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## PREFACE

The purpose of the Book of Worship is to preserve unity of spirit with diversity of forms, to maintain decency and order, to promote dignity and beauty, to prevent "irregular and extravagant effusions," to be true to the grace and truth in Jesus Christ, to express the experience of men redeemed by God through the liturgical tradition that is in accord with the Christian spirit, to serve for the edification of the people, to set forth the vital relation of the Word and the Sacraments.

The Committee assumes that the pulpit and the altar are inseparable parts of corporate worship, through which the benefits of redemption and sanctification are imparted to the members of the congregation. The Word, read and proclaimed, is confirmed in the heart of the worshipper by the use of the holy sacraments. The Lord's Supper is the crown of worship; a sacrament—the sign and seal of the forgiveness of sins and of life eternal through Jesus Christ; a sacrifice—the memorial of the sacrifice of our Lord Jesus Christ, the consecration of the communicant in soul and body, property and life, to the service of righteousness and love among men in the spirit of Him who is the head of his Body, the Church.

According to the Constitution of the Evangelical and Reformed Church "congregations are allowed freedom of worship," but "the forms and order of worship that are set forth in the Book of Worship and in the hymnal shall be followed as accepted norms." This statement is in harmony with the evangelical ideal of worship, which affirms authority without bondage and freedom without license and requires truth, beauty, and propriety in the services of the House of the Lord.

It is desirable in the interest of harmony and fellowship that all the congregations in their common worship follow the Book of Worship in which reasonable scope is given for diversity in the rubrics and in the alternate orders. This ideal, however, cannot be imposed by legal action in the same way as the articles of the Constitution. It must be gradually realized, not by coercion, but by persuasion through education and usage. To this end forms and orders which are ecumenical, not only in time and space, but in the content of the essential and changeless truths of the Gospel, are incorporated in the Book of Worship. In the use of them men of every land and time, of every degree and condition, may rejoice together in blessed communion with the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named; and may praise Him with the holy fellowship of patriarchs and prophets, apostles and martyrs, and the whole glorious company of the redeemed of all ages, who have died in the Lord and now live with Him forever.

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Among the forms that cultivate the spirit of catholicity are the Magnificat, the Nunc Dimittis, the Beatitudes, the Commandments, the Lord's Prayer, the Glorias, the Te Deum, the Litany, the Creeds, the Agnus Dei, the prayer, the invocations and the benedictions. In them the fundamental doctrines of the Christian faith are transformed "into the language of confession and petition, adoration and thanksgiving, consecration and intercession, joyful praise and solemn sacrament."

Your Committee is aware that the orders and forms of the Book of Worship are not to be considered as final and infallible, and therefore reaffirms the "liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, that in his worship different forms and usage may without offense be allowed providing the substance of the Faith be kept entire. . . . By common consent and authority the forms may be altered, abridged, enlarged, amended or otherwise disposed of, as may seem most convenient for the edification of the people, according to the various exigencies and times and occasions."

Unto Him that sitteth on the throne and unto the Lamb, be the blessing, and the honor, and the glory, and the dominion, forever and ever.

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#### GENERAL RUBRICS

¶ *The "Amen" printed in italics shall be said or sung by the Congregation. Where the "Amen" is not italicized it shall be said or sung by the Minister and Congregation.*

¶ *The Congregation shall rise for prayer; or kneel, especially in penitential acts.*

¶ *In the Creeds and in musical settings, "Holy Ghost" is used; elsewhere, "Holy Spirit."*

## THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

¶ *After the Prelude, and a Processional Hymn, if one be used, the Congregation standing, the Minister shall say,*

**I**N the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

¶ *The Minister may read one or more of the following Sentences of Scripture.*

**T**HE Lord is in his holy temple: let all the earth keep silence before him.

O 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.

God is a spirit; and they that worship him must worship in spirit and in truth.

*Advent.* Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

Blessed be the King that cometh in the Name of the Lord; peace in heaven and glory in the highest.

*Christmas.* Behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Savior, which is Christ the Lord.

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

*Epiphany.* Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee.

*Lent.* The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise.

*Easter.* He is risen. The Lord is risen indeed!

If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God.

*Ascension.* Seeing that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

*Pentecost.* Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Spirit is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

*Trinity.* Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come.

CONFESSON OF SIN

D  
Begin **B**ELOVED in the Lord; Let us draw near with a true heart, and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching him, in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to grant us forgiveness.

¶ *The Minister and Congregation shall say,*

I

**A**LMIGHTY and most merciful God our heavenly Father; We humble ourselves before thee, Under a deep sense of our unworthiness and guilt. We have grievously sinned against thee, In thought, in word, and in deed. We have come short of thy glory, We have broken thy commandments, And turned aside every one of us from the way of life. Yet now, O most merciful Father, Hear us when we call upon thee with penitent hearts; And for the sake of thy Son, Jesus Christ, Have mercy

upon us. Pardon our sins; Take away our guilt; And grant us thy peace. Purify us, by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, From all inward uncleanness; And make us able and willing to serve thee in newness of life, To the glory of thy holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

or

II

**A**LMIGHTY and most merciful Father; We have erred, and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against thy 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. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare thou those, O God, who confess their sins. Restore thou those who are penitent; According to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake; That we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, To the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

¶ *Then shall be sung or said the KYRIE.*

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON *by leader*¶ *The Minister shall say,*

**H**EARKEN now unto the comforting assurance of the grace of God, promised in the Gospel to all that repent and believe: As I live, saith the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live. God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

Unto as many of you, therefore, beloved brethren, as truly repent of your sins, and believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, with full purpose of new obedience, I announce and declare, by the authority and in the name of Christ, that your sins are forgiven, according to his promise in the Gospel; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

¶ *Then the Introit for the Day may be used, pages 104-240.*PRAISE *Prayer of the Lord*

*Minister.* O Lord, open thou my lips.  
*Congregation.* And my mouth shall show forth Thy praise.

¶ *Then shall be sung the GLORIA IN EXCELSIS or a Hymn of Praise.*

**G**LORY be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that tak-

est away the sin of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

## COLLECT

¶ *The Minister shall say,*

Let us pray.

¶ *The Minister shall say the Collect for the Day (pages 104-240).*

## THE HOLY SCRIPTURES

¶ *Portions of the Psalter or other Scriptures may now be read responsively, and the Gloria Patri may be sung.*¶ *The Minister shall read the Epistle for the Day. Then the GLORIA TIBI may be sung.*¶ *The Minister shall read the Gospel for the Day.*¶ *Then the Minister may say,*

**B**LESSED are they that hear the Word of God and keep it. or

**S**ANCTIFY us through thy truth: thy Word is truth.

¶ *Then the LAUS TIBI may be sung.*¶ *The Congregation may sing a Hymn or a Canticle.*

## THE APOSTLES' CREED

**I**BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth:

And in Jesus Christ, his only begotten Son, our Lord: Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary: Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried: He descended into hell: \* The third

\* Hades may be used.



day he rose again from the dead: He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty: From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost: The Holy Catholic Church;\*\* The Communion of Saints: The Forgiveness of sins: The Resurrection of the body: And the Life everlasting. Amen.

## GENERAL PRAYER

¶ *The Prayer shall consist of the following, or other prayers.*

*Minister.* The Lord be with you.

*Congregation.* And with thy spirit.

*Minister.* Let us pray.

