIONS FOR FAMILIES

- Make an extra effort in Lent to establish a regular devotional rhythm as a family.
- In the liturgies, take time at the confession of sin to talk further about sin and how it impacts your family, why we confess and forsake it, and how God responds (children are encouraged to memorize 1 John 1.8-9). Ask your children to think about specific sins they have committed that day. The more concrete the better—for them and for us!
- Modify the lenten weekly fasts in ways that your children can participate. For example, during the no-coffee/alcohol week, stop drinking juice or milk at breakfast.
- If your children ask for the thing you're fasting from (juice, dessert, a show, music, etc.) use that as an opportunity to teach them that what we all really want is Jesus. Encourage them to think about our ultimate desire for God every time they think about the thing from which they are fasting.
- Include your children in the special lenten offering. The week before that Sunday, share with them about and pray for those who we are supporting together. Encourage your children to bring some of their own money to put into the offering.
- During Holy Week, read the four passion narratives with the entire family.
- Consider not decorating for Easter early. Stay up late after the Easter Vigil and decorate your house for Easter. Make waking up on Easter morning a time to remember (and to anticipate year after year). The abrupt transition from sparseness and fasting to celebration and feasting will communicate the joy of the resurrection to your children in a tangible way.

OUR LENTEN PRACTICES

These ancient practices help us reorient our lives to God. While they aren't exclusively for Lent, this season gives us a great opportunity to renew them in our lives. By taking up these practices together, we seek to encounter God's grace with the hope that will set our hearts on fire with love for him. This isn't about earning our way to God. On the contrary, these spiritual disciplines embody the way of wisdom under the grace of God. We know our need, our poverty of spirit, and our dependence, so we seek him. As Psalm 105.4 states, "Seek the LORD and his strength; seek his presence continually!"

A

Read **Scripture** daily. See the daily readings at back of this book, and follow the daily reflections on our website.

B

Pray daily for the same issue in your life, for non-Christians, and for Church of the Cross using the daily biddings.

C

Observe weekly **fasts** and fast/pray during a meal each week.

D

Practice **almsgiving** by contributing to our special lenten offering to support those in need.

E

Get into a **triad**—single-sex groups of three who meet regularly to help one another grow in Christ.

FASTING

Fasting is linked with repentance in the Scriptures. When we fast, we are reminded of our weakness and sinfulness and, therefore, our dependence on God, and we redirect our desires from the world to God himself. Each week, we'll fast from something different. Sundays in Lent are "feast" days when, in celebration of the resurrection, we break our fasts, if desired. Do each fast for the week and only for that week; or, you can also let them build on each other, so that by the end of Lent, you are doing all six weekly fasts at the same time.

OUR LENTEN FASTS

WEEK

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Fast on Ash Wednesday

Traditionally, the church has fasted from all food on Ash Wednesday. As we enter this service in silence, our physical hunger reminds us of our weakness and points to our greater hunger for and dependence upon God for life. If you are unable to fast the entire day, then consider fasting from lunch.

WEEK

1

Fast: Sweets & Treats

This week, resolve to deny yourself any type of sweets or dessert. This could range from lattes in the morning to chocolate in the evening. As you do so, note what happens inside when you deny yourself something you you really want or crave.

WEEK

2

Fast: TV/Music/Media

This week, forgo the usual shows. In fact, turn off the TV and Netflix altogether. Drive without the radio and leave your headphones at home. What is it like to increase the silence/decrease the media inputs in your life? Spend the time listening for the voice of God (1 Kings 19.12-13).

WEEK

3

Fast: Social Media

Turn off Twitter, Instagram, blogs, and your internet news. Try to limit your use of email. What is it like to unplug, to not obsessively check email/social media? Do you feel disconnected...or free?

WEEK

4

Fast: Spending

This week, resolve to spend nothing on yourself but what is absolutely necessary. Buy as little as possible. Don't rent a movie or buy coffee. Eat cheaply and save. Consider this: in what ways have the things you own ended up owning you? We will give what we save toward the needs of others in a special lenten offering.

WEEK

5

Fast: Coffee/Drinks

Choose to refrain from coffee, alcohol, and/or all drinks but water this week. Pay attention to what happens when you deny yourself something you routinely enjoy. Seek to pray when you have the desire for the thing from which you are refraining.

HOLY WEEK

6

Fast: Your Choice/Meals

Pick something significant in your life, a comfort or something you depend on and fast from it for the week and/or pick a meal (like breakfast or lunch) to skip on a daily basis. If you skip meals, spend that extra time in prayer, reading Scripture, or serving others.

TIPS AND RESOURCES: Eastertide

- Rejoice and be glad! Include as much singing and/or music as possible in your practice of the daily office.
- As you enjoy feasts and good food and drink, give thanks to God for his victory over sin, evil, and death. Be explicit about this!
- Think about making your Neighborhood Group meals more elaborate during these seven weeks.
- Consider identifying a recurring sin in your life and seek to walk in the newness of life in this area. Let the reality of resurrection encourage you to put off the old and put on the new (Colossians 3.5-17).

SUGGESTIONS FOR FAMILIES

- Talk with your children about the reality of Jesus' resurrection. Make sure they know why we are celebrating so much as a community.
- Read the different accounts of the resurrection in the four Gospels together during the first week of Easter (Matthew 28, Mark 16, Luke 24, John 20-21).
- Find age-appropriate ways of marking this joyful season. For example, eat things that you don't normally eat or have dessert every day or have a dance party every night—at least for the first week of Eastertide. When you do these things, make sure your kids know why you're doing them: Jesus rose from the dead!
- Decorate for Easter! Let your home reflect the joy and celebration of this season, especially during the first couple weeks. Try to develop traditions that your children anticipate each year (a bit like we naturally do at Christmas): hanging up certain pieces of art, playing a certain kind of music, etc.
- Attend as many of the community feasts as possible. Some feasts begin earlier and are especially suited for children, but the other feasts are intentionally welcoming to families as well. Your children will learn something by seeing the community feasting and celebrating together!

- Talk to your children about the reintroduction of “alleluia” into our liturgies. Make sure they know that “alleluia” means “Praise the LORD.” Let them know that this is our way of exalting God, of lifting him up above all others, of saying he is God and he rules, reigns, and wins!
- On Ascension Day, consider doing a craft that emphasizes the kingship of Jesus. Ask your kids, “Where is Jesus right now?” Answer: physically, he’s on the throne in heaven ruling over the world; spiritually, he is everywhere by his Spirit. Talk about what an encouragement it is to remember that Jesus is ruling over our lives and our world.

THE APOSTLES’ CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic Church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE LORD’S PRAYER

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

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

1. You shall have no other gods before me.
2. You shall not make for yourself an idol.
3. You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain.
4. Observe the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.
5. Honor your father and your mother.
6. Do not murder.
7. Do not commit adultery.
8. Do not steal.
9. Do not bear false witness against your neighbor.
10. Do not covet.

Part 3: The Daily Office

MORNING PRAYER

ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

Begin by reading one or more of the following passages.

Ordinary Time

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Philippians 1.2

I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD!"

Psalms 122.1

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.

Psalms 19.14

The LORD is in his holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before him..

Habakkuk 2.20

Advent

Therefore, stay awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or in the morning—lest he come suddenly and find you asleep.

Mark 13.35-36

In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD; make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

Isaiah 40.3

Christmastide

Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

Luke 2.10-11

Lent

Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

Matthew 3.2

Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.

Psalm 51.9

If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.

Mark 8.34

Holy Week

Is it nothing to you, all you who pass by? Look and see if there is any sorrow like my sorrow, which was brought upon me which the LORD inflicted on the day of his fierce anger.

Lamentations 1.12

Easter tide

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.

Colossians 3.1

Ascension to Pentecost

You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.

Acts 1.8

The leader says to the people:

Dearly beloved, the Scriptures teach us to acknowledge our many sins and offenses, not concealing them from our heavenly Father, but confessing them with humble and obedient hearts that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy. We ought at all times humbly to acknowledge our sins before almighty God, but especially when we come together in his presence to give thanks for the great benefits we have received at his hands, to declare his most worthy praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and others, those things necessary for our life and our salvation. Therefore, come with me to the throne of heavenly grace.

Or this

Let us humbly confess our sins to almighty God.

After a time of silent confession, say the following:

Almighty 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 apart from your grace, there is no health in us. O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare all those who confess their faults. Restore all those who are penitent, according to your promises declared to all people in Christ Jesus our Lord; And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may now live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of your holy Name. Amen.

The leader follows confession by saying the following prayer:

Grant your faithful people, merciful Lord, pardon and peace; that we may be cleansed from all our sins, and serve you with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Or a priest, if present, may say:

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. **Amen.**

The Invitatory

O Lord, open our lips;

and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

O God, make speed to save us;

O Lord, make haste to help us.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

**as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.**

Praise the Lord.

The Lord's name be praised.

Continue with the Venite. Alternatively, the Jubilate may be used. An antiphon may be sung or said before and after the Invitatory Psalm. If desired, the leader can say the line before the • and the others can respond with the line after the •. Other songs of praise may be added here as well.

Ord. Time 1: The earth is the Lord's for he made it: • **O come, let us adore him.**

Ord. Time 2: Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness: • **O come, let us adore him.**

Ord. Time 3: The mercy of the Lord is everlasting: • **O come, let us adore him.**

Advent: Our King and Savior now draws near: • **O come, let us adore him.**

Christmastide: Alleluia, to us a child is born: • **O come, let us adore him. Alleluia.**

Lent: The Lord is full of compassion and mercy: • **O come, let us adore him.**

Easter tide to Ascension: Alleluia. The Lord is risen indeed: • **O come, let us adore him. Alleluia.**

Ascension to Pentecost: Alleluia. Christ the Lord has ascended into heaven: • **O come, let us adore him. Alleluia.**

Venite | *O Come*

Psalm 95

Oh come, let us sing to the LORD; •

let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving, •

let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

For the LORD is a great God, •

and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are the depths of the earth; •

the heights of the mountains are his also.

The sea is his, for he made it, •

and his hands formed the dry land.

Oh come, let us worship and bow down; •

let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!

For he is our God, •

and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

In Lent, and on other penitential occasions, the following verses are added.

**Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts, •
as at Meribah, as on the day at Massah in the
wilderness,**

**When your fathers put me to the test •
and put me to the proof, though they had seen my work.**

**For forty years I loathed that generation and said, •
“They are a people who go astray in their heart,
and they have not known my ways.”**

**Therefore I swore in my wrath, •
“They shall not enter my rest.”**

Or this

Jubilate | *Be Joyful*

Psalm 100

**Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth! •
Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into his presence
with singing!**

**Know that the LORD, he is God! •
It is he who made us, and we are his;
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.**

**Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! •
Give thanks to him; bless his name!**

**For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever, •
and his faithfulness to all generations.**

During the first week of Easter, the Pascha Nostrum, without antiphons, is used in place of the Invitatory Psalm, and it may be used throughout Eastertide.

Pascha Nostrum | *Christ our Passover*

**For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed. •
Let us therefore celebrate the festival,**

**Not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, •
but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.
Alleluia.**

1 Corinthians 5.7b-8

**Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; •
death no longer has dominion over him.**

**For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, •
but the life he lives he lives to God.**

**So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin •
and alive to God in Christ Jesus. Alleluia.**

Romans 6.9-11

**Christ has been raised from the dead, •
the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.**

**For as by a man came death, •
by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.**

**For as in Adam all die, •
so also in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia.**

1 Corinthians 15.20-22

LISTEN TO GOD

Psalmody

Next, read the selected Psalm(s) for the day. Following the Psalm(s) say:

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.**

The Readings

Read the selected passages from the lectionary. Readings are introduced with, "A Reading from _____." Chapter and verse may be cited as well. After each reading say:

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

*One of the following Canticles may be sung or said after each of the appointed lessons.
Additional Canticles from the Supplemental Canticles (pages 60-68) or an appropriate song of
praise may also be used.*

Te Deum Laudamus | We Praise You, O God

**We praise you, O God, we acclaim you as Lord; •
All creation worships you, the Father everlasting.**

**To you all angels, all the powers of heaven, •
the cherubim and seraphim, sing in endless praise:**

**Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of power and might, •
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**The glorious company of apostles praise you. •
The noble fellowship of prophets praise you.**

**The white-robed army of martyrs praise you. •
Throughout the world the holy Church acclaims you:**

**Father, of majesty unbounded; Your true and only Son, worthy
of all praise; •**

the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.