*A General Thanksgiving*

**A**Lmighty God, Father of all mercies, we, thine unworthy servants, do give thee most humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodness and lovingkindness to us, and to all men. We praise thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all, for thine inestimable 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 beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful; and that we show forth thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up ourselves to thy service, and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Spirit be all honor and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

\*\* One Holy Universal Christian Church *may be used.*

*A Prayer for Spiritual Victory*

**G**OD of all power and glory, who hast not appointed us unto wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ; perfect and fulfill in us, we beseech thee, the work of thy redeeming mercy, that, being delivered more and more from our sins, we may be able to serve thee in newness of life. Sanctify us in body, soul, and spirit; and guide us evermore in the way of peace. Help us to overcome the world. Give us courage to confess Christ always, and patience to endure in his service unto the end; that, having finished our course with joy, we may rest in hope; and attain finally to the resurrection of the just; through the infinite merits of our Savior, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

*A Prayer for the Church Universal*

**O** THOU God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named; cause thy blessing, we beseech thee, to rest upon the Church, which he has redeemed with his most precious blood. Enlighten her ministers with true knowledge and understanding of thy Word. Send down the healthful dew of thy grace upon all her congregations. Deliver her from false doctrine, heresy, and schism; enable her to keep the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace, and clothe her with the beauty of holiness. Establish and reveal thy glory among all nations. By the working of thy Providence, confound and destroy all wicked devices against thy holy Word, and bring in speedily the full victory of thine everlasting kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*A Prayer for the President of the United States and  
All Others in Authority*

**A**LMIGHTY God, whose kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and whose dominion endureth throughout all generations; we pray thee to look with favor upon thy servants, the President of the United States, the Governor of this Commonwealth, and all others in authority. Fill them with the spirit of wisdom, goodness, and truth, and so rule their hearts and bless their endeavors that law and order, justice and peace, may everywhere prevail. Preserve us from national sins and corruption. Make us strong and great in the fear of God and in the love of righteousness; reverent in the use of freedom, just in the exercise of power, generous in the protection of the helpless, so that we may become a blessing to all nations; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*A Prayer for All Conditions of Men*

**O** GOD, the Creator and Preserver of all mankind, we implore thy mercy in behalf of all classes and conditions of men; that it may please thee to visit them with thy most compassionate help, according to their manifold necessities and wants. Especially do we beseech thee to have pity upon all widows and orphans; upon all prisoners and captives; upon all sick and dying persons; upon all such as are persecuted for righteousness' sake. Enable them to look unto thee, O most merciful Father, and to call upon thy Name, that they may find thee a present Savior in their affliction and distress. And let it please thee to deliver them, and raise them up in due time, giving them patience under all their sufferings, the rich com-

fort of thy grace here below, and eternal rest with thee in heaven; through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

¶ *Here may be offered Special Prayer or Prayers.*

*A Prayer of St. Chrysostom*

**A**LMIGHTY God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee, and dost promise that where two or three are gathered together in thy Name, thou wilt grant their requests; fulfill now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants, as may be most expedient for them, granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. Amen.

## ANTHEM

## OFFERING

¶ *Here announcements may be made.*

¶ *The offering then shall be received and placed upon the Lord's Table with words of praise and dedication.*

## HYMN

## SERMON

\* \* \* \*

¶ *When the Alternate Order for Holy Communion is used, the Service shall proceed as continued on page 81.*

\* \* \* \*

¶ *After the Sermon the Minister may offer one or both of the following prayers; and shall offer the Lord's Prayer, in which the Congregation shall join.*

**A**LMIGHTY God, Fountain of all goodness and truth, receive our thanks for the revelation of thy grace, which is able to make us wise unto everlasting life; and

mercifully grant, we beseech thee, that the words which we have heard this day, may through thy blessing be so grafted in our hearts, that they may bring forth in us the fruit of good living; to the honor and praise of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**O** GOD, who art the author of peace and lover of concord, in knowledge of whom standeth our eternal life, whose service is perfect freedom; defend us, thy humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in thy defence, may not fear the power of any adversaries, through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**O**UR Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, On earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, As we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. *Amen.*

DOXOLOGY OR HYMN

BENEDICTION

**T**HE grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all. *Amen.*

or

**T**HE Lord bless thee, and keep thee: the Lord make his face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee: the Lord lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace. *Amen.*

¶ *At the close of the Service, a Recessional Hymn may be sung, followed by the Postlude.*

AN ALTERNATE ORDER OF WORSHIP

¶ *The Congregation standing, the Minister shall say,*

**I**N the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

INVOCATION

Let us pray.

**A**LMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, whom the heaven of heavens cannot contain but who dwellest with them who are of a contrite spirit; cleanse our hearts with thy grace and enlighten our minds by thy Word, that we may worship thee in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

HYMN

¶ *Then shall be sung a Hymn of Praise.*

RESPONSIVE READING

¶ *Portions of the Psalter or other Scriptures may now be read responsively and the Gloria Patri may be sung.*

**G**LORY be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

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

THE HOLY SCRIPTURES

¶ *A Lesson from the Holy Scriptures shall now be read.*

¶ *After the Lesson, the Minister shall say, or the Congregation may respond,*

**L**ET thy Word abide in us, O Lord.



## HYMN

¶ *An Anthem or Hymn may be sung.*

## THE CREED

¶ *Then the Congregation standing, the Apostles Creed may be said.*

**I** BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth:

And in Jesus Christ, his only begotten Son, our Lord: Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary: Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried: He descended into hell: \* The third day he rose again from the dead: He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty: From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost: The Holy Catholic Church: \*\* The Communion of Saints: The Forgiveness of sins: The Resurrection of the body: And the Life everlasting. Amen.

## GENERAL PRAYER

¶ *Then the Minister shall offer prayer, giving praise and thanks to God, confessing the sins that are common to all, entreating God for his guidance and grace, and making intercession for the Church, the Nation, and all men; concluding with the Lord's Prayer.*

¶ *Or, a Responsive Prayer from the Hymnal may be used.*

\* Hades may be used.

\*\* One Holy Universal Christian Church may be used.

Let us pray.

**A**LMIGHTY and eternal God, who art worthy to be held in reverence by all the children of men, we humbly give thanks unto thee for the innumerable blessings both temporal and spiritual which, without any merit on our part, thou hast bestowed upon us. We praise thee especially that thou hast preserved unto us in their purity, thy Word and Sacraments, wherein thou dost reveal thy will and confirm thy grace.

Heavenly Father, we acknowledge our unworthiness to receive these good gifts. We have sinned against thee in thought, word and deed. We have not heeded thy Word, but have continued to love the world and the things of the world. Forgive us, O Lord, and in thy great mercy turn our steps evermore into the path of life.

We beseech thee, O Lord, to grant and preserve unto thy Church, throughout the world, purity of doctrine and faithfulness in teaching. Let thy Word be preached with power; and help all who hear, rightly to understand and truly to believe. Keep us ever more in communion with thy holy Church and in unity of spirit with all Christians.

Bestow thy Spirit upon all the nations of the earth. We pray thee especially to bless our land, its people, and all who are in authority. Cause thy glory to dwell among us; let mercy and truth, righteousness and peace everywhere prevail. To this end we commend to thy care all our schools and seminaries and other institutions of our Church, and pray thee to make them nurseries of useful knowledge and Christian virtue, that they may bring forth among us the wholesome fruits of life.

Graciously protect us from all calamities by fire and water, from war and pestilence, from famine and want. If affliction should overtake us, give us fortitude in the hour of trial. Bless and prosper every one in his calling, and make all good and useful arts to flourish among us. Be thou the Provider of the widows and orphans, the Friend of the sick and needy, and the Comforter of the forsaken and distressed.

O Holy Spirit, our Comforter and Guide, bear witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God. Strengthen and confirm our communion in Christ Jesus. Grant us diligently to make use of the means of grace, that we may be strong in the power of thy might and able to withstand in the evil day, and be reckoned heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ, if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified with him.

Since we are strangers and pilgrims on earth, having no continuing city here, help us by true faith and a godly life to prepare for the life to come; doing the work which thou hast given us to do while it is day, before the night cometh, when no man can work. And, when our last hour shall come, support us by thy power, and receive us into thine everlasting kingdom; through Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Lord, who reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

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 debts, As we forgive our debtors; And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil;

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. *Amen.*

¶ *An Anthem may then be sung.*

¶ *Announcements may be made.*

## OFFERING

¶ *The Offering shall be received and placed upon the Lord's Table with words of praise and dedication.*

## HYMN

## SERMON

\* \* \* \* \*

¶ *When the Alternate Order for Holy Communion is used, the Service shall now proceed as continued on page 81.*

\* \* \* \* \*

¶ *After the Sermon, the Minister may offer one or both of the following prayers:*

ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father; let thy Word, we beseech thee, abide in our hearts and minds, that, our faith being increased, we may attain unto a fuller knowledge of thy will and grow in spiritual wisdom, and being strengthened by thee with all might, we may follow Christ to the end; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

TEACH us, good Lord, to serve thee as thou deservest, to give and not to count the cost; to fight and not to heed the wounds; to toil and not to seek for rest; to labor and not to seek for any reward, save that of knowing

AN ALTERNATE ORDER OF WORSHIP

that we do thy will; through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

DOXOLOGY

¶ *A Hymn or Doxology shall be sung.*

BENEDICTION

¶ *The Minister shall say the Benediction.*

THE grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of  
God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with  
you all. Amen.

THE EVENING SERVICE

¶ *The Congregation standing, the Minister shall say,*

IN the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the  
Holy Spirit. Amen.

Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY God, unto whom all hearts are open, all  
desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid;  
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of  
thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and  
worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Jesus Christ  
our Lord. Amen.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who art always more  
ready to hear than we to pray, and art wont to give  
more than either we desire, or deserve; pour down upon  
us the abundance of thy mercy; forgiving us those things  
whereof our conscience is afraid, and giving us those  
good things which we are not worthy to ask, but through  
the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ, thy Son, our  
Lord. Amen.

HYMN

THE HOLY SCRIPTURES

¶ *The Congregation may sing a Canticle, a Hymn, or a Response.*

EVENING PRAYER

¶ *The Minister shall offer the Evening Prayer, consisting of the  
following, or other prayers.*

Minister. The Lord be with you.  
Congregation. And with thy spirit.



*Minister.* Let us pray.  
 Create in us a clean heart, O God.

*Congregation.* And renew a right spirit within us.

*Minister.* Cast us not away from thy presence.

*Congregation.* And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

*A Prayer for Inner Peace*

**O** GOD, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed; give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may by thy protection pass our time in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*A Prayer for Deliverance*

**O** LORD, our heavenly Father, by whose almighty power we have been preserved this day, and to whom the darkness and the light are both alike; by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; and so refresh our weary nature with the help which our weakness needs, that we may behold the dawn and the day with joyfulness, and be devoted to thee both in body and soul; for the love of thine only Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

✓ *Thanksgiving for God's Bountiful Providence*

**I**N goodness art thou exalted, O Lord, our Father, for ever and ever. We magnify thee, we praise thee, we worship thee, we give thanks unto thee for thy bountiful Providence, for all the blessings of the present life, and

all the hopes of a better life to come. Let the memory of thy goodness, we beseech thee, fill our hearts with joy and thankfulness unto our life's end; and let no unworthiness of ours provoke thee to withhold from us any needed good, seeing that all thy blessings come not by our desert, but only through the mediation of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*A Prayer for the Church Universal*

**A**LMIGHTY and everlasting God, who hast promised to reveal thy glory by Jesus Christ among all nations; remember, we beseech thee, thy holy Church throughout all the world; unite all who profess and call themselves Christians in the bond of a holy faith as one body, and so replenish them and us with the grace of thy Holy Spirit, that we may bring forth abundantly the fruits of peace and good works; and that, having persevered in the way of godliness to the end, we may, with prophets, apostles, martyrs, confessors and saints of all ages, come into full communion with thee and with one another in thine eternal and glorious kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*A Prayer for the Whole World*

**A**LMIGHTY God, who hast made of one every nation of men to dwell on the earth and hast appointed the bounds of their habitation; grant them thy guidance and help, that they may seek prosperity in promoting the welfare of their people and of all mankind. Enable all races to realize their kinship with one another as children of the same eternal Father. Restrain them from pride, jealousy, hatred and selfish ambition. Awaken in

them the spirit of justice, brotherhood and concord. Unite them by the bonds of international friendship that they may work together for the betterment of the whole world. Make wars to cease, and hasten the day when there shall be peace on earth and good will among men; through him who is the Prince of Peace, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*A Prayer for Those in Extremity*

**M**OST merciful God, who art a seasonable refuge in time of trouble; let the prayers of those who, in tribulation or any sort of extremity, cry unto thee, reach thy merciful ears, and grant them relief according to their several necessities, giving them patience under their sufferings, and a happy issue out of all their afflictions; for the sake of the suffering and sorrow of thy dear Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

*A Prayer of St. Chrysostom*

**A**Lmighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee, and dost promise that where two or three are gathered together in thy Name, thou wilt grant their requests; fulfill now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants, as may be most expedient for them, granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come, life everlasting. *Amen.*

HYMN

SERMON

¶ *After the Sermon, the Congregation shall stand, and the Minister shall say,*

Let us pray.

**O** GOD, who didst teach the hearts of thy faithful people by sending unto them the light of thy Holy Spirit; grant unto us by the same Spirit to have a right understanding of thy saving truth. Visit, we pray thee, this congregation with thy love and favor. Enlighten our minds more and more with the light of the everlasting Gospel; fill our hearts with a love of the truth; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and of thy great mercy keep us in the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *Then all shall say,*

**O**UR Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, On earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, As we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. *Amen.*

OFFERING

¶ *The Offering shall be received and placed upon the Lord's Table with words of praise and dedication.*

HYMN

BENEDICTION

**T**HE grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all. *Amen.*

## THE LITANY

¶ *To be said kneeling, instead of the General Prayer, on days of penitence.*

O GOD, the Father in heaven;  
*Have mercy upon us.*

O God, the Son, Redeemer of the world;  
*Have mercy upon us.*

O God, the Holy Spirit, Sanctifier of the faithful;  
*Have mercy upon us.*

O Holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, ever one God;  
*Have mercy upon us.*

REMEMBER not, Lord, our offenses, nor the offenses of our forefathers; spare us, good Lord, spare thy people, whom thou hast redeemed with thy most precious blood.