**You, Christ, are the king of glory, •
the eternal Son of the Father.**

**When you took our flesh to set us free •
you humbly chose the Virgin's womb.**

**You overcame the sting of death •
and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.**

**You are seated at God's right hand in glory. •
We believe that you will come to be our judge.**

**Come then, Lord, and help your people, •
bought with the price of your own blood, •**

**and bring us with your saints •
to glory everlasting.**

If needed, the following verses may be omitted:

**Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance; •
govern and uphold them now and always.**

**Day by day we bless you; •
we praise your name forever.**

**Keep us today, Lord, from all sin; •
have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.**

**Lord, show us your love and mercy, •
for we have put our trust in you.**

**In you, Lord, is our hope, •
let us never be put to shame.**

During Lent, the Benedictus es, Domine usually replaces the Te Deum and may be used at other times.

Benedictus es, Domine | *A Song of Praise Song of the Three Young Men, 29-34*

**Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers; •
you are worthy of praise; glory to you.**

**Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name; •
we will praise you and highly exalt you forever.**

**Glory to you in the splendor of your temple; •
on the throne of your majesty, glory to you.**

**Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim; •
we will praise you and highly exalt you forever.**

**Glory to you, beholding the depths; •
in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.**

**Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; •
we will praise you and highly exalt you forever.**

The Benedictus | *The Song of Zechariah*

Luke 1.68-79

**Blessed be the Lord the God of Israel, •
for he has visited and redeemed his people**

**and has raised up a horn of salvation for us •
in the house of his servant David,**

**as he spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets from of old, that
we should be saved from our enemies, •**

and from the hand of all who hate us;

**to show the mercy promised to our fathers •
and to remember his holy covenant,**

**the oath that he swore to our father Abraham, to grant us •
that we, being delivered from the hand of our enemies,**

**might serve him without fear, •
in holiness and righteousness before him all our days.**

**And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; •
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways,**

**to give knowledge of salvation to his people •
in the forgiveness of their sins,**

because of the tender mercy of our God, •
whereby the sunrise shall visit us from on high
to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of
death, •
to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; •
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.

If with a group or family, take a moment to discuss the readings, if desired. Following the readings, say the Apostles' Creed.

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

SPEAK TO GOD

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

Let us pray.

Silence may be kept.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us. *or*

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

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

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.

Continue with the following responsive prayers.

O Lord, show your mercy upon us;
and grant us your salvation.

O Lord, guide those who govern us;
and lead us in the way of justice and truth.

Clothe your ministers with righteousness;
and let your people sing with joy.

O Lord, save your people;
and bless your inheritance.

Give peace in our time, O Lord;
and defend us by your mighty power.

Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

Create in us clean hearts, O God;
and take not your Holy Spirit from us.

Continue with one or more of the following collects, always beginning with the Collect of the Day (the Collect of the previous Sunday or of the Holy Day being observed), found on pages 69-81. It is traditional to pray the Collects for Peace and Grace daily. Alternatively, one may pray the collects on a weekly rotation, using the suggestions provided. The collect(s) may be said by the leader or by all. If said by the leader, all join in saying "Amen."

A Collect for Strength to Await Christ's Return | Sunday

O God our King, by the resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ on the first day of the week, you conquered sin, put death to flight, and gave us the hope of everlasting life: Redeem all our days by this victory; forgive our sins, banish our fears, make us bold to praise you and to do your will; and steel us to wait for the consummation of your kingdom on the last great Day; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Collect for the Renewal of Life | Monday

O God, the King eternal, whose light divides the day from the night and turns the shadow of death into the morning: Drive far from us all wrong desires, incline our hearts to keep your law, and guide our feet into the way of peace; that, having done your will with cheerfulness during the day, we may, when night comes, rejoice to give you thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Collect for Peace | Tuesday

O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know you is eternal life and to serve you is perfect freedom: Defend us, your humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in your defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries, through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Collect for Grace | Wednesday

O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, you have brought us safely to the beginning of this day: Defend us by your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin nor run into any danger; and that guided by your Spirit, we may do what is righteous in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Collect for Guidance | Thursday

Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Collect for Endurance | Friday

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. **Amen.**

A Collect for Sabbath Rest | Saturday

Almighty God, who after the creation of the world rested from all your works and sanctified a day of rest for all your creatures: Grant that we, putting away all earthly anxieties, may be duly prepared for the service of your sanctuary, and that our rest here upon earth may be a preparation for the eternal rest promised to your people in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

One of the following prayers for mission may be added.

Almighty and everlasting God, who alone works great marvels: Send down upon our clergy and the congregations committed to their charge the life-giving Spirit of your grace, shower them with the continual dew of your blessing, and ignite in them a zealous love of your Gospel; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. **Amen.**

Transition to an open time of prayer. Give thanks to God for his blessings and grace and pray 1) for the day and its tasks, 2) for the world and its needs, and 3) for the Church and her life or choose to follow the biddings below to direct the prayers. The biddings in Evening Prayer (pages 49-52) could be used as well. If with a group or family, read the bidding, allow a few people to pray, and then move to another one.

On Sunday:

- Let's pray for a peaceful Sabbath as we rest and rejoice in Jesus Christ.
- Let's pray for those in our city without life's basic necessities, asking God to provide for their needs.
- Let's ask God to make our hearts good soil so that the seed of his word would take root and bear fruit in our lives.
- Let's pray for the spread of the gospel around the world, asking God to bless our mission partners Mike and Julie Ganey as they serve and teach at Tenwek Hospital in Kenya.
- Let's pray for the children of our church to love and serve Christ all their days.
- Let's pray for the day and week ahead and any particular needs we have.

On Monday:

- Let's pray for unity and strength of relationships at CotC, that we would truly be a reconciled family.
- Let's pray for faithfulness on our frontlines, that God would enable us to glorify him through service, love, and excellence in our workplaces, homes, and schools.
- Let's pray for opportunities to share the power of the gospel and the unfailing love of God in Jesus throughout the week ahead.
- Let's pray for the spread of the gospel around the world, asking God to bless our mission partners M and Sarah as they build up the family of Persian believers.
- Let's pray for the sick and suffering in our church community, asking God to give them comfort, healing, and peace.
- Let's pray for the day ahead and any particular needs we have.

On Tuesday:

- Let's pray for all in authority, especially for our President Donald Trump, all members of Congress, and the justices of the Supreme Court. Pray that they govern well, pursuing justice and righteousness above all else.
- Let's pray that God would help us to be healers, helpers, and comforters to those in need. Ask God to make clear to us the ways that we can help the people around us.

- Let's pray for an end to racism in our hearts, nation, and world, and for the church to seek justice and to proclaim and embody the gospel of reconciliation.
- Let's pray for the spread of the gospel around the world, asking God to bless our mission partners Jonathan and Tess Hicks and their children as they serve the church in the Solomon Islands.
- Let's pray for those who serve and teach the children and youth of our church, that God would give them all wisdom and joy in their efforts.
- Let's pray for the day ahead and any particular needs we have.

On Wednesday:

- Let's pray for those around the world persecuted for the sake of their faith in Jesus Christ, asking God to strengthen them in their trials. Pray also for those who persecute them.
- Let's pray for our community to grow in courage and boldness in proclaiming the gospel in word and deed.
- Let's ask God to make us a people of prayer, that we might grow in our desire to seek him and become more aware of his presence.
- Let's pray for the Diocese of Christ Our Hope. Ask God to strengthen all the churches in this diocese as they make disciples.
- Let's pray for the Kataluma refugee house ministry. Ask God to strengthen them as they seek to establish a home for newly arriving refugees in our city.
- Let's pray for the day ahead and any particular needs we have.

On Thursday:

- Let's pray for Bishop Steve Breedlove, our clergy, our staff, and our ministry leaders as they shepherd and serve our community.
- Let's ask God to grow our community to maturity in Jesus by the power of the Spirit.
- Let's pray for our church family to grow in love for one another and in bearing one another's burdens. Ask God to bless our triads and Neighborhood Groups.
- Let's pray for the advance of the gospel on the college campuses in Boston, asking God to bless and strengthen those in our community who work with students.
- Let's pray for the parents in our community to have grace, wisdom, patience, and strength as they disciple their children.
- Let's pray for the day ahead and any particular needs we have.

On Friday:

- Let's pray for unity in the church in Boston.
- Let's pray for the spread of the gospel around the world, asking God to bless our mission partners Andrew and Anne May as they minister to prisoners in South Africa.
- Let's pray for the provision of a long-term home for our community in the city. Ask God to give our Facility Committee opportunities to consider and wisdom as they do so.
- Let's pray for neighbors, coworkers, and family members who do not know Jesus Christ. Ask God to be at work in their hearts and to open doors to share the gospel with them.
- Let's pray for the children of our church to delight in Christ as they grow up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.
- Let's pray for the day ahead and any particular needs we have.

On Saturday:

- Let's pray for our congregation's gathering tomorrow. Ask God to bless and unify our community as we joyfully commune with him.
- Let's pray for those who feel the burden of loneliness. Pray that God will meet and encourage them through our community.
- Let's pray for those struggling with depression and mental health in our community. Ask God to heal and encourage them.
- Let's pray for our church family to grow in the knowledge and love of God, bearing fruit in every good work.
- Let's pray for the advance of God's kingdom in our city, asking God to bless our relationships with our neighbors at the Pine Street Inn.
- Let's pray for the day ahead and any particular needs we have.

A hymn or anthem may be sung.

You may close the prayer time by saying one or both of the following prayers.

The General Thanksgiving

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness

of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

A Prayer of St. John Chrysostom

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications to you; and you have promised through your well beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his name you will grant their requests: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

The Conclusion

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

In Eastertide, "Alleluia, alleluia" may be added to the preceding versicle and response.

The leader may invite the people to join in saying one of the following concluding sentences:

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. **Amen.**

2 Corinthians 13.14

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

Amen.

Romans 15.13

Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. **Amen.**

Ephesians 3.20-21

PRAYER DURING THE DAY

ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

O God, make speed to save us;

O Lord, make haste to help us.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

**as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.**

Except in Lent, add Alleluia.

If desired, say or sing one or more of the following hymns of praise or another suitable hymn or song.

Dignus es | *A Song to the Lamb*

Revelation 4.11; 5.9-10, 13

**Worthy are you, our Lord and God, •
to receive glory and honor and power,**

**for you created all things, •
and by your will they existed and were created.**

**Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, •
for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed
people for God**

**from every tribe and language and people and nation, •
and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our
God.**

**To him who sits on the throne •
and to the Lamb**

**be blessing and honor and glory and might •
forever and ever!**

LISTEN TO GOD

Psalmody

Read one of the Psalms from the lectionary or read one of these suggested Psalms: Psalm 19, 67, 119 (any section), or a selection from Psalms 120 through 133. Seasonal Psalm suggestions are as follows: Advent: Psalm 80; Christmastide: Psalm 8; Lent: Psalm 51.1-12; Holy Week: Psalm 22.1-11; Eastertide: Psalm 118.14-24.

Following the Psalm say:

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
**as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.**

Scripture Reading

Read one of the following passages of Scripture. You may choose to read a small portion of the lectionary readings for the day instead. You may read more than one lesson.

Ordinary Time

Now is the judgment of this world; now will the ruler of this world be cast out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.

John 12.31-32

If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation.

2 Corinthians 5.17-18

For from the rising of the sun to its setting my name will be great among the nations, and in every place incense will be offered to my name, and a pure offering. For my name will be great among the nations, says the LORD of hosts.

Malachi 1.11

Advent

Comfort, comfort my people, says your God.

Isaiah 40.1

Christmastide

In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

John 1.4-5

Lent

There will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

Luke 15.7

Holy Week

I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me.

Galatians 2.20

Eastertide

And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day.

John 6.39

Ascension to Pentecost

For Christ has entered, not into holy places made with hands, which are copies of the true things, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf.

Hebrews 9.24

At the end of the reading say:

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

A meditation, silent or spoken, may follow.

SPEAK TO GOD

I will bless the Lord at all times.

His praise shall continually be in my mouth.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us. *or*

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Silence may be kept, followed by the Lord's Prayer

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

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.

O Lord, hear our prayer.

And let our cry come to you.

Let us pray.

Continue with a collect. The collect may be said by the leader or by all. If the collect is said only by the leader, all join in saying "Amen."