*Spare us, good Lord.*

FROM all blindness of heart; from pride, vainglory, and hypocrisy; from envy, hatred, and malice, and all uncharitableness,  
*Good Lord, deliver us.*

From all impure lusts and desires; and from all the deceits of the world, the flesh, and the devil,  
*Good Lord, deliver us.*

From lightning and tempest; from fire and flood; from plague, pestilence, and famine; from all disasters by land, by air, and by water; from battle and murder, and from violent death,  
*Good Lord, deliver us.*

From sedition and rebellion; from heresy and schism; from hardness of heart, and contempt of thy Word and authority,

*Good Lord, deliver us.*

By the mystery of thy holy incarnation; by thy holy nativity; by thy baptism, temptation and ministry,  
*Good Lord, deliver us.*

By thine agony and bloody sweat; by thy cross and passion; by thy precious death and burial; by thy glorious resurrection and ascension; and by the coming of the Holy Spirit,  
*Good Lord, deliver us.*

In all time of our tribulation; in all time of our wealth; in the hour of death, and in the day of judgment,  
*Good Lord, deliver us.*

WE sinners do beseech thee to hear us, O Lord God; and that it may please thee to govern and direct thy Holy Church Universal;  
*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee so to rule the hearts of thy servants, the President of the United States, the Governor of this Commonwealth, and all others in authority that law and order may everywhere prevail;  
*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to bless the rulers of all lands, giving them grace to execute justice, and to maintain truth;  
*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*



That it may please thee to bless and protect all who serve mankind by labor, industry, and learning;

*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to give to all nations unity, peace, and concord;

*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to keep us in all time of temptation and heaviness; to comfort and help all the weak-hearted; to raise up them that fall, and finally to beat down Satan under our feet;

*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to succor, help, and comfort all who are in danger, necessity, and tribulation; to preserve all women in the perils of childbirth, all sick persons and young children; and to show thy pity upon all prisoners and captives;

*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to defend, and provide for, the fatherless children, the widows, and all that are desolate and oppressed;

*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to have mercy upon all men;

*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

O Son of God, Redeemer of the world;

*Have mercy upon us.*

O Lamb of God that takest away the sin of the world;

*Have mercy upon us.*

O Lamb of God that takest away the sin of the world;  
*Grant us thy peace.*

† *The Minister shall say,*

O GOD, merciful Father, who despisest not the sighing of the contrite, nor rejectest the desire of the sorrowful; be favorable to our prayers which in our afflictions that continually oppress us, we pour out before thee; and graciously hear them, that those things which the craft of the devil or man worketh against us, may be brought to nought, and by the counsel of thy goodness be dispersed; so that being hurt by no persecutions, we may evermore give thanks to thee in thy holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O GOD, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed; give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may by thy protection pass our time in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## THE GENERAL PRAYERS

¶ *The General Prayers provide alternate prayers appropriate to the seasons of the church year. The minister may select such portions as he desires for use in the general prayer of the day.*

### I. ADVENT

**A**LMIGHTY God, who art the hope of all the earth; we enter into thy presence with adoration and thanksgiving for the advent of thine only begotten Son in the flesh, and we pray thee to give us grace to receive him, our Saviour and Lord. Help us always to wait for him, to wish for him, and to watch for him that at his coming again thou mayest find us ready.

O thou Lord God Almighty, who in thy providence hast made all ages a preparation for the kingdom of thy Son; we beseech thee to make ready our hearts for the brightness of thy glory and the fullness of thy blessing in Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant that we may turn to him with all our hearts and enthrone him Lord over all in the social and economic order of which we are a part. Hasten, O God, the fulfillment of thy word that in our time thy kingdom may come and thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us grace, O God, that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal.

We thank thee, O God, for the advent of thy holy church among men. Help us to be faithful members of

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the mystical Body of thy Son. Bless all to whom thou hast committed the rule of thy church. Inspire her ministers with zeal, and her people with true righteousness. Cleanse, strengthen, and sanctify her evermore by thy spirit. And as there is but one Lord, one faith, one baptism, grant that thy people may more and more be bound together in the bonds of one faith, one hope, one love, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

✓ Bless, we beseech thee, Almighty God, our country and all its people. Give thine abundant grace to the President of the United States and grant that he and all who bear office throughout the land may be governed by thy wisdom and may live and labor in thy fear. Make us a people worthy of thy gracious protection and so direct us that we may strive for the peace and welfare of all mankind.

✓ O Merciful Father, we pray thee to heal the sick, relieve the suffering, and comfort the hearts of all in sorrow or bereavement. Give them the perfect peace of those whose minds are stayed on thee. Fill thy church with compassion and healing for all the multitudes of the earth whom affliction hath overtaken and despoiled.

Almighty God, with whom do rest the spirits of them that depart hence in the Lord; receive our thanksgivings for all the faithful who now rest in peace with thee; and especially for those whom we have loved on earth, and who now rest in thy heavenly presence. . . . Keep alive in us their memory, and sustain us in communion of spirit with them, that at last they and we may be united in the light and joy of thy heavenly kingdom.

Grant us, we beseech thee, O God, to pass the time of our sojourn here in fear, in daily watchfulness, and in prayer, ever looking for the day of thy coming to judge the world in righteousness. Give us grace that we may receive thee with gladness and join in the acclaim of the faithful: Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest. Hear us, O thou eternal Son of the Father, to whom, with thee and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

## II. CHRISTMAS

**G**LORY be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee; we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. For thou only art holy, thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Spirit, art most high in the glory of God the Father.

Most merciful God, who hast so loved the world as to give thine only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life; vouchsafe unto us, we humbly pray thee, the precious gift of faith, whereby we may know that the Son of God is come and we may prepare for him room in our hearts.

O Lord God, graciously bestow thy blessing upon thy church throughout the whole world. Prosper the ministrations of all who serve thee in thy church that thy

name may be glorified upon the earth. Give power to thy word that all heresy and schism may be done away. Make effectual the grace of thy sacraments that thy children may be nurtured with the cup of salvation and strengthened with the bread of heaven unto everlasting life. O send forth thy light and thy truth unto the ends of the earth; cause the glorious gospel of thy grace to be proclaimed among all nations; and incline the hearts of men everywhere that they may hear and obey thy saving word.

O God our Father, who didst send forth thy Son to be King of Kings and Prince of Peace; grant that all the kingdoms of this world may become the kingdom of our Lord. Give unto all men the grace of understanding and the spirit of reconciliation. Let those who are offended forgive, and those who have offended repent, so that thy children may live as one family, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

O thou, who by giving thy Son to be born of a Virgin didst sanctify motherhood and exalt the families of earth; we pray for thy blessing upon our homes, our kindred, and our friends. Grant that in the reunions of this season all hearts may be glad and all pleasures pure. Let all children be dear to us for the sake of the holy Christ Child. Make the little ones happy in his love as they keep the festival, and to those who are older grant the blessing of childlike hearts. We pray for all who are absent from home, that they may be of one heart with us and thus rejoice with us in the birth of Christ the Lord.



God of all pity, hear us as we remember those for whom the joy of this season is shadowed: the poor, the cold, the hungry, the lonely, the depressed, and all those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake. Grant that we who know thy love may abound in sympathy and kindness, that having freely received, we may also freely give.

Most gracious God, our heavenly Father, fill our hearts with joy and our tongues with praise as we keep the festival of our Saviour's birth. Let the Holy Spirit come upon us, as we approach the mystery of his appearing in the flesh of a little child. Stir up in our hearts the precious gift of faith, that he may be born anew in us this day.

O God, merciful Father, vouchsafe unto us the continual help of thy grace, that we may know and confess thine incarnate Son as our true and only Lord and Saviour. And grant that receiving him in childlike faith we may ever feed upon his body and blood as the true meat and drink of our souls unto everlasting life through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.

## III. EPIPHANY

\* O GOD, who by the shining of a star didst guide the wise men to behold thy Son, our Lord; show us thy heavenly light, and give us grace to follow until we find him, and finding him, rejoice. And grant that as they presented gold, frankincense, and myrrh, we now may bring him the offering of a loving heart, an adoring spirit,

and an obedient will, for his honour, and for thy glory, O God Most High.

O Jesus Christ, Son of the Highest, who came to give light to all that are in darkness; fill us with thine own infinite love for men; and, since thou hast entrusted to us both the knowledge of thy truth and the gifts of thy bounty, help us to use them as good stewards, giving liberally, praying instantly, and working diligently, that we may be sharers in bringing all men to thy light and in hastening the coming of thy kingdom.

O God, who makest men to be thy messengers; we thank thee for those who have gone forth to preach thy gospel in distant lands. Uphold them in discouragement, protect them in danger, strengthen them according to all their needs; and by their labors and sacrifice let the good tidings of great joy be carried into all the world.

Almighty God, who by thy Son, Jesus Christ, hast broken down the walls of partition between Jew and Gentile, slave and free, rich and poor; break down, we beseech thee, all that divides us one from another. Shame our jealousies, frustrate our pride, destroy our prejudices, and forbid that from pride of race or hardness of heart, we should despise any for whom Christ died, or injure any in whom he lives.

O God, the physician of men and nations, the restorer of the years that have been destroyed; look upon the afflictions of the world, and be pleased to complete the work of thy healing hand; draw all men unto thee and one another by the bonds of thy love; make thy church one, and fill it with thy spirit, that by thy power it may

unite the world in a brotherhood of nations, wherein justice, truth, and freedom may flourish, and thou mayest be glorified more and more.

✧ Eternal God, before whom the nations rise and fall; we pray that thy mercy and love may rest upon our native land. Give thy guidance and protection to the President of the United States and to all others who are in positions of public trust and leadership. Bring to naught the counsels of greed and wicked men, and save thy people from violence, greed, and fraud. O Lord, save the state. O Lord, save thy people, and grant unto them righteousness, unity, and peace.

O Lord our God, whose blessed Son has promised that those who follow him shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life; have pity upon those afflicted by doubt or perplexity and grant that they may see the guiding light thou hast given us in Christ; and, amid the mysteries and uncertainties of life, walk by faith in him who is the way and the truth.

✧ God of all comfort and infinite compassion, who canst turn sorrow into joy; look mercifully upon all who are in trouble, whether of mind, body, or estate; sustain and heal the sick; support and sanctify the dying; visit with thy mercy those who mourn. Pour thy divine peace into every wounded spirit, and give to each desolate soul the assurance of thy love.

Almighty God, who hast knit together thine elect in one communion and fellowship, in the mystical Body of thy Son, Christ our Lord; grant us grace so to follow thy blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that

we may come to those unspeakable joys, which thou hast prepared for those who unfeignedly love thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord to whom with thee and the Holy Spirit be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

## IV. LENT

O GOD, our heavenly Father, who didst so love the world as to give thine only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life; we give thanks to thee for his glorious victory over sin and the grave. We beseech thee, O God, to grant us a lively faith in him and to so unite us with him as branches to a vine that his life may be our life, and that we may ever bring forth the good fruit of righteousness through the power of his holy name.

O Lord, who for our sake didst fast forty days and forty nights; give us grace to use such abstinence, that, our flesh being subdued to the spirit, we may ever obey thy godly will in righteousness and true holiness, to thy honor and glory, and to our eternal salvation.

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

O thou, who of thy great mercy didst send thy Son to seek and to save the lost; grant unto us who seek the aid of thy Holy Spirit, that our souls may be moved to penitence and humble and adoring faith, as we meditate



on those mighty acts by which thou didst bring redemption to thy people.

Most gracious God, we beseech thee to preserve us from the cares of life, lest we be too much entangled therein. *Keep us from evil* Keep us from being ensnared by the pleasures of this world, and from whatever may be a hindrance to holy living; give us strength to resist, patience to endure, and constancy to persevere.

O God, who didst suffer thine only Son to be tempted, that he might be able to succor them that are tempted; we beseech thee to save us from those snares and temptations by which we are continually beset; and to strengthen us by thy good spirit that in all things we may be more than conquerors, through him that loved us and washed us from our sins in his own precious blood. Hold thou before our eyes his cross that we may behold that sacred head now wounded. Awaken the careless, encourage the fearful, strengthen the faith of those who are in doubt, create in us all a right spirit, O God, that we may truly worship and obey Christ our Lord.

Hear our prayers, O Lord, for the peace of the world. Guide the rulers with thy counsel; remove from the people all prejudice and malice; and pour out thy spirit upon all flesh, that the nations may be brought into a new bond of fellowship, one with another, and together with thee. Direct our country in all its doings that we may become a blessing to all others. Lead us in the way of righteousness and peace and keep us in the time of trouble that we may ever be true to thy word and way.

We pray, O God, for thy holy catholic church throughout the world, that it may preserve pure and undefiled the faith once for all delivered to the saints, that one generation may praise thy works to another. We pray for all who minister in holy things, and for those who bear the vessels of the sanctuary that their hands may be pure. We pray for all missionaries and for all thy people everywhere that they may stand fast in the faith and walk worthy of their Lord.

Most tender and merciful Father; we beseech thee for those who are in danger by land or sea or air; for all that are sick or suffering, and for those who draw nigh unto death; for the bereaved and the sorrowful; for such as have lost the kindly light of reason, or have fallen into despair; for those passing through worldly adversity, and any whose hearts are bitter; for such as have secret trials, and for whom the help of man is vain; and for all in affliction known to ourselves, whom we name in silence before thee. Enable them to look unto thee, O most merciful Father; vouchsafe to them present help, and, if it please thee, a speedy deliverance.

O God, the Father of the living and the dead; we praise and magnify thy holy name for all thy saints and martyrs of every age, for the whole multitude of the redeemed, and for all thy servants dear to us, who, having finished their course, have entered into the joy of thy heavenly presence. And we beseech thee that we being encouraged by their example and strengthened by their fellowship, may in the end have part with them, in the inheritance of the saints of light.



O God, who for our sakes didst give up thy well-beloved Son Jesus Christ to endure the shameful death of crucifixion, that we might be delivered from the power of the devil, and be cleansed from all unrighteousness; grant unto thy servants, we beseech thee, that through his cross the body of sin may be destroyed in us, and through the power of his resurrection we may henceforth walk in newness of life; for the merits of the same Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Spirit be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

## V. EASTER

**P**RAISE be to thee, O Father, who didst raise up thy Son from the dead and give him glory, that our faith and hope might be in thee. Praise be to thee, O Lord Almighty, Jesus Christ, the resurrection and the life, who as on this day by thy glorious resurrection didst bring life and immortality to light. Praise be to thee, O Holy Spirit, who dost send abroad the love of Christ in our hearts, and makest us to rejoice in the hope of glory. All praise and thanks, dominion and power be unto thee, O holy and blessed Trinity, now and forever more.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance incorruptible, undefiled, and that fadeth not away; to whom with thee, O Father, and thee, O Holy Spirit, one blessed Trinity, be ascribed all honor, might, majesty and dominion, now and forever.

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

O thou who hast called us to be children of the resurrection; mercifully grant that whensoever in the dimness of this present life our eyes are holden that we see thee not, our hearts may burn within us and always be attentive to thy holy will, as it is revealed to us by thy Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

O Christ, who art the resurrection and the life; we beseech thee to grant us at this time the knowledge of thy presence. Reveal thyself to our faith. Open our minds to understand the scriptures. To those who are ashamed speak thy word of pardon. Give answer to the questioning of each wistful heart. Turn every doubt to confidence, and every sorrow into joy. Shed abroad thy love in our hearts. Give us day by day victory over fear and sin and death, that setting our affections on things above, we may henceforth walk in newness of life.

Let thy mercy rest, O Lord, upon our land and nation; upon all the powers which thou hast ordained over us; that we may lead quiet and peaceable lives in all godliness and honesty. Rule the hearts of men in all classes and conditions and grant that none may live in vain. Rebuke the power of unbelief and arrogancy, and preserve to us the purity of thy word and sacraments that as a people we may walk in the way of liberty and righteousness, faith and peace.

Almighty God, whose blessed Son, Jesus Christ, sent forth his apostles to make disciples of all nations; fill the church throughout the world with his risen power. Pour out thy spirit on those who are called to minister in his name. As they break the bread of life to others, let their own souls be nourished and sustained. Quicken within thy people their common fellowship so that as one family they may gather about thy holy table. Increase their faith, O God, so that none go hungry away. And grant that thy people, here and everywhere, abiding in that holy fellowship, may be strengthened in the inner man. until at length we all shall reach our common consummation of redemption and bliss in the glorious resurrection of the last day.