Blessed Savior, at this hour you hung upon the cross, stretching out your loving arms: Grant that all the peoples of the earth may look to you and be saved; for your tender mercies' sake. **Amen.**

Almighty Savior, who at mid-day called your servant Saint Paul to be an apostle to the Gentiles: We pray you to illumine the world with the radiance of your glory, that all nations may come and worship you; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

Father of all mercies, you revealed your boundless compassion to your apostle Saint Peter in a three-fold vision: Forgive our unbelief, we pray, and so strengthen our hearts and enkindle our zeal, that we may fervently desire the salvation of all people, and diligently labor in the extension of your kingdom; through him who gave himself for the life of the world, your Son our Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Pour your grace into our hearts, O Lord, that we who have known the incarnation of your Son Jesus Christ, announced by an angel to the Virgin Mary, may by his cross and passion be brought to the glory of his resurrection; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Silence may be kept, and other intercessions and thanksgivings may be offered.

The Conclusion

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

From Easter Day through the Day of Pentecost “Alleluia, alleluia” may be added to the preceding versicle and response.

The leader may invite the people to join in saying one of the following concluding sentences:

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. **Amen.**

2 Corinthians 13.14

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

Amen.

Romans 15.13

Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. **Amen.**

Ephesians 3.20-21

EVENING PRAYER

ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

Begin by reading one or more of the following passages.

Ordinary Time

Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

John 8.12

O LORD, I love the habitation of your house and the place where your glory dwells.

Psalm 26.8

Let my prayer be counted as incense before you, and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice!

Psalm 141.2

Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness; tremble before him, all the earth!

Psalm 96.9

I bless the LORD who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me. I have set the LORD always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.

Psalm 16.7-8

Advent

Therefore, stay awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or in the morning—lest he come suddenly and find you asleep.

Mark 13.35-36

Christmastide

Behold, the dwelling place of God is with mankind. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God.

Revelation 21.3

Lent

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

1 John 1.8-9

For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

Psalm 51.3

To the Lord our God belong mercy and forgiveness, for we have rebelled against him.

Daniel 9.9

Holy Week

All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

Isaiah 53.6

Eastertide

Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Corinthians 15.57

Ascension to Pentecost

The Spirit and the Bride say, "Come." And let the one who hears say, "Come." And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who desires take the water of life without price.

Revelation 22.17

The leader says to the people:

Dearly beloved, the Scriptures teach us to acknowledge our many sins and offenses, not concealing them from our heavenly Father, but confessing them with humble and obedient hearts that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy. We ought at all times humbly to acknowledge our sins before almighty God, but especially when we come together in his presence to give thanks for the great benefits we have received at his hands, to declare his most worthy praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and others, those things necessary for our life and our salvation. Therefore, come with me to the throne of heavenly grace.

Or this

Let us humbly confess our sins to almighty God.

After a time of silent confession, say the following:

Almighty 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 apart from your grace, there is no health in us. **O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare all those who confess their faults. Restore all those who are penitent, according to your promises declared to all people in Christ Jesus our Lord; And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may now live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of your holy Name. Amen.**

The leader follows confession by saying the following prayer:

Grant your faithful people, merciful Lord, pardon and peace; that we may be cleansed from all our sins, and serve you with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Or a priest, if present, may say:

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. **Amen.**

The Invitatory

O Lord, open our lips;
and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

O God, make speed to save us;
O Lord, make haste to help us.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
**as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.**

Praise the Lord.

The Lord's name be praised.

Continue with the Phos hilaron and/or other song(s) or psalm(s) of praise.

Phos hilaron | O Gladsome Light

**O gladsome light, pure brightness of the ever-living
Father in heaven, •**

O Jesus Christ, holy and blessed!

**Now as we come to the setting of the sun, and our eyes
behold the vesper light, •**

**we sing your praises, O God: Father, Son, and
Holy Spirit.**

You are worthy at all times to be praised by happy voices, •

O Son of God, O Giver of Life, and to be glorified through all the worlds.

LISTEN TO GOD

Psalmody

Read the selected Psalm(s) for the day. Following the Psalm(s) say:

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
**as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.**

The Readings

Read the selected passages from the lectionary. Readings are introduced with, "A Reading from _____." Chapter and verse may be cited as well. After each reading say:

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

One of the following Canticles may be sung or said after each of the appointed lessons.

Additional Canticles from the Supplemental Canticles (pages 60-68) or an appropriate song of praise may also be used.

The Magnificat | *The Song of Mary*

Luke 1.46b-55

**My soul magnifies the Lord •
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.**

**For he has looked •
on the humble estate of his servant.**

**For behold, from now on •
all generations will call me blessed;**

**For he who is mighty has done great things for me, •
and holy is his name.**

**And his mercy is for those who fear him •
from generation to generation.**

**He has shown strength with his arm; •
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts;**

**He has brought down the mighty from their thrones •
and exalted those of humble estate;**

He has filled the hungry with good things, •
and the rich he has sent away empty.

He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his
mercy, •
as he spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his
offspring forever.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; •
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.

Nunc dimittis | *The Song of Simeon*

Luke 2.29-32

Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace, •
according to your word;

for my eyes have seen your salvation •
that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,
a light for revelation to the Gentiles, •
and for glory to your people Israel.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; •
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.

If with a group or family, take a moment to discuss the readings, if desired. Following the readings, say the Apostles' Creed.

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

SPEAK TO GOD

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

Let us pray.

Silence may be kept.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us. *or*

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

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

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.

Continue with one of the following sets of responsive prayers.

O Lord, show your mercy upon us;

and grant us your salvation.

O Lord, guide those who govern us;

and lead us in the way of justice and truth.

Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

and let your people sing with joy.

O Lord, save your people;

and bless your inheritance.

Give peace in our time, O Lord;
and defend us by your mighty power.
Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
nor the hope of the poor be taken away.
Create in us clean hearts, O God;
and take not your Holy Spirit from us.

Or this

That this evening may be holy, good, and peaceful,
we entreat you, O Lord.
That your holy angels may lead us in paths of peace and goodwill,
we entreat you, O Lord.
That we may be pardoned and forgiven for our sins and offenses,
we entreat you, O Lord.
That there may be peace in your Church and in the whole world,
we entreat you, O Lord.
That we may depart this life in your faith and fear, and not be
condemned before the great judgment seat of Christ,
we entreat you, O Lord.
That we may be bound together by your Holy Spirit in the
communion of all your saints, entrusting one another and all our life
to Christ,
we entreat you, O Lord.

Continue with one or more of the following collects, always beginning with the Collect of the Day (the Collect of the previous Sunday or of the Holy Day being observed), found on pages 69-81. It is traditional to pray the Collects for Peace and Aid against Perils daily. Alternatively, one may pray the collects on a weekly rotation, using the suggestions provided. The collect(s) may be said by the leader or by all. If said by the leader, all join in saying "Amen."

A Collect for Resurrection Hope | Sunday

Lord God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ triumphed over the powers of death and prepared for us our place in the new Jerusalem: Grant that we, who have this day given thanks for his resurrection, may praise you in that City of which he is the light, and where he lives and reigns forever and ever. **Amen.**

A Collect for Peace | Monday

O God, the source of all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works: Give to your servants that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments, and that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may pass our time in rest and quietness, through the merits of Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

A Collect for Aid Against Perils | Tuesday

Lighten our darkness, we beseech you, O Lord; and by your great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of your only Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

A Collect for Protection | Wednesday

O God, the life of all who live, the light of the faithful, the strength of those who labor, and the repose of the dead: We thank you for the blessings of the day that is past, and humbly ask for your protection through the coming night. Bring us in safety to the morning hours; through him who died and rose again for us, your Son our Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

A Collect for the Presence of Christ | Thursday

Lord Jesus, stay with us, for evening is at hand and the day is past; be our companion in the way, kindle our hearts, and awaken hope, that we may know you as you are revealed in Scripture and the breaking of bread. Grant this for the sake of your love. **Amen.**

A Collect for Faith | Friday

Lord Jesus Christ, by your death you took away the sting of death: Grant to us your servants so to follow in faith where you have led the way, that we may at length fall asleep peacefully in you and wake up in your likeness; for your tender mercies' sake. **Amen.**

A Collect for the Eve of Worship | Saturday

O God, the source of eternal light: Shed forth your unending day upon us who watch for you, that our lips may praise you, our lives may bless you, and our worship on the morrow give you glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

One of the following prayers for mission may be added.

O God and Father of all, whom the whole heavens adore: Let the whole earth also worship you; all nations obey you; all tongues confess and bless you; and men, women, and children everywhere love you and serve you in peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for your love's sake. **Amen.**

O God, you manifest in your servants the signs of your presence: Send forth upon us the Spirit of love, that in companionship with one another your abounding grace may increase among us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Then, transition to an open time of prayer. Give thanks to God for his blessings and grace and pray 1) for the day and its tasks, 2) for the world and its needs, and 3) for the Church and her life or choose to follow the biddings below to direct the prayers. The biddings in Morning Prayer (pages 32-34) could be used as well. If with a group or family, read the bidding, allow a few people to pray, and then move to another one.

On Sunday:

- Let's give thanks to God for meeting us through Word and Sacrament in our gathering today.
- Let's pray for CotC's extended family, i.e. former members of CotC who have moved away from Boston. Pray for God to strengthen their connection to his church and to increase their faith, hope, and love.
- Let's pray for those around the world persecuted for the sake of their faith in Jesus Christ, asking God to strengthen them in their trials. Pray also for those who persecute them.
- Let's pray for college students in our city and in our community. Ask God to make CotC a place of rest, renewal, and growth for them.
- Let's give thanks for the blessings of the day that has passed.
- Let's surrender to God any unfinished tasks, unsolved problems, or unfulfilled hopes from this day.

On Monday:

- Let's pray for our Parish Council, asking God to give them wisdom and encouragement as they seek his will for our community.
- Let's pray for the children of our church to grow up in the knowledge and love of God, never knowing a day apart from Christ.
- Let's pray for growth in generosity as a community.
- Let's pray that the Lord would heal the divisions in our country. May we be a people who are quick to hear, slow to speak, and slow to anger, seeking to understand the positions of others.
- Let's pray for the Boston Fellows to grow in their practice of the spiritual disciplines necessary to walk with God at work and in life; for their intellectual and practical engagement with the surrounding

culture, especially at work; and for their mutual support in this mission as a small community.

- Let's give thanks for the blessings of the day that has passed.
- Let's surrender to God any unfinished tasks, unsolved problems, or unfulfilled hopes from this day.

On Tuesday:

- Let's pray for neighbors, coworkers, and family members that we interacted with today who do not know Jesus. Ask God to be at work in their hearts and to open doors for us to share the sustaining faith we have in Christ with them.
- Let's ask God to strengthen us in unity of vision, depth of love, and in the ministries of reconciliation, justice, and outreach.
- Let's pray for those in our fellowship and our city who are lonely, especially that God may meet them through us.
- Let's pray for the youth of our church to know that in Christ they are more than their grades, appearance, and popularity. Pray that they would be drawn to the abundant life in Jesus over the counterfeit life offered by the world.
- Let's give thanks for the blessings of the day that has passed.
- Let's surrender to God any unfinished tasks, unsolved problems, or unfulfilled hopes from this day.

On Wednesday:

- Let's pray for the spread of the gospel around the world, asking God to bless our mission partner Ahmadullah and those involved with him in the ministry to Afghan refugees in New Delhi.
- Let's pray for the Anglican Church in North America, including Archbishop Foley Beach. Ask God to bless, unify, and strengthen the churches and bishops in the ACNA.
- Let's ask God to enable all of us to know our gifts and to use those gifts, in the power of the Spirit, to strengthen Christ's body.
- Let's pray for the homeless in our city. Ask God to provide them with housing and to encourage them and those who serve them.
- Let's give thanks for the blessings of the day that has passed.
- Let's surrender to God any unfinished tasks, unsolved problems, or unfulfilled hopes from this day.

On Thursday:

- Let's pray for the sick and suffering in our community. Ask God to draw near to them in their pain and give comfort, hope, and healing.
- Let's pray for those who are looking for work, that the Lord would open doors for employment and for opportunities to serve using their gifts, training, and passions. Pray that we can encourage them in their search and be generous in helping with unmet needs.
- Let's ask God to give us opportunities to better know our neighbors and to enable us to grow in the practice of hospitality.
- Let's pray for the spread of the gospel around the world, asking God to bless our mission partners at the Anglican Relief and Development Fund as they seek to empower Anglican churches across the globe to meet needs in their communities.
- Let's thank God for the ways he is moving in our communities and pray for the continued advance of God's kingdom in our city. Ask God to use us and other Christians to help transform the places where we live and work.
- Let's give thanks for the blessings of the day that has passed.
- Let's surrender to God any unfinished tasks, unsolved problems, or unfulfilled hopes from this day.

On Friday:

- Let's pray for all in authority in Massachusetts, especially for our Governor Charlie Baker, the members of our state congress, and our judges. Let's also pray for Mayor Marty Walsh and members of our city councils. Pray that they govern well, pursuing justice and righteousness above all else.
- Let's pray that our Neighborhood Groups would be places through which we experience the reality of being family in Christ.
- Let's pray for all students in Boston, asking God to make his truth known to them.
- Let's pray for those in our community who serve the marginalized on their frontlines, that they would have strength, stamina, and wisdom in their efforts, and would be able to maintain healthy rhythms that promote their own overall well-being.
- Let's pray for those non-Christians with whom we interacted today, for the Lord to soften their hearts and give us opportunities to share with them the hope that we have in Jesus.
- Let's give thanks for the blessings of the day that has passed.

- Let's surrender to God any unfinished tasks, unsolved problems, or unfulfilled hopes from this day.

On Saturday:

- Let's pray for our congregation's gathering tomorrow. Ask God to bless and unify our community as we joyfully commune with him.
- Let's pray for our family to know and experience the breadth and length and height and depth of God's love revealed in Jesus Christ.
- Let's pray that God would increase our boldness and courage to tell others about the hope that we have in Jesus.
- Let's give thanks for our frontlines and for the opportunities that we have had to serve Jesus over the past week in our workplaces, homes, and schools.
- Let's pray for those in our city who wrestle with addictions. Ask God to set them free in Christ and to enable the church to love them well.
- Let's give thanks for the blessings of the day and the week that has passed.
- Let's surrender to God any unfinished tasks, unsolved problems, or unfulfilled hopes from this day.

A hymn or anthem may be sung.

You may close the prayer time by saying one or both of the following prayers.

The General Thanksgiving

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

A Prayer of St. John Chrysostom

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications to you; and you have promised through your well beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his name you will grant their requests: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

The Conclusion

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

In Eastertide, "Alleluia, alleluia" may be added to the preceding versicle and response.

The leader may invite the people to join in saying one of the following concluding sentences:

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. **Amen.**

2 Corinthians 13.14

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

Amen.

Romans 15.13

Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. **Amen.**

Ephesians 3.20-21

COMPLINE (NIGHT PRAYER)

ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

The Lord Almighty grant us a peaceful night and a perfect end.

Amen.

Our help is in the name of the Lord
who made heaven and earth.

The leader continues:

Let us humbly confess our sins to almighty God.

A period of silence for reflection on the past day may follow. Then, we confess our sins saying:

Almighty God and Father, we confess to you, to one another, and to the whole company of heaven, that we have sinned, through our own fault, in thought, and word, and deed, and in what we have left undone. For the sake of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ, have mercy upon us, forgive us all our sins, and by the power of your Holy Spirit raise us up to serve you in newness of life, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The leader alone says:

May almighty God grant us forgiveness of our sins, and the grace and comfort of his Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

O God, make speed to save us.

O Lord, make haste to help us.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
**as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.**

Except in Lent, add Alleluia.

The following or other suitable hymn may be sung.

Before the ending of the day,
Creator of the world, we pray
that you, with steadfast love, would keep
your watch around us while we sleep.

From evil dreams defend our sight,
from fears and terrors of the night;

tread underfoot our deadly foe
that we no sinful thought may know.

O Father, that we ask be done
through Jesus Christ, your only Son;
and Holy Spirit, by whose breath
our souls are raised to life from death.

LISTEN TO GOD

Psalmody

Read one or more of Psalm 4, Psalm 91, Psalm 31.1-6, Psalm 134, or one of the Psalms for the day. Suggested seasonal Psalms: Advent: Psalm 143; Christmastide: Psalm 31; Lent: Psalm 51.1-12; Holy Week: Psalm 22.1-11; Eastertide: Psalm 104.1, 22-33.

Following the Psalm say:

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
**as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.**

Scripture Reading

Read a short lesson below or another suitable passage. You may read more than one lesson.

Ordinary Time

You, O LORD, are in the midst of us, and we are called by your name;
do not leave us.

Jeremiah 14.9

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

Matthew 11.28-30

Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our
Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the
eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his
will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus
Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

Hebrews 13.20-21

Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls
around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. Resist him,
firm in your faith.

1 Peter 5.8-9

Compline - 55

Advent

Therefore, stay awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or in the morning—lest he come suddenly and find you asleep. And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake.

Mark 13.35-36

Christmastide

In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

John 1.4-5

Lent

Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of wickedness, to undo the straps of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover him, and not to hide yourself from your own flesh?

Isaiah 58.6-7

Holy Week

I will pour out on the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem a spirit of grace and pleas for mercy, so that, when they look on me, on him whom they have pierced, they shall mourn for him, as one mourns for an only child, and weep bitterly over him, as one weeps over a firstborn.

Zechariah 12.10

Easter tide

They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And night will be no more. They will need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

Revelation 22.4-5

Ascension to Pentecost

And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions.

Joel 2.28

At the end of the reading say:

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

A suitable hymn may be sung.

SPEAK TO GOD

Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit;
 for you have redeemed me, O Lord, O God of truth.
Keep me as the apple of your eye;
 hide me under the shadow of your wings.

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us. *or*
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

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

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.

O Lord, hear our prayer;
 and let our cry come to you.
Let us pray.

One or more of the following collects is said by the leader or by all. If said by the leader, all join in saying "Amen." Other appropriate collects may also be used.

Visit this place, O Lord, and drive far from it all snares of the enemy; let your holy angels dwell with us to preserve us in peace; and let your blessing be upon us always; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Lighten our darkness, we beseech you, O Lord; and by your great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of your only Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Be present, O merciful God, and protect us through the hours of this night, so that we who are wearied by the changes and chances of this life may rest in your eternal changelessness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Look down, O Lord, from your heavenly throne, illumine this night with your celestial brightness, and from the children of light banish the deeds of darkness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Collect for Saturdays

We give you thanks, O God, for revealing your Son Jesus Christ to us by the light of his resurrection: Grant that as we sing your glory at the close of this day, our joy may abound in the morning as we celebrate the Paschal mystery; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

One of the following prayers may be added.

Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for your love's sake. **Amen.**

O God, your unfailing providence sustains the world we live in and the life we live: Watch over those, both night and day, who work while others sleep, and grant that we may never forget that our common life depends upon each other's toil; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Silence may be kept, and free intercessions and thanksgivings may be offered.

The Nunc dimittis is said or sung, beginning and ending with the antiphon.

Nunc dimittis | *The Song of Simeon*

Luke 2.29-32

Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping; that awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace.

In Eastertide, add Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace, •
according to your word;
for my eyes have seen your salvation •
that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,
a light for revelation to the Gentiles, •
and for glory to your people Israel.**

**Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; •
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.**

**Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping; that awake we may
watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace.**

In Eastertide, add Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The Conclusion

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The leader concludes with the following:

The Lord almighty grant us a peaceful night and a perfect end.

Amen.

Or this

The almighty and merciful Lord, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless
us and keep us, this night and evermore. **Amen.**

SUPPLEMENTAL CANTICLES

These canticles (hymns, chants, songs) are for use in Morning and Evening Prayer. They are provided here to allow for more variety in the Daily Office for those who use it regularly.

1. Magna et mirabilia | *The Song of the Redeemed* *Revelation 15.3-4*

Especially suitable for use in Advent and Eastertide

**Great and amazing are your deeds, •
O Lord God the almighty!**

**Just and true are your ways, •
O King of the nations!**

**Who will not fear, O Lord, and glorify your name? •
For you alone are holy.**

**All nations will come and worship you, •
for your righteous acts have been revealed.**

2. Surge, Illuminare | *Arise, shine, for your light has come*

Isaiah 60.1-3, 11, 14, 18-19

Especially suitable for use during the season after Epiphany

**Arise, shine, for your light has come, •
and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.**

**For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, •
and thick darkness the peoples;**

**But the LORD will arise upon you, •
and his glory will be seen upon you.**

**And nations shall come to your light, •
and kings to the brightness of your rising.**

**Your gates shall be open continually; •
day and night they shall not be shut,**

**They shall call you the City of the LORD, •
the Zion of the Holy One of Israel.**

**Violence shall no more be heard in your land, •
devastation or destruction within your borders;**

**You shall call your walls Salvation, •
and your gates Praise.**

**The sun shall be no more your light by day, •
nor for brightness shall the moon give you light**

**But the LORD will be your everlasting light, •
and your God will be your glory.**

**Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; •
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.**

3. Kyrie Pantokrator | *A Song of Penitence*

Prayer of Manasseh, 1-2, 4, 6-7, 11-15

Especially suitable for use during Lent

**O Lord and Ruler of the hosts of heaven, •
God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and of all their
righteous offspring:**

**You made the heavens and the earth, •
with all their vast array.**

**All things quake with fear at your presence; •
they tremble because of your power.**

**But your merciful promise is beyond all measure; •
it surpasses all that our minds can fathom.**

**O Lord, you are full of compassion, •
long-suffering, and abounding in mercy.**

**You hold back your hand; •
you do not punish as we deserve.**

**In your great goodness, Lord, you have promised forgiveness to
sinners, •
that they may repent of their sin and be saved.**

**And now, O Lord, I bend the knee of my heart, •
and make my appeal, sure of your gracious goodness.**

**I have sinned, O Lord, I have sinned, •
and I know my wickedness only too well.**

Therefore I make this prayer to you: •

Forgive me, Lord, forgive me.

Do not let me perish in my sin, •
nor condemn me to the depths of the earth.

For you, O Lord, are the God of those who repent, •
and in me you will show forth your goodness.

Unworthy as I am, you will save me, in accordance with your
great mercy, •
and I will praise you without ceasing all the days of my
life.

For all the powers of heaven sing your praises, •
and yours is the glory to ages of ages. Amen.

4. **Quaerite Dominum** | *Seek the Lord while he wills to be found*

Isaiah 55.6-11

Especially suitable for use during Lent

Seek the LORD while he may be found; •
call upon him while he is near;

Let the wicked forsake his way, •
and the unrighteous man his thoughts;

Let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on
him, •
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

For my thoughts are not your thoughts, •
neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD.

For as the heavens are higher than the earth, •
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven •
and do not return there but water the earth,

Making it bring forth and sprout, •
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,

So shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; •
it shall not return to me empty,

But it shall accomplish that which I purpose, •

and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; •
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.

5. Cantemus Domino | *The Song of Moses* Exodus 15.1-6, 11-13, 17-18

Especially suitable for use in Eastertide

I will sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously; •
the horse and his rider he has thrown into the sea.

The LORD is my strength and my song, •
and he has become my salvation;

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

The LORD is a man of war; •
the LORD is his name.

Pharaoh's chariots and his host he cast into the sea, •
and his chosen officers were sunk in the Red Sea.

The floods covered them; •
they went down into the depths like a stone.

Your right hand, O LORD, glorious in power; •
your right hand, O LORD, shatters the enemy.

Who is like you, O LORD, among the gods? •
Who is like you, majestic in holiness,
awesome in glorious deeds, and doing wonders?

You stretched out your right hand; •
the earth swallowed them.

You have led in your steadfast love the people whom you have
redeemed; •
you have guided them by your strength to your holy
abode.

You will bring them in and plant them •
on your own mountain,

**The place, O LORD, which you have made for your abode, •
the sanctuary, O Lord, which your hands established.**

**The LORD will reign •
forever and forever.**

**Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; •
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.**

6. Dignus es | *A Song to the Lamb* *Revelation 4.11; 5.9b-10, 13b*

Especially suitable for use after Ascension and in Eastertide

**Worthy are you, our Lord and God, •
to receive glory and honor and power,**

**For you created all things, •
and by your will they existed and were created.**

**Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, •
for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed
people for God**

**From every tribe and language and people and nation, •
and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our
God.**

**To him who sits on the throne •
and to the Lamb,**

**Be blessing and honor and glory and might •
forever and ever!**

7. Cantate Domino | *Sing unto the Lord* *Psalm 98*

Especially suitable for use in Eastertide and at any time outside penitential seasons

**Oh sing to the LORD a new song, •
for he has done marvelous things!**

**His right hand and his holy arm •
have worked salvation for him.**

The LORD has made known his salvation; •

he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.

He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. •

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth; •
break forth into joyous song and sing praises!

Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre, •
with the lyre and the sound of melody!

With trumpets and the sound of the horn •
make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD!

Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; •
the world and those who dwell in it!

Let the rivers clap their hands; let the hills sing for joy together •
Before the LORD, for he comes to judge the earth.