O God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named; we rejoice before thee in the blessed communion of all thy saints, wherein thou givest us also to have part. We praise thee for the holy fellowship of patriarchs and prophets, apostles and martyrs, and the whole glorious company of the redeemed of all ages, who have died in the Lord, and now live with him for evermore. We give thanks to thee for thy grace and gifts bestowed on those who have thus gone before us in the way of salvation, and by whom we are now compassed about as a cloud of witnesses looking down upon us from the heavenly world. Enable us to follow their faith, that we may enter at death into their joy; and so abide with them in rest and peace.

Almighty God, who from the tomb of our Lord Jesus Christ hast caused the light of eternal life to shine upon

the world; we beseech thee, that in celebrating this holy season, we may be so possessed with heavenly desires, and thy love may be so shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, that we may continually seek the things which are above, where Christ sitteth at thy right hand; and that abiding in purity of heart and mind, we may at length attain unto thy everlasting kingdom, there to dwell in the glorious light of thy presence, world without end; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, be glory forever and ever. Amen.

## VI. PENTECOST—TRINITY

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**E**TERNAL God, most blessed and most holy, before whom angels veil their faces; with lowly reverence and adoring love we acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and worship thee, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Father in heaven, from whom cometh down every good and perfect gift; grant us thy blessing, and incline thine ear unto our prayers. Merciful Saviour, who sittest at the right hand of the Father; fulfill thine own promise, and be present with us who are gathered in thy name. O Holy Spirit, help our infirmities, and enable us to worship in the beauty of holiness; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

God of all peace and consolation, who didst gloriously fulfill the great promise of the gospel by sending down the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost, to establish the church as the house of his continual presence and power



among men; mercifully grant unto us, we beseech thee, that same gift of the spirit, to renew, illumine, refresh, and sanctify our souls, to be over us and around us like the light and dew of heaven, to be to us as a well of water springing up into everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Most merciful and gracious God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, and through him our Father and the source of all our mercies; lift upon us, we beseech thee, the light of thy countenance, and grant unto us thy favor which is life, and thy loving kindness which is better than life. Give us thankful hearts for all thy benefits bestowed upon us from day to day, and help us to show forth our gratitude, not only with our lips but in our lives, by striving in all our labors to glorify thy holy name. Strengthen us for the faithful discharge of our duties during the week upon which we have now entered. May we constantly look unto him who is the author and finisher of our faith, who suffered, and died, and rose again, that we might die unto sin and live unto holiness. Enlighten and guide us by thy Holy Spirit; prepare us for our several callings during this present life and for the peace and joy of the life to come; and unto thy name, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, world without end.

Almighty God, who hast purchased thy church unto thyself with the most precious blood of thy Son; hear us, we beseech thee, for the whole congregation of the faithful; that all who believe in thee in every place may advance in thy most holy ways, may be kept in unity

and faith, and in purity of love toward thee, and toward one another, and toward all men. Sanctify and increase thy church, O God. Fill it with thy grace and truth. Grant that it may ever declare thy will in the preaching of thy holy word and confirm thy presence in the celebration of thy blessed sacraments. Prosper especially this congregation and strengthen the faith of those who worship in this place that we may show forth thy love and worthily magnify thy holy name.

O Thou, who art the ruler of the universe; regard with thy favor, we pray thee, the land in which we dwell. Bless all those who are called to make and administer the laws, and lead them in the way of justice and truth. Support and protect the upright, and restrain the violence of wicked men. Prosper every useful occupation and enterprise. Bless all the nations of the earth, and so govern them by thy providence that thy kingdom may come and thy name be glorified, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

O Lord, who art the fountain of wisdom and truth; let thy blessing rest, we beseech thee, upon all institutions of learning. Cause them to be pervaded by the spirit of thy holy gospel. Make them rich sources of sound knowledge and true piety, from which shall go forth faithful laborers into thy church and the world. Sanctify all earthly knowledge by the spirit of Christ our Lord, and everywhere let men humbly learn of him, in whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge, even Jesus Christ our Saviour.

O God, who hast made man in thy likeness, and



who dost love all whom thou hast made; teach us the unity of thy family and the breadth of thy love. By the example of thy Son, Jesus Christ our Saviour, enable us, while loving and serving our own, to enter into the fellowship of the whole human family; and forbid that, from pride of race or hardness of heart, we should despise any for whom he died, or injure any in whom he lives, for his own Name's sake.

Lead us, we pray thee, O God, the King of righteousness, in the ways of justice and of peace. Inspire us to break down all oppression and wrong, to gain for every man his due reward, and from every man his due service, that each may live for all and all for each, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

O God, our heavenly Father, who hast set the solitary in families; look in favor, we beseech thee, upon the homes of thy people. Defend them against all evil, and supply all their needs according to the riches of thy grace. Make them sanctuaries of purity and peace, love and joy. Bless all dear to us wheresoever they are, and though our paths may lead us far from one another grant that we may never wander far from thee.

Father of mercies and God of all comfort, we pray for all who are in trouble or affliction; for such as are in danger by sea or land or air; and for those whose faith is tried by distress of body or mind. Of thy mercy relieve the suffering, heal the sick, support the dying, and comfort all who mourn.

O Lord Jesus Christ, who didst say unto thy apostles, Peace I leave with you, My peace I give unto you;

regard not our sins, but the faith of thy church, and grant her that peace and unity which is agreeable to thy will, who with the Father and the Holy Spirit, livest and reignest forever and ever. Amen.

## (B)

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who hast vouchsafed to thy church to know and to confess thee, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and to worship thee; grant that through this holy faith we may be united in living communion with thee to our soul's salvation. Unto thee, the triune God, be adoration, praise, and glory forever and ever, world without end.

O God, who on the day of Pentecost didst teach the hearts of thy faithful people by sending to them the light of thy Holy Spirit; grant us by the same spirit to have a right judgment in all things, and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour, who with thee and the Holy Spirit reigneth one God, world without end.

Eternal God, our maker and our Lord, giver of grace, from whom every good gift cometh and who pourest thy spirit upon all who seek thee; deliver us when we draw nigh to thee from coldness of heart and wanderings of mind, that with steadfast thoughts and pure affections we may worship thee in spirit and in truth, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Almighty Lord and everlasting God, whom the heaven of heavens cannot contain, much less the temples which our hands have builded, but who art ever nigh unto the

humble and contrite; pour thy Holy Spirit, we beseech thee, upon all here assembled, that, being cleansed and illumined by his grace, we may worthily show forth thy praise, meekly learn thy word, render due thanks for all thy mercies, and obtain a gracious answer to our prayers, through the merits of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Thou holy and exalted Son of God, to whom is given all authority in heaven and on earth to be the head over all things in the church; we pray thee, save thy people and bless thine inheritance; replenish the ministers of the gospel with the gifts of thy grace, that they may proclaim the counsel of thy love in demonstration of the spirit and of power. Visit, we pray thee, this congregation with thy love and favor and enlighten the minds of all with the light of thy gospel. Instill into every heart a sincere love of truth, and keep us in the same blessed Spirit, that we may be exalted with thee on that day when in the name of Jesus every knee shall bow and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

O thou king eternal, immortal, invisible, thou only wise God our Saviour; hasten we beseech thee, the coming of thy kingdom upon earth, and draw the whole world into willing obedience to thy blessed reign. Overcome all the enemies of our Lord and bring low every power that is exalted against him. Cast out the evil thoughts which cause war and strife among us; and let thy spirit rule the hearts of men in righteousness and love. Restore the desolations of former days; let the wilderness rejoice with beauty, and make glad the city with thy law.

Establish every work that is founded on truth and equity, and fulfill all the good hopes and desires of thy people. Manifest thy will, Almighty Father, in the brotherhood of man unto the establishment of universal peace, through the victory of Christ our Lord.

O Almighty God, defeat we pray thee, all schemes of dishonesty, fraud, and extortion. Save our country from godless wealth and reckless waste. Shield us from all conditions that promote antagonism between man and man, rich and poor, employer and employee. Keep us from greed, from malice, and every evil work. Make us true to the teaching and example of our Lord, so that by word and deed we may advance thy cause.

We pray, O God, for the poor, the afflicted, the oppressed, the bereaved, the dying. O thou who canst richly comfort and graciously relieve, heal their sorrows and bind up their wounds.

Almighty God and glorious Lord; we who are but pilgrims and strangers in this passing world, pray thee to clothe us with righteousness, to give us the staff of faith, and to vouchsafe an abiding sense of the reality and glory of things unseen in the heavenly city, which thou hast prepared for them that love thee. Raise us above the vanity of this present world with its fleeting pleasures and its temporal trials. Help us to show forth thy glory before the world by our good works of faith and service, and grant that under thy guidance all things shall work together for our everlasting salvation, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time



with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee, and dost promise that where two or three are gathered together in thy name, thou wilt grant their requests; fulfill now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants, as may be most expedient for them, granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come, life everlasting.

## (C)

Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ; we give thee thanks for all thy goodness and tender mercies, especially for the gift of thy dear Son, our Lord; and we beseech thee to grant that we may partake of his spirit and be filled with his grace so that we may bring forth the good fruit of godly living and more and more be engrafted into the mystical Body of thy Son as branches into a vine.

Most heartily we beseech thee for thy holy catholic church, that it may be preserved in the pure doctrine of thy saving word, and that it may so set forth thy grace in the sacrament which thou hast ordained that all thy children may grow in charity and increase in righteousness.

Send forth thy light and thy truth unto the ends of the earth. Raise up faithful pastors and missionaries to preach the gospel in our own and in all other lands; and guide, protect, and prosper them in their labors.

Bless, we pray thee, all the institutions of the church: its colleges, its seminaries, and all its schools, and cause them to send forth men and women ready to serve thee in the ministry of thy holy church.

O thou who art our dwelling place in all generations; let thy blessing rest upon our <sup>homes</sup> homes, that, illumined by the light of thy presence they may be a shelter against all evil and a foretaste of our eternal home in thee.

Bless our country; give wisdom and guidance to the President of the United States and to all others in authority, that they may stand firm for truth and right, none making them afraid. Sanctify all sorts and conditions of people, and hasten among us the upbuilding of thy city, O God, wherein righteousness, love, and peace shall reign.

We pray for all who are in trouble, want, sickness, anguish of labor, peril of death, or other adversity, especially for those who are suffering for thy name and for truth's sake. Strengthen them, O God, according to all their needs; if it be thy will grant them a speedy deliverance out of all their troubles; but above all, give them the assurance of thy love and the healing of thy peace.

Be pleased, O God, to hear our humble supplications, and to keep us in thy way. From indolence and weakness of purpose, from indifference, carelessness, and despair, O Lord, deliver us. Save us from all dishonesty, extravagance, and injustice to others, from the temptation to put pleasure above duty, and from all the frailty of the flesh. From the world, the flesh, and the devil, good Lord, deliver us.

Look upon us with thy mercy and thy love. Cause the needful fruits of the earth to prosper, that we may enjoy them in due season. Give success to all lawful occupa-  
<sup>Labor</sup>



tions on land, on the sea, and in the air; and crown all our worthy endeavors with thy blessing.

These, and whatsoever other things thou wouldest have us ask of thee, O God, vouchsafe unto us, for the sake of the bitter sufferings and death of Jesus Christ, thine only Son, our Lord and Saviour, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

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¶ *The Congregation standing, the Minister shall say,*

**T**HE Lord is in his holy temple, let all the earth keep silence before him. *Amen.*

**G**OD spake all these words, saying, I am the Lord thy God, who brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.

Thou shalt have no other gods before me.

Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth; thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me; and showing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments.

Thou shalt not take the Name of the Lord thy God in vain, for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh his Name in vain.

Remember the sabbath day to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labor, and do all thy work, but the seventh day is the sabbath of the Lord thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates: for in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it.

Honor thy father and thy mother: that thy days may

be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.

Thou shalt not kill.

Thou shalt not commit adultery.

Thou shalt not steal.

Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.

Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor anything that is thy neighbor's.

*Congregation.* Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep all these laws.

*Minister.* Hear also what our Lord Jesus Christ saith:

Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

Let us pray.

**O** LORD God, who didst at the first deliver thy commandments from the mount which burned with fire, amid blackness, and darkness, and tempest; we thank thee that this same law is now published unto us from Mount Zion, through the Mediator of a new and better covenant; and we humbly beseech thee to put these words into our minds, and write them in our hearts, that we may delight in thy law after the inward man, and serve thee in newness of spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## THE LITANY

¶ *Here the Litany may be used, the Congregation kneeling.*

**O** GOD, the Father in heaven;  
*Have mercy upon us.*

O God, the Son, Redeemer of the world;  
*Have mercy upon us.*

O God, the Holy Spirit, Sanctifier of the faithful;  
*Have mercy upon us.*

O Holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, ever one God;  
*Have mercy upon us.*

**R**EMEMBER not, Lord, our offenses, nor the offenses of our forefathers; spare us, good Lord, spare thy people, whom thou hast redeemed with thy most precious blood.

*Spare us, good Lord.*

**F**ROM all blindness of heart; from pride, vainglory and hypocrisy; from envy, hatred, and malice, and all uncharitableness,

*Good Lord, deliver us.*

From all impure lusts and desires; and from all the deceits of the world, the flesh, and the devil,

*Good Lord, deliver us.*

From lightning and tempest; from fire and flood; from plague, pestilence, and famine; from all disasters by land, by air, and by water; from battle and murder, and from violent death,

*Good Lord, deliver us.*

From sedition and rebellion; from heresy and schism;  
from hardness of heart, and contempt of thy Word and  
authority,

*Good Lord, deliver us.*

By the mystery of thy holy incarnation; by thy holy  
nativity; by thy baptism, temptation and ministry.

*Good Lord, deliver us.*

By thine agony and bloody sweat; by thy cross and pas-  
sion; by thy precious death and burial; by thy glorious  
resurrection and ascension; and by the coming of the  
Holy Spirit,

*Good Lord, deliver us.*

In all time of our tribulation; in all time of our wealth;  
in the hour of death, and in the day of judgment,

*Good Lord, deliver us.*

**W**E sinners do beseech thee to hear us, O Lord God,  
and that it may please thee to govern and direct  
thy Holy Church Universal;

*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee so to rule the hearts of thy ser-  
vants, the President of the United States, the Governor  
of this Commonwealth, and all others in authority that  
law and order may everywhere prevail;

*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to bless the rulers of all lands,  
giving them grace to execute justice, and to maintain  
truth;

*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to bless and protect all who serve  
mankind by labor, industry, and learning;

*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to give to all nations unity, peace,  
and concord;

*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to keep us in all time of tempta-  
tion and heaviness; to comfort and help all the weak-  
hearted; to raise up them that fall, and finally to beat  
down Satan under our feet;

*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to succor, help, and comfort all  
who are in danger, necessity, and tribulation; to preserve  
all women in the perils of childbirth, all sick persons and  
young children; and to show thy pity upon all prisoners  
and captives;

*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to defend, and provide for, the  
fatherless children, the widows, and all that are desolate  
and oppressed;

*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to have mercy upon all men;  
*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

O Son of God, Redeemer of the world;

*Have mercy upon us.*

O Lamb of God that takest away the sin of the world;

*Have mercy upon us.*



O Lamb of God that takest away the sin of the world;  
Grant us thy peace.