He will judge the world with righteousness, •
and the peoples with equity.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; •
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.

8. Ecce, Deus | *Surely, it is God who saves me*

Isaiah 12.2-6

Suitable for use at any time

Behold, God is my salvation; •
I will trust, and will not be afraid;

for the LORD God is my strength and my song, •
and he has become my salvation.

With joy you will draw water •
from the wells of salvation.

And you will say on that day: •
“Give thanks to the LORD, call upon his name,

make known his deeds among the peoples, •
proclaim that his name is exalted.

Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously; •
let this be made known in all the earth.

Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion, •
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.”

9. Deus Misereatur | *God be merciful*

Psalm 67

Suitable for use at any time

May God be gracious to us and bless us •
and make his face to shine upon us,

that your way may be known on earth, •
your saving power among all nations.

Let the peoples praise you, O God; •
let all the peoples praise you!

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, •
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide the nations upon earth.

Let the peoples praise you, O God; •
let all the peoples praise you!

The earth has yielded its increase; •
God, our God, shall bless us.

God shall bless us; •
let all the ends of the earth fear him!

10. Benedicite, Omnia Opera Domini | *A Song of Creation*

Especially suitable for use on Saturday

INVOCATION

**Glorify the Lord, all you works of the Lord, •
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.**

**In the firmament of his power, glorify the Lord, •
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.**

I. THE COSMIC ORDER

**Glorify the Lord, you angels and all powers of the Lord, •
O heavens and all waters above the heavens.**

**Sun and moon and stars of the sky, glorify the Lord, •
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.**

**Glorify the Lord, every shower of rain and fall of dew, •
all winds and fire and heat,**

**Winter and summer, glorify the Lord, •
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.**

**Glorify the Lord, O chill and cold, •
drops of dew and flakes of snow.**

**Frost and cold, ice and sleet, glorify the Lord, •
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.**

**Glorify the Lord, O nights and days, •
O shining light and enfolding dark.**

**Storm clouds and thunderbolts, glorify the Lord, •
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.**

II. THE EARTH AND ITS CREATURES

**Let the earth glorify the Lord, •
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.**

**Glorify the Lord, O mountains and hills, and all that grows
upon the earth, •
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.**

**Glorify the Lord, O springs of water, seas, and streams, •
O whales and all that move in the waters.**

All birds of the air, glorify the Lord, •
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

Glorify the Lord, O beasts of the wild, •
and all you flocks and herds.

O men and women everywhere, glorify the Lord, •
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

III. THE PEOPLE OF GOD

Let the people of God glorify the Lord, •
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

Glorify the Lord, O priests and servants of the Lord, •
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

Glorify the Lord, O spirits and souls of the righteous, •
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

You that are holy and humble of heart, glorify the Lord, •
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

DOXOLOGY

Let us glorify the Lord: the Father, the Son and the Holy
Spirit; •
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

In the firmament of his power, glorify the Lord, •
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

Song of the Three Young Men, 35-65

COLLECTS OF THE CHRISTIAN YEAR

These Sunday Collects are used as the first collect in Morning Prayer and Evening Prayer for the week following that particular Sunday. Collects for Holy days are used on that particular day.

Sunday | September 1: O Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow after 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 for ever. Amen.

Sunday | September 8: O Lord God, grant your people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh, and the devil, and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Sunday | September 15: 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.

Sunday | September 22: 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 joyful 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.

Sunday | September 29: O merciful Lord, grant to your faithful people pardon and peace, that by your grace we may be cleansed from all our sins and serve you with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Sunday | October 6: Keep, O Lord, your household the Church in continual godliness, that through your protection it may be free from all adversities, and devotedly serve you in good works, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Sunday | October 13: O God, our refuge and strength, true source of all godliness: Graciously hear the devout prayers of your Church, and grant that those things which we ask faithfully, we may obtain effectually; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Sunday | October 20: Set us free, loving Father, from the bondage of our sins, and in your goodness and mercy give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Sunday | October 27: 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.

All Saints' Day | November 1: Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical Body of your Son: Give us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those ineffable joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

Sunday | November 3: Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, as we live 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.

Sunday | November 10: 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.

Sunday | November 17: Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people, that bringing forth in abundance the fruit of good works, they may be abundantly rewarded when our Savior Jesus Christ comes to restore all things; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Sunday | November 24: 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.

The First Sunday in Advent | December 1: 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.

The Second Sunday in Advent | December 8: 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 by patience and the comfort of your holy Word 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.

The Third Sunday in Advent | December 15: O Lord Jesus Christ, you sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries may likewise make ready your way, by turning the hearts of the disobedient toward the wisdom of the just, that at your second coming to judge the world, we may be found a people acceptable in your sight; for with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The Fourth Sunday in Advent | December 22: Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and as we are sorely hindered by our sins from running the race that is set before us, 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.

Christmas Eve | December 24: 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.

Christmas Day | December 25: Almighty God, you have given your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him, 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 Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with you and the same Spirit be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

The First Sunday of Christmas | December 29: Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, kindled 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 of Our Lord Jesus Christ | January 1: Almighty God, your blessed Son fulfilled the covenant of circumcision for our sake, and was given the Name that is above every name: Give us grace faithfully to bear his Name, and to worship him with pure hearts according to the New Covenant; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The Second Sunday of Christmas | January 5: 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 our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Epiphany, or the Manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles |

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.

Sunday | January 12: Eternal Father, at the baptism of Jesus you revealed him to be your Son, and your Holy Spirit descended upon him like a dove: Grant that we, who are born again by water and the Spirit, may be faithful as your adopted children; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Sunday | January 19: Almighty God, whose 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.

Sunday | January 26: 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.

Sunday | February 2: O God, you know that we are set in the midst of many grave dangers, and because of the frailty of our nature we cannot always stand upright: Grant that your strength and protection may support us in all dangers and carry us through every temptation; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Sunday | February 9: O Lord, our heavenly Father, keep your household the Church continually in your true religion, that we who trust in the hope of your heavenly grace may always be defended by your mighty power; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

Sunday | February 16: Almighty God, through the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, you revealed the way of eternal life to every race and nation: Pour out this gift anew, that by the preaching of the Gospel your salvation 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, for ever and ever. Amen.

Sunday | February 23: O God, who before the passion of your only-begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant 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 and ever. Amen.

Ash Wednesday | February 26: Almighty and everlasting God, you hate nothing you have made, and you 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 and ever. Amen.

The First Sunday in Lent | March 1: 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.

The Second Sunday in Lent | March 8: 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 that may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

The Third Sunday in Lent | March 15: Heavenly Father, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you: Look with compassion upon the heartfelt desires of your servants, and purify our disordered affections, that we may behold your eternal

glory in the face of Christ Jesus, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

The Fourth Sunday in Lent | March 22: 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.

The Fifth Sunday in Lent | March 29: 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 desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of this 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, now and forever. Amen.

Palm Sunday | April 5: Almighty and everlasting God, in your tender love for us 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 come to share in his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Monday of Holy Week | April 6: Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Tuesday of Holy Week | April 7: O Lord our God, whose blessed Son gave his back to be whipped and did not hide his face from shame and spitting: Give us grace to accept joyfully the sufferings of the present time, confident of the glory that shall be revealed; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Wednesday of Holy Week | April 8: Assist us mercifully with your grace, Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the meditation of those mighty acts by which you have promised us life and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Maundy Thursday | April 9: Almighty Father, whose most dear Son, on the night before he suffered, instituted the Sacrament of his Body and Blood: Mercifully grant that we may receive it in thankful remembrance of Jesus Christ our Savior, who in these holy mysteries gives us a pledge of eternal life; and who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Good Friday | April 10: Almighty God, we beseech 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, for ever and ever. Amen.

Holy Saturday | April 11: O God, Creator of heaven and earth: Grant that, as the crucified body of your dear Son was laid in the tomb and rested on this holy Sabbath, so we may await with him the coming of the third day, and rise with him to newness of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Easter Eve | April 11: O God, you 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.

Easter Day | April 12: 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, by your life-giving Spirit, be delivered from sin and raised from death; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who

lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Monday of Easter Week | April 13: Grant, we pray, Almighty God, that we who celebrate with reverence the Paschal feast may be made 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 of Easter Week | April 14: 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 honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

Wednesday of Easter Week | April 15: 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 the fullness of his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Thursday of Easter Week | April 16: Almighty God, you show those in error the light of your truth so that they may turn to the path of righteousness: 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, now and forever. Amen.

Friday of Easter Week | April 17: 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 life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Saturday of Easter Week | April 18: Heavenly Father, you have delivered us from the dominion of sin and death and brought us into the kingdom of your beloved Son: Grant that, as by his death he has called 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.

The Second Sunday of Easter | April 19: 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.

The Third Sunday of Easter | April 26: Almighty God, you gave your only Son to be for us both a sacrifice for sin and an example of godly living: Give us grace thankfully to receive his inestimable benefits, and daily to follow the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

The Fourth Sunday of Easter | May 3: O God, whose Son Jesus Christ 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.

The Fifth Sunday of Easter | May 10: 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 glory; 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.

The Sixth Sunday of Easter | May 17: 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 | May 21: Almighty God, whose only-begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ ascended into heaven: May our hearts and minds also there ascend, and with him continually dwell; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

The Sunday after Ascension | May 24: 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 Collects, lessons, and prefaces for the Day of Pentecost and Trinity Sunday are not used on the following weekdays. In their place, the propers for the week are used.

Pentecost Sunday | May 31: Almighty God, on this day, through the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, you revealed the way of eternal life to every race and nation: Pour out this gift anew, that by the preaching of the Gospel your salvation 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.

Proper 4 | May 31: O God, the protector of all those 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; grant this, heavenly Father, for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Trinity Sunday | June 7: 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.

Proper 5 | June 7: Grant, O Lord, that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by your providence, that your Church may joyfully serve you in quiet confidence and godly peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Sunday | June 14: O Lord, from whom all good proceeds: Grant us the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may always think those things that are good, and by your merciful guidance may accomplish the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Sunday | June 21: 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, for ever and ever. Amen.

Sunday | June 28: O God, your never-failing providence sets in order all things both in heaven and on earth: Put away from us all hurtful things, and give us those things that are profitable for us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Sunday | July 5: Grant us, O Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who can do no good thing apart from 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, for ever and ever. Amen.

Sunday | July 12: Let your merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of your humble servants; and, that we may receive what we ask, teach us by your Holy Spirit to ask only those things that are pleasing to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the same Spirit lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Sunday | July 19: 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, for ever and ever.
Amen.

Sunday | July 26: 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 down 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, for ever and ever. Amen.

Sunday | August 2: Almighty and merciful God, it is only by your grace 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 for ever. Amen.

Sunday | August 9: Almighty God, give us the increase of faith, hope, and love; and, that we may obtain what you have promised, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Sunday | August 16: Keep your Church, O Lord, by your perpetual mercy; and because without you the frailty of our nature causes us to fall, keep us from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable for our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Sunday | August 23: 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, for ever and ever. Amen.

Sunday | August 30: O Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow after 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 for ever. Amen.

Part 4: The Daily Office Lectionary

ORIENTATION TO THE LECTIONARY

(adapted from the ACNA Daily Office Lectionary Introduction)

The principle adopted at the Reformation was that “the whole of Holy Scripture (or the greatest part thereof)” should be read each year. This cycle of lessons is based on that principle.

The first lesson is normally taken from the Old Testament. The Old Testament is read in its entirety over two years (with the exception of a few passages in Leviticus, Numbers, Joshua, Judges, Ezra, Nehemiah, Ezekiel, and the majority of Chronicles). These readings may be shortened if necessary, as long as the plain sense of the text is not lost. The symbol ‘|’ followed by verse numbers indicates a way to abbreviate a longer chapter if abbreviation is required. Very occasionally, the first lesson is taken from the Apocrypha, in keeping with the classic Anglican principle that “the Church doth read [these books] for example of life and instruction of manners; but yet doth it not apply them to establish any doctrine” (Article VI of the Thirty-Nine Articles). The Apocrypha—books dating from the third and second centuries BC—are not canonical, but have been used throughout church history for instruction and edification. Readings from the Apocrypha are in italics. Should an alternate reading be desired to replace the Apocrypha, the chapter of Proverbs that corresponds to the day of the month could be used.

The second lesson is taken from the New Testament. The Gospels, Acts, and Epistles are read each year, except for Revelation, which is read during the Advent season in odd-numbered years (e.g. 2019).

Holy Days are in italics next to the date and typically include special readings. Major feast days (e.g. Christmas Day) are in bold and have special readings as well.

USE OF THE PSALMS IN THE DAILY OFFICE

Recitation of the Psalms is central to daily worship throughout the Christian Tradition. Anglicanism, at the time of the Reformation, established that the entire Psalter should be read in the Daily Office every month (next page). Contemporary practice sometimes lessens the number of daily psalms, and this lectionary follows a sixty-day cycle. For any day, the psalms appointed may be reduced in number, if needed, provided that the entire Psalter is read regularly. The Gloria Patri may be said after each psalm, or at the conclusion of all the psalms of the Office.

TRADITIONAL ONE-MONTH PSALM CYCLE

Date	Morning Prayer Psalms	Evening Prayer Psalms
1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5	6, 7, 8
2	9, 10, 11	12, 13, 14
3	15, 16, 17	18
4	19, 20, 21	22, 23
5	24, 25, 26	27, 28, 29
6	30, 31	32, 33, 34
7	35, 36	37
8	38, 39, 40	41, 42, 43
9	44, 45, 46	47, 48, 49
10	50, 51, 52	53, 54, 55
11	56, 57, 58	59, 60, 61
12	62, 63, 64	65, 66, 67
13	68	69, 70
14	71, 72	73, 74
15	75, 76, 77	78
16	79, 80, 81	82, 83, 84, 85
17	86, 87, 88	89
18	90, 91, 92	93, 94
19	95, 96, 97	98, 99, 100, 101
20	102, 103	104
21	105	106
22	107	108, 109
23	110, 111, 112, 113	114, 115
24	116, 117, 118	119.1-32
25	119.33-72	119.73-104
26	119.105-144	119.145-176
27	120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125	126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131
28	132, 133, 134, 135	136, 137, 138
29	139, 140	141, 142, 143
30	144, 145, 146	147, 148, 149, 150

If there is a 31st day of the month, Psalms are chosen from among the Psalms of Ascent (120-134).

DAILY LECTIONARY

Date	Psalm	Old Testament	New Testament
<i>Holy Days in italics</i>			
ORDINARY TIME (green)			
Sep 1, 2019	1-4	2 Sam 19 1-30	Eph 1
Sep 2	5-7	2 Sam 20	Eph 2.1-10
Sep 3	9, 10	2 Sam 21	Eph 2.11- <i>end</i>
Sep 4	8, 11, 15, 16	2 Sam 22 1-7, 14-20, 32-51	Eph 3
Sep 5	12-14, 17	2 Sam 23 1-23	Eph 4.1-16
Sep 6	18	2 Sam 24	Eph 4.17- <i>end</i>
Sep 7	20-22	1 Chron 22	Eph 5.1-17
Sep 8	19, 23, 25	1 Kings 1 1-18, 29-40	Eph 5.18- <i>end</i>
Sep 9	24, 26, 27	1 Chron 28	Eph 6
Sep 10	28, 29, 31	1 Kings 2 1-25	Heb 1
Sep 11	30, 32, 33	1 Kings 3	Heb 2
Sep 12	34, 35	1 Kings 4 1-6, 20-34	Heb 3
Sep 13	36, 38	1 Kings 5	Heb 4.1-13
Sep 14 <i>Holy Cross</i>	37	Heb 4.14—5.10	John 12.23-33
Sep 15	39-41	1 Kings 6 1-7, 11-30, 37-38	Heb 5.11—6 <i>end</i>
Sep 16	42-44	1 Kings 7 1-14, 40-44, 47-51	Heb 7
Sep 17	45, 46	1 Kings 8 1-11, 22-30, 54-63	Heb 8
Sep 18	47-49	1 Kings 9 1-9, 15-28	Heb 9.1-14
Sep 19	50, 51	1 Kings 10 1-13, 23-29	Heb 9.15- <i>end</i>
Sep 20	52-55	1 Kings 11 1-14, 23-33, 41-43	Heb 10.1-18
Sep 21 <i>Matthew</i>	56-58, 60	Heb 10.19— <i>end</i>	Matt 9.9-13
Sep 22	59, 63, 64	1 Kings 12 1-20, 25-30	Heb 11
Sep 23	61, 62, 65, 67	1 Kings 13 1-25, 33-34	Heb 12.1-17
Sep 24	68	1 Kings 14	Heb 12.18- <i>end</i>
Sep 25	69	2 Chron 12	Heb 13
Sep 26	66, 70, 72	2 Chron 13	Jas 1
Sep 27	71, 73	2 Chron 14	Jas 2.1-13
Sep 28	74-76	2 Chron 15	Jas 2.14- <i>end</i>
Sep 29 <i>Michael</i>	77, 79, 82	Rev 12.7-12	Jas 3
Sep 30	78.1-39	2 Chron 16	Jas 4
Oct 1	78.41- <i>end</i> , 80	1 Kings 15 1-30	Jas 5

DAILY LECTIONARY

Date	Psalm	Old Testament	New Testament
Oct 2, 2019	81, 83	1 Kings 16 <i>1-4, 8-19, 23-34</i>	1 Pet 1.1-21
Oct 3	84, 85	1 Kings 17	1 Pet 1.22—2.10
Oct 4	86-88	1 Kings 18 <i>1-8, 17-46</i>	1 Pet 2.11—3.7
Oct 5	89	1 Kings 19	1 Pet 3.8—4.6
Oct 6	90, 91	1 Kings 20 <i>1, 13, 21-43</i>	1 Pet 4.7- <i>end</i>
Oct 7	92-94	1 Kings 21	1 Pet 5
Oct 8	95-98	1 Kings 22 <i>1-23, 29-38</i>	2 Pet 1
Oct 9	99-102	2 Chron 20	2 Pet 2
Oct 10	103, 104	2 Kings 1	2 Pet 3
Oct 11	105	2 Kings 2	Jude
Oct 12	106	2 Kings 3	1 John 1.1—2.6
Oct 13	107	2 Kings 4 <i>8-37</i>	1 John 2.7- <i>end</i>
Oct 14	108-110	2 Kings 5	1 John 3.1-10
Oct 15	111-114	2 Kings 6 <i>1-24</i>	1 John 3.11—4.6
Oct 16	115-117	2 Kings 7	1 John 4.7- <i>end</i>
Oct 17	119.1-48	2 Kings 8 <i>1-19, 25-27</i>	1 John 5
Oct 18 <i>Luke</i>	119.49-88	2 John	Luke 1.1-4
Oct 19	119.89-128	2 Kings 9 <i>1-26, 30-37</i>	3 John
Oct 20	119.129- <i>end</i>	2 Kings 10 <i>1-11, 18-31</i>	Acts 1.1-14
Oct 21	118, 120, 121	2 Kings 11	Acts 1.15- <i>end</i>
Oct 22	122-126	2 Kings 12	Acts 2.1-21
Oct 23 <i>James of Jer.</i>	127-131	Acts 2.22- <i>end</i>	Jas 1
Oct 24	132-135	2 Kings 13	Acts 3.1—4.4
Oct 25	136-138	2 Kings 14	Acts 4.5-31
Oct 26	139, 141, 142	2 Chron 26	Acts 4.32—5.11
Oct 27	140, 143	2 Kings 15 <i>1-29</i>	Acts 5.12- <i>end</i>
Oct 28 <i>Sim. & Jude</i>	144, 145	Acts 6.1—7.16	John 14.15-31
Oct 29	146, 147	2 Kings 16	Acts 7.17-34
Oct 30	148-150	2 Kings 17 <i>1-28, 41</i>	Acts 7.35—8.3
Oct 31	2-4	2 Chron 28	Acts 8.4-25
Nov 1 <i>All Saints</i>	1, 15, 34	Heb 11.32—12.2	Acts 8.26- <i>end</i>
Nov 2	5-7	2 Chron 29 <i>1-11, 20-30, 35-36</i>	Acts 9.1-31

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Date	Psalm	Old Testament	New Testament
Nov 3, 2019	9, 10	2 Chron 30 1-22, 26-27	Acts 9.32- <i>end</i>
Nov 4	8, 11, 15, 16	2 Kings 18 1-13, 17-30, 35-37	Acts 10.1-23
Nov 5	12-14, 17	2 Kings 19 1-20, 29-31, 35-37	Acts 10.24- <i>end</i>
Nov 6	18	2 Kings 20	Acts 11.1-18
Nov 7	20-22	2 Chron 33	Acts 11.19- <i>end</i>
Nov 8	19, 23, 25	2 Kings 21	Acts 12.1-24
Nov 9	24, 26, 27	2 Kings 22	Acts 12.25—13.12
Nov 10	28, 29, 31	2 Kings 23 1-20, 26-30	Acts 13.13-43
Nov 11	30, 32, 33	2 Kings 24	Acts 13.44—14.7
Nov 12	34, 35	2 Kings 25 1-22, 25-30	Acts 14.8- <i>end</i>
Nov 13	36, 38	<i>Judith 4</i>	Acts 15.1-21
Nov 14	37	<i>Judith 8</i>	Acts 15.22-35
Nov 15	39-41	<i>Judith 9</i>	Acts 15.35—16.5
Nov 16	42-44	<i>Judith 10</i>	Acts 16.6- <i>end</i>
Nov 17	45, 46	<i>Judith 11</i>	Acts 17.1-15
Nov 18	47-49	<i>Judith 12</i>	Acts 17.16- <i>end</i>
Nov 19	50, 51	<i>Judith 13</i>	Acts 18.1-23
Nov 20	52-55	<i>Judith 14</i>	Acts 18.24—19.7
Nov 21	56-58, 60	<i>Judith 15</i>	Acts 19.8-20
Nov 22	59, 63, 64	<i>Judith 16</i>	Acts 19.21- <i>end</i>
Nov 23	61, 62, 65, 67	<i>Ecclesiasticus 1</i>	Acts 20.1-16
Nov 24	68	<i>Ecclesiasticus 2</i>	Acts 20.17- <i>end</i>
Nov 25	69	<i>Ecclesiasticus 4</i> 1-19	Acts 21.1-16
Nov 26	66, 70, 72	<i>Ecclesiasticus 6</i> 5-31	Acts 21.17-36
Nov 27	71, 73	<i>Ecclesiasticus 7</i> 1-21, 27-36	Acts 21.37—22.22
Nov 28	74-76	<i>Ecclesiasticus 9</i>	Acts 22.23-23.11
Nov 29	77, 79, 82	<i>Ecclesiasticus 10</i> 1-24	Acts 23.12- <i>end</i>
Nov 30 <i>Andrew</i>	78.1-39	<i>Ecclesiasticus 11</i> 1-9, 18-28	John 1.35-42
ADVENT (purple)			
Dec 1	78.40- <i>end</i> , 80	<i>Ecclesiasticus 14</i>	Acts 24.1-23
Dec 2	81, 83	<i>Ecclesiasticus 17</i>	Acts 24.24—25.12
Dec 3	84, 85	<i>Ecclesiasticus 18</i> 1-26, 30-33	Act 25.13- <i>end</i>

DAILY LECTIONARY

Date	Psalm	Old Testament	New Testament
Dec 4, 2019	86-88	<i>Ecclesiastics 21</i>	Acts 26
Dec 5	89	<i>Ecclesiastics 34</i>	Acts 27
Dec 6	90, 91	<i>Ecclesiastics 38 1-15, 24-34</i>	Acts 28.1-15
Dec 7	92-94	<i>Ecclesiastics 39 1-11, 16-35</i>	Acts 28.16- <i>end</i>
Dec 8	95-98	<i>Ecclesiastics 44</i>	Rev 1
Dec 9	99-102	<i>Ecclesiastics 45</i>	Rev 2.1-17
Dec 10	103, 104	<i>Ecclesiastics 46</i>	Rev 2.18—3.6
Dec 11	105	<i>Ecclesiastics 47</i>	Rev 3.7- <i>end</i>
Dec 12	106	<i>Ecclesiastics 48</i>	Rev 4
Dec 13	107	<i>Ecclesiastics 49</i>	Rev 5
Dec 14	108-110	<i>Ecclesiastics 50</i>	Rev 6
Dec 15	111-114	<i>Ecclesiastics 51</i>	Rev 7
Dec 16	115-117	<i>Wisdom 1</i>	Rev 8
Dec 17	119.1-48	<i>Wisdom 2</i>	Rev 9
Dec 18	119.49-88	<i>Wisdom 3</i>	Rev 10
Dec 19	119.89-128	<i>Wisdom 4</i>	Rev 11
Dec 20	119.129- <i>end</i>	<i>Wisdom 5</i>	Rev 12
Dec 21 <i>Thomas</i>	118, 120, 121	Rev 13	John 14.1-7
Dec 22	122-126	<i>Wisdom 6</i>	Rev 14
Dec 23	127-131	<i>Wisdom 7</i>	Rev 15
Dec 24	132-135	<i>Wisdom 8</i>	Rev 16
CHRISTMASTIDE (white)			
Dec 25	Christmas Day: Ps 19, Isa 9.1-7, Rev 17, Jn 1.1-18		
Dec 26 <i>Stephen</i>	136-138	Acts 6.9—7.6, 7.44-60	Rev 18
Dec 27 <i>John</i>	139, 141, 142	Rev 19	John 21.9-25
Dec 28 <i>Innocents</i>	140, 143	Jer 31.1-17	Rev 20
Dec 29	144, 145	<i>Wisdom 9</i>	Rev 21.1-14
Dec 30	146, 147	<i>Wisdom 10</i>	Rev 21.15—22.5
Dec 31	148-150	<i>Wisdom 11</i>	Rev 22.6- <i>end</i>
Jan 1 <i>Holy Name</i>	1-4	Gal 1	Luke 2.8-21
Jan 2	5-7	Jer 1	Gal 2
Jan 3	9, 10	Jer 2 1-22	Gal 3

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Date	Psalm	Old Testament	New Testament
Jan 4, 2020	8, 11, 15, 16	Jer 3	Gal 4
Jan 5	12-14, 17	Jer 4	Gal 5
Jan 6	67, 72, 96, 97	Jer 5	John 2.1-12
ORDINARY TIME (green)			
Jan 7	18	Jer 6	Gal 6
Jan 8	19-21	Jer 7 1-28, 34	1 Thess 1
Jan 9	22-24	Jer 8	1 Thess 2.1-16
Jan 10	25, 27	Jer 9	1 Thess 2:17—3 <i>end</i>
Jan 11	26, 28, 31	Jer 10	1 Thess 4.1-12
Jan 12	29, 30, 33	Jer 11	1 Thess 4.13—5.11
Jan 13	34, 35	Jer 12	1 Thess 5.12- <i>end</i>
Jan 14	32, 36, 38	Jer 13	2 Thess 1
Jan 15	37	Jer 14	2 Thess 2
Jan 16	39-41	Jer 15	2 Thess 3
Jan 17	42-44	Jer 16	1 Cor 1.1-25
Jan 18 <i>Conf. Peter</i>	45, 46	Jer 17	1 Cor 1.26—2 <i>end</i>
Jan 19	47-49	Jer 18	1 Cor 3
Jan 20	50, 51	Jer 19	1 Cor 4.1-17
Jan 21	52-55	Jer 20	1 Cor 4.18—5 <i>end</i>
Jan 22	56-58, 60	Jer 21	1 Cor 6
Jan 23	59, 63, 64	Jer 22	1 Cor 7
Jan 24	61, 62, 65, 67	Jer 23 1-9, 16-18, 21-40	1 Cor 8
Jan 25 <i>Conv. Paul</i>	68	Jer 24	1 Cor 9
Jan 26	69	Jer 25 1-19, 26-31	1 Cor 10
Jan 27	66, 70, 72	Jer 26	1 Cor 11
Jan 28	71, 73	Jer 27	1 Cor 12
Jan 29	74-76	Jer 28	1 Cor 13
Jan 30	77, 79, 82	Jer 29 1-14, 24-32	1 Cor 14.1-19
Jan 31	78.1-39	Jer 30	1 Cor 14.20- <i>end</i>
Feb 1	78.41- <i>end</i> , 80	Jer 31 1-17, 27-37	1 Cor 15.1-34
Feb 2 <i>Presentation</i>	81, 83	Jer 32 1-15, 36-44	1 Cor 15.35- <i>end</i>
Feb 3	84, 85	Jer 33	1 Cor 16

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Date	Psalm	Old Testament	New Testament
Feb 4, 2020	86-88	Jer 34	2 Cor 1.1—2.11
Feb 5	89	Jer 35	2 Cor 2.12—3 <i>end</i>
Feb 6	90, 91	Jer 36 1-10, 19-32	2 Cor 4
Feb 7	92-94	Jer 37	2 Cor 5
Feb 8	95-98	Jer 38	2 Cor 6
Feb 9	99-102	Jer 39	2 Cor 7
Feb 10	103, 104	Jer 40	2 Cor 8
Feb 11	105	Jer 41	2 Cor 9
Feb 12	106	Jer 42	2 Cor 10
Feb 13	107	Jer 43	2 Cor 11
Feb 14	108-110	Jer 44 1-19, 24-30	2 Cor 12.1-13
Feb 15	111-114	Jer 45	2 Cor 12.14—13 <i>end</i>
Feb 16	115-117	Jer 46	Rom 1
Feb 17	119.1-48	Jer 47	Rom 2
Feb 18	119.49-88	Jer 48 1-20, 40-47	Rom 3
Feb 19	119.89-128	Jer 49 1-13, 23-39	Rom 4
Feb 20	119.129- <i>end</i>	Jer 50 1-20, 33-40	Rom 5
Feb 21	118, 120, 121	Jer 51 6-10, 45-64	Rom 6
Feb 22	122-126	Jer 52 1-27, 31-34	Rom 7
Feb 23	127-131	<i>Baruch</i> 4 5-13, 21-37	Rom 8.1-17
Feb 24 <i>Matthias</i>	132-135	<i>Baruch</i> 5	Rom 8.18- <i>end</i>
Feb 25	136-138	Lam 1 1-12, 17-22	Rom 9
LENT (purple)			
Feb 26 <i>Asb Wed.</i>	139, 141, 142	Lam 2 1-18	Rom 10
Feb 27	140, 143	Lam 3 1-9, 19-33, 52-66	Rom 11
Feb 28	144, 145	Lam 4	Rom 12
Feb 29	90, 104	Joel 2 1-2, 12-32	2 Pet 3
Mar 1	146, 147	Lam 5	Rom 13
Mar 2	148-150	Prov 1	Rom 14
Mar 3	1-4	Prov 2	Rom 15
Mar 4	5-7	Prov 3 1-27	Rom 16
Mar 5	9, 10	Prov 4	Phil 1.1-11

DAILY LECTIONARY

Date	Psalm	Old Testament	New Testament
Mar 6, 2020	8, 11, 15, 16	Prov 5	Phil 1.12- <i>end</i>
Mar 7	12-14, 17	Prov 6 1-11, 20-35	Phil 2.1-11
Mar 8	18	Prov 7	Phil 2.12- <i>end</i>
Mar 9	20-22	Prov 8	Phil 3
Mar 10	19, 23, 25	Prov 9	Phil 4
Mar 11	24, 26, 27	Prov 10	Col 1.1-20
Mar 12	28, 29, 31	Prov 11	Col 1.21—2.7
Mar 13	30, 32, 33	Prov 12	Col 2.8-19
Mar 14	34, 35	Prov 13	Col 2.20—3.11
Mar 15	36, 38	Prov 14	Col 3.12- <i>end</i>
Mar 16	37	Prov 15	Col 4
Mar 17	39-41	Prov 16	Philemon
Mar 18	42-44	Prov 17	Eph 1.-14
Mar 19 <i>Joseph</i>	45, 46	Eph 1.15- <i>end</i>	Matt 1.18- <i>end</i>
Mar 20	47-49	Prov 18	Eph 2.1-10
Mar 21	50, 51	Prov 19	Eph 2.11- <i>end</i>
Mar 22	52-55	Prov 20	Eph 3
Mar 23	56-58, 60	Prov 21	Eph 4.1-16
Mar 24	59, 63, 64	Prov 22	Eph 4.17- <i>end</i>
Mar 25 <i>Annun.</i>	113, 131, 132, 138	Prov 23	Eph 5.1-17
Mar 26	61, 62, 65, 67	Prov 24 1-14, 23-34	Eph 5.18- <i>end</i>
Mar 27	68	Prov 25	Eph 6.1-9
Mar 28	69	Prov 26	Eph 6.10- <i>end</i>
Mar 29	66, 70, 72	Prov 27	1 Tim 1.1-17
Mar 30	71, 73	Prov 28	1 Tim 1.18—2 <i>end</i>
Mar 31	74-76	Prov 29	1 Tim 3
Apr 1	77, 79, 82	Prov 30	1 Tim 4
Apr 2	78.1-39	Prov 31	1 Tim 5
Apr 3	78.41- <i>end</i> , 80	Job 1	1 Tim 6
Apr 4	81, 83	Job 2	Titus 1
HOLY WEEK (red)			
Apr 5 <i>Palm Sunday</i>	84-85	Job 3	Titus 2

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Date	Psalm	Old Testament	New Testament
Apr 6, 2020	86, 87, 89	Job 4	Titus 3
Apr 7	90, 92, 93	Job 5	2 Tim 1
Apr 8	94-98	Job 6	2 Tim 2
Apr 9	Maundy Thursday: Ps 41, 142, 143, Dan 9, 1 Cor 10.1-22, John 13.1-38		
Apr 10	Good Friday: Ps 40, 102, Lam 3.1-36, 1 Pet 2.11-25, John 18, Luke 23.18-49		
Apr 11	Holy Saturday: Ps 88, 91, Lam 3.37-58, Heb 4, 1 Pet 4.1-8, Luke 23.50-56		
EASTERTIDE (white)			
Apr 12	Easter: Ps 118, 111, 113, 114, Ex 15, Acts 2.22-32, Rom 6, Luke 24.13-43		
Apr 13	99-101	Job 7 & 8	2 Tim 3 & 4
Apr 14	103, 104	Job 9 & 10	Heb 1 & 2
Apr 15	105, 106	Job 11 & 12	Heb 3—4.13
Apr 16	107, 108	Job 13 & 14	Heb 4.14—6 <i>end</i>
Apr 17	109, 110, 112	Job 15	Heb 7
Apr 18	115-117	Job 16	Heb 8
Apr 19	119.1-48	Job 17	Heb 9.1-14
Apr 20	119.49-88	Job 18	Heb 9.15- <i>end</i>
Apr 21	119.89-128	Job 19	Heb 10.1-18
Apr 22	119.129-176	Job 20	Heb 10.19- <i>end</i>
Apr 23	120,121	Job 21	Heb 11
Apr 24	122-126	Job 22	Heb 12.1-17
Apr 25 <i>Mark</i>	127-131	Job 23	Heb 12.18- <i>end</i>
Apr 26	132-135	Job 24	Heb 13
Apr 27	136-138	Job 25 & 26	Jas 1
Apr 28	139, 141, 142	Job 27	Jas 2.1-13
Apr 29	140, 143	Job 28	Jas 2.14- <i>end</i>
Apr 30	144, 145	Job 29	Jas 3
May 1 <i>Phil. & Jam.</i>	146, 147	Jas 4	John 1.43- <i>end</i>
May 2	148-150	Job 30	Jas 5
May 3	1-4	Job 31 1-23, 35-40	1 Pet 1.1-21
May 4	5-7	Job 32	1 Pet 1.22—2.10
May 5	9, 10	Job 33	1 Pet 2.11—3.7
May 6	8, 11, 15, 16	Job 34 1-15, 21-28, 31-37	1 Pet 3.8—4.6

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Date	Psalm	Old Testament	New Testament
May 7, 2020	12-14, 17	Job 35	1 Pet 4.7- <i>end</i>
May 8	18	Job 36	1 Pet 5
May 9	20-22	Job 37	2 Pet 1
May 10	19, 23, 25	Job 38 1-27, 31-33	2 Pet 2
May 11	24, 26, 27	Job 39	2 Pet 3
May 12	28, 29, 31	Job 40	Jude
May 13	30, 32, 33	Job 41	1 John 1.1—2.6
May 14	34, 35	Job 42	1 John 2.7- <i>end</i>
May 15	36, 38	Ecc1 1	1 John 3.1-10
May 16	37	Ecc1 2	1 John 3.11—4.6
May 17	39-41	Ecc1 3	1 John 4.7- <i>end</i>
May 18	42-44	Ecc1 4	1 John 5
May 19	45, 46	Ecc1 5	2 John
May 20	48-50	Ecc1 6	3 John
May 21	Ascension Day: Ps 8, 47, 21, 24, 2 Kgs 2, Eph 4.1-17, Heb 8, 1k 24.44-53		
May 22	51-55	Ecc1 7.1—8.9	Acts 1
May 23	56-58, 60	Ecc1 8.10—9 <i>end</i>	Acts 2.1-21
May 24	59, 63, 64	Ecc1 10	Acts 2.22- <i>end</i>
May 25	61, 62, 65, 67	Ecc1 11	Acts 3.1—4.4
May 26	68	Ecc1 12	Acts 4.5-31
May 27	69	Ezek 1	Acts 4.32—5.11
May 28	66, 70, 72	Ezek 2	Acts 5.12- <i>end</i>
May 29	71, 73, 74	Ezek 3	Acts 6.1—7.16
May 30	75-77, 79	Ezek 4	Acts 7.17-34
May 31 <i>Visitation</i>	Pentecost (red): Ps 48, 1, Isa 11, Acts 2, 10.34- <i>end</i> , John 16.1-15		
ORDINARY TIME (green)			
Jun 1	78.1-39	Ezek 5 & 6	Acts 7.35—8.25
Jun 2	78.41- <i>end</i> , 80	Ezek 7	Acts 8.26- <i>end</i>
Jun 3	81-83	Ezek 8	Acts 9.1-31
Jun 4	84, 85	Ezek 9	Acts 9.32- <i>end</i>
Jun 5	86-88	Ezek 10	Acts 10.1-23
Jun 6	89	Ezek 11	Acts 10.24- <i>end</i>

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Date	Psalm	Old Testament	New Testament
Jun 7, 2020	90, 91	Ezek 12	Acts 11.1-18
Jun 8	92-94	Ezek 13	Acts 11.19- <i>end</i>
Jun 9	95-98	Ezek 14	Acts 12.1-24
Jun 10	99-102	Ezek 15	Acts 12.25—13.12
Jun 11 <i>Barnabas</i>	103, 104	Ezek 16 <i>1-15, 33-47, 59-63</i>	Acts 13.13-43
Jun 12	105	Ezek 17	Acts 13.44—14.7
Jun 13	106	Ezek 18	Acts 14.8- <i>end</i>
Jun 14	107	Ezek 33 <i>1-23, 30-33</i>	Acts 15.1-21
Jun 15	108-110	Ezek 34	Acts 15.22-35
Jun 16	111-114	Ezek 35	Acts 15.36—16.5
Jun 17	115-117	Ezek 36 <i>16-37</i>	Acts 16.6- <i>end</i>
Jun 18	119.1-48	Ezek 37	Acts 17.1-15
Jun 19	119.49-88	Ezek 40 <i>1-5, 17-19, 35-49</i>	Acts 17.16- <i>end</i>
Jun 20	119.89-128	Ezek 43	Acts 18.1-23
Jun 21	119.129- <i>end</i>	Ezek 47	Acts 18.24—19.7
Jun 22	118, 120, 121	Dan 1	Acts 19.8-20
Jun 23	122-126	Dan 2 <i>1-14, 25-28, 31-45</i>	Acts 19.21- <i>end</i>
Jun 24 <i>Nat. Bap.</i>	127-131	Dan 3	Acts 20.1-16
Jun 25	132-135	Dan 4 <i>1-9, 19-35</i>	Acts 20.17- <i>end</i>
Jun 26	136-138	Dan 5	Acts 21.1-16
Jun 27	139, 141, 142	Dan 6	Acts 21.17-36
Jun 28	140, 143	Dan 7	Acts 21.37—22.22
Jun 29 <i>Pet. & Paul</i>	144, 145	Dan 8	Acts 22.23—23.11
Jun 30	146, 147	Dan 9	Acts 23.12- <i>end</i>
Jul 1	148-150	Dan 10	Acts 24.1-23
Jul 2	1-4	Dan 11 <i>1-19</i>	Acts 24.24—25.12
Jul 3	5-7	Dan 12	Acts 25.13- <i>end</i>
Jul 4	9, 10	<i>Susanna</i>	Acts 26
Jul 5	8, 11, 15, 16	Esth 1	Acts 27
Jul 6	12-14, 17	Esth 2	Acts 28.1-15
Jul 7	18	Esth 3	Acts 28.16- <i>end</i>
Jul 8	20-22	Esth 4	Philemon

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Date	Psalm	Old Testament	New Testament
Jul 9	19, 23, 25	Esth 5	1 Tim 1.1-17
Jul 10, 2020	24, 26, 27	Esth 6	1 Tim 1.18—2 <i>end</i>
Jul 11	28, 29, 31	Esth 7	1 Tim 3
Jul 12	30, 32, 33	Esth 8	1 Tim 4
Jul 13	34, 35	Esth 9 & 10	1 Tim 5
Jul 14	36, 38	Ezra 1	1 Tim 6
Jul 15	37	Ezra 3	Titus 1
Jul 16	39-41	Ezra 4	Titus 2
Jul 17	42-44	Ezra 5	Titus 3
Jul 18	45, 46	Ezra 6	2 Tim 1
Jul 19	47-49	Ezra 7	2 Tim 2
Jul 20	50, 51	Ezra 8 21-36	2 Tim 3
Jul 21	52-55	Ezra 9	2 Tim 4
Jul 22 <i>Mary Mag.</i>	56-58, 60	Ezra 10 1-16	John 1.1-28
Jul 23	59, 63, 64	Neh 1	John 1.29- <i>end</i>
Jul 24	61, 62, 65, 67	Neh 2	John 2
Jul 25 <i>James</i>	68	Neh 3 1-15	John 3.1-21
Jul 26	69	Neh 4	John 3.22- <i>end</i>
Jul 27	66, 70, 72	Neh 5	John 4.1-26
Jul 28	71, 73	Neh 6	John 4.27- <i>end</i>
Jul 29	74-76	Neh 8	John 5.1-24
Jul 30	77, 79, 82	Neh 9 1-15, 26-38	John 5.25- <i>end</i>
Jul 31	78.1-39	Neh 10 28-39	John 6.1-21
Aug 1	78.41- <i>end</i> , 80	Neh 12 27-47	John 6.22-40
Aug 2	81, 83	Neh 13 1-22, 30-31	John 6.41- <i>end</i>
Aug 3	84, 85	Hos 1	John 7.1-24
Aug 4	86-88	Hos 2	John 7.25-52
Aug 5	89	Hos 3	John 7.53—8.30
Aug 6 <i>Transfig.</i>	27, 80	Hos 4	John 8.31- <i>end</i>
Aug 7	90, 91	Hos 5	John 9
Aug 8	92-94	Hos 6	John 10.1-21
Aug 9	95-98	Hos 7	John 10.22- <i>end</i>

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Date	Psalm	Old Testament	New Testament
Aug 10	99-102	Hos 8	John 11.1-44
Aug 11, 2020	103, 104	Hos 9	John 11.45- <i>end</i>
Aug 12	105	Hos 10	John 12.1-19
Aug 13	106	Hos 11	John 12.20- <i>end</i>
Aug 14	107	Hos 12	John 13
Aug 15 <i>Mary Virg.</i>	108-110	Hos 13	John 14.1-14
Aug 16	111-114	Hos 14	John 14.15- <i>end</i>
Aug 17	115-117	Joel 1	John 15.1-17
Aug 18	119.1-48	Joel 2 1-17, 28-32	John 15.18- <i>end</i>
Aug 19	119.49-88	Joel 3	John 16.1-15
Aug 20	119.89-128	Amos 1	John 16.16- <i>end</i>
Aug 21	119.129- <i>end</i>	Amos 2	John 17
Aug 22	118, 120, 121	Amos 3	John 18.1-27
Aug 23	122-126	Amos 4	John 18.28- <i>end</i>
Aug 24 <i>Bart.</i>	127-131	Amos 5	John 19.1-37
Aug 25	132-135	Amos 6	John 19.38- <i>end</i>
Aug 26	136-138	Amos 7	John 20
Aug 27	139, 141, 142	Amos 8	John 21
Aug 28	140, 143	Amos 9	Matt 1.1-17
Aug 29	144, 145	Obadiah	Matt 1.18- <i>end</i>
Aug 30	146, 147	Jonah 1	Matt 2
Aug 31	148-150	Jonah 2	Matt 3

Appendix

MEMBERSHIP COVENANT

1. *I believe Jesus is Lord.*

- A. In response to the Gospel, I have been baptized in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, and I seek to live a life of repentance and faith characterized by joy, thanksgiving, and hope.
 - B. I believe the Bible is God's word written and I affirm the Apostles' and Nicene Creeds.
 - C. I understand that Church of the Cross affirms the 2008 Jerusalem Declaration as a faithful summary of the Christian faith that we endeavor to practice together as an Anglican church.
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2. *I am a child of God, a disciple of Jesus who seeks to grow to maturity by becoming like him.*

By the power of the Holy Spirit, I seek to live by the motto "not my will, but yours" and to take up my cross daily, in love of God and neighbor, and give my life away.

3. *As a result, I am intentionally committed to:*

Worship (Up)

Celebrating, praising, yielding to, and engaging with God (Rom 12.1-2).

Through all of life and through the practice of spiritual disciplines, especially corporate Sunday worship, Bible reading, prayer, and giving.

I will fight against idolatry and pursue purity of heart.

Community (In)

Living a life of love with others at Church of the Cross (Jn 13.34).

Through spiritual companionship, bearing one another's burdens, supporting leaders, and hospitality.

I will fight against isolation.

Mission (Out)

Living for the sake of others as Christ's ambassador (2 Cor 5.20).

Through faithfulness on my frontline and in ministries of mercy and justice, proclamation, and hospitality.

I will fight against self-absorption.

Catechesis (Deep)

Growing in my understanding of the Gospel, the Bible, and their implications for my life (Ps 1.2).

Through further study of the Bible, doctrine, spirituality, and ethics.

I will fight against shallowness.

THE JERUSALEM DECLARATION

June 29, 2008

In the name of God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit:

We, the participants in the Global Anglican Future Conference, have met in the land of Jesus' birth. We express our loyalty as disciples to the King of kings, the Lord Jesus. We joyfully embrace his command to proclaim the reality of his kingdom which he first announced in this land. The gospel of the kingdom is the good news of salvation, liberation and transformation for all. In light of the above, we agree to chart a way forward together that promotes and protects the biblical gospel and mission to the world, solemnly declaring the following tenets of orthodoxy which underpin our Anglican identity.

1. We rejoice in the gospel of God through which we have been saved by grace through faith in Jesus Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit. Because God first loved us, we love him and as believers bring forth fruits of love, ongoing repentance, lively hope and thanksgiving to God in all things.
2. We believe the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be the Word of God written and to contain all things necessary for salvation. The Bible is to be translated, read, preached, taught and obeyed in its plain and canonical sense, respectful of the church's historic and consensual reading.
3. We uphold the four Ecumenical Councils and the three historic Creeds as expressing the rule of faith of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
4. We uphold the Thirty-nine Articles as containing the true doctrine of the Church agreeing with God's Word and as authoritative for Anglicans today.
5. We gladly proclaim and submit to the unique and universal Lordship of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, humanity's only Saviour from sin, judgement and hell, who lived the life we could not live and died the death that we deserve. By his atoning death and glorious resurrection, he secured the redemption of all who come to him in repentance and faith.
6. We rejoice in our Anglican sacramental and liturgical heritage as an expression of the gospel, and we uphold the 1662 Book of Common Prayer as a true and authoritative standard of worship and prayer, to be translated and locally adapted for each culture.
7. We recognise that God has called and gifted bishops, priests and deacons in historic succession to equip all the people of God for their ministry in the world. We uphold the classic Anglican Ordinal as an authoritative standard of clerical orders.
8. We acknowledge God's creation of humankind as male and female and the unchangeable standard of Christian marriage between one man and one woman as the proper place for sexual intimacy and the basis of the family. We

repent of our failures to maintain this standard and call for a renewed commitment to lifelong fidelity in marriage and abstinence for those who are not married.

9. We gladly accept the Great Commission of the risen Lord to make disciples of all nations, to seek those who do not know Christ and to baptise, teach and bring new believers to maturity.
10. We are mindful of our responsibility to be good stewards of God's creation, to uphold and advocate justice in society, and to seek relief and empowerment of the poor and needy.
11. We are committed to the unity of all those who know and love Christ and to building authentic ecumenical relationships. We recognise the orders and jurisdiction of those Anglicans who uphold orthodox faith and practice, and we encourage them to join us in this declaration.
12. We celebrate the God-given diversity among us which enriches our global fellowship, and we acknowledge freedom in secondary matters. We pledge to work together to seek the mind of Christ on issues that divide us.
13. We reject the authority of those churches and leaders who have denied the orthodox faith in word or deed. We pray for them and call on them to repent and return to the Lord.
14. We rejoice at the prospect of Jesus' coming again in glory, and while we await this final event of history, we praise him for the way he builds up his church through his Spirit by miraculously changing lives.

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