¶ *The Minister shall say,*

O GOD, merciful Father, who despisest not the sighing of the contrite, nor rejectest the desire of the sorrowful; be favorable to our prayers which in our afflictions that continually oppress us, we pour out before thee; and graciously hear them, that those things which the craft of the devil or man worketh against us, may be brought to nought, and by the counsel of thy goodness be dispersed; so that being hurt by no persecutions, we may evermore give thanks to thee in thy holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O GOD, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed; give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may by thy protection pass our time in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

¶ *Here special prayers may be offered, followed by the Lord's prayer, in which the Congregation shall join.*

O UR Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name, Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, On earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, As we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation. But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

## HYMN — OFFERING — SERMON

¶ *The Hymn, Offering and Sermon may take place according to the accustomed order. An Anthem or Chant may be sung.*

## EXHORTATION

¶ *The Minister, addressing the Communicants, shall say,*

BELOVED in the Lord; Our blessed Savior, Jesus Christ, when he was about to finish the work of our redemption, by making himself a sacrifice for our sins upon the cross, solemnly instituted the Holy Communion of his own Body and Blood, that it might be the abiding memorial of his precious death; the seal of his perpetual presence in the Church by the Holy Spirit; the mystical sign of his one offering of himself made once, but of force always, to put away sin; the pledge of his undying love for his people; and the bond of his living union and fellowship with them to the end of time.

It has not been without reason, therefore, that the celebration of the Lord's Supper has ever been regarded by the Church as the innermost sanctuary of the whole Christian worship. We have to do here, not with signs merely, but with the realities themselves which these signs represent. Our Lord himself calls the bread his Body, and the cup his Blood, or the New Testament in his Blood.

Being of such a sacred nature it is plain that the table of the Lord can be rightly approached only by those who are of a truly devout, repentant, and believing mind. These holy mysteries are not for the worldly, the irreverent, or the indifferent. All who are impenitent and unbelieving, and who refuse to obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, have no right to partake of this table.

If any of you, then, are conscious that you are the willing servants of sin, being without repentance and faith, and yielding yourselves to the power of worldly affections and lusts, we solemnly warn and admonish you, that ye presume not, so long as this is your character, to come to the table of the Lord: for those doing so eat and drink judgment to themselves; not because they are sinners, but because they are impenitent sinners; not because they are unworthy, but because they eat and drink unworthily, not discerning the Lord's Body.

On the other hand, we cordially invite to this table all who are truly grieved and penitent for their sins, who look to the Lord Jesus Christ for righteousness and salvation, who abide in the fellowship of his Church, and who earnestly desire to possess his Spirit and to walk in his steps. To all such the infinitely compassionate Redeemer himself says: Come unto me, all ye that labor, and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

Ye then, beloved brethren, who have looked earnestly into your own hearts, and who find in yourselves these good dispositions of penitence and faith, with the sincere desire and purpose of forsaking all sin and following after all Christian holiness, approach with me now to the throne of grace, and make your humble confession to Almighty God.

## CONFESSION OF SIN

¶ Here all shall kneel and say,

**A**LMIGHTY God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all men; We cast ourselves down at thy feet with deep humiliation and heart-

felt penitent grief, In view of our manifold sins. We have sinned against thee in thought, word, and deed; We have broken thy holy laws; We have come short of thy righteousness and glory in all our ways. Righteousness becometh unto thee, O Lord, But unto us only confusion of face; But unto thee, O Lord our God, belong also mercies and forgivenesses, Though we have rebelled against thee; For thou, Lord, art good, and ready to forgive, And plenteous in mercy unto all them that call upon thee. Look upon us, therefore, O righteous and holy Father, With an eye of pity and compassion, As we now humble ourselves, with sincere confession, Before the throne of thy heavenly grace; And for the sake of thy Son, Jesus Christ, Speak pardon and peace to our souls. Let thy mercy be upon us, O Lord, According as we hope in thee. And with the full pardon of our past sins, Be pleased also to quicken us, we beseech thee, In the way of righteousness, And uphold us with thy Spirit; That we may walk worthy henceforth of the vocation wherewith we are called, And ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life, To the honor and glory of thy holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

¶ The Confessional Questions may be asked.

*Minister.* I now ask you in the presence of God, and upon the evidence of your own conscience:

Do you acknowledge and deplore your many sins with contrite heart?

Do you believe that our heavenly Father is willing, for Jesus' sake, to forgive all your sins?

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Do you resolve to submit yourself in the future to the gracious direction of the Holy Spirit, so that you may no more purposely sin, but be enabled to follow after holiness?

*Answer.* I do.

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

¶ *Then the Minister shall say,*

**H**Earken now unto the comforting assurance of the grace of God, promised in the Gospel to all that repent and believe: As I live, saith the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live. God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. Wherefore, beloved brethren, those of you who have truly turned to God with hearty repentance and sincere faith, may assuredly believe that your sins are forgiven; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *The Congregation shall now stand and sing a Doxology or a Hymn.*

### BENEDICTION

**T**HE God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever. *Amen.*

## THE ORDER FOR HOLY COMMUNION

¶ *The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper shall be administered in every Congregation four times a year, and preferably more often.*

¶ *Having taken his place at the Lord's Table, the Congregation standing, the Minister shall say,*

**I**N the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

### EXHORTATION

**D**EARLY Beloved in the Lord; Our blessed Savior, Jesus Christ, instituted the Holy Communion of his Body and Blood, that it might be the abiding memorial of his atoning death; the seal of his perpetual presence in the Church through the Holy Spirit; the mystical representation of the sacrifice of himself on the cross; the pledge of his undying love for his people; and the bond of his living union and fellowship with them to the end of time.

The celebration of the Lord's Supper has ever been regarded by the Church as the innermost sanctuary of the whole Christian worship. We have to do here not with signs merely, but with the realities which these signs represent. The Lord's Table, therefore, can be rightly approached only by those who are of a devout, repentant, and believing mind.

We cordially invite to partake of this Sacrament all who are truly grieved and penitent for their sins, who look to the Lord Jesus Christ for righteousness and salvation, who abide in the fellowship of his Church, and who desire to possess his Spirit and walk in his ways.



To all such the compassionate Redeemer himself says. Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

Ye, then, who have earnestly searched your own hearts and desire to forsake all sin and follow after Christian holiness, approach with me now to the throne of grace, and make your humble confession to Almighty God.

## CONFESSION OF SIN

¶ *The Minister and Congregation shall say,*

## I

ALMIGHTY God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all men; We acknowledge and confess our manifold sins, Which we from time to time have committed, By thought, word, and deed, Against thy Divine Majesty. We do earnestly repent, And are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; The remembrance of them is grievous unto us. Have mercy upon us, Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; For the sake of thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, Forgive us all our sins; And grant that we may ever hereafter Serve and please thee In newness of life, To the honor and glory of thy Name; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

or

## II

ALMIGHTY God, Merciful Father; I, a poor sinner, Acknowledge and confess my manifold sins, Which I from time to time have committed, By thought, word and deed, Against thy Divine Majesty. I do earnestly repent, And am heartily sorry for these my misdoings:

The remembrance of them is grievous unto me. I have no other comfort or hope, Than thy grace which aboundeth above my guilt, And the precious merits of my Lord Jesus Christ. Longing after this grace I say: Father, I have sinned against heaven and in thy sight, And am no more worthy to be called thy child. Grant unto me pardon and peace, And strength to lead a new and righteous life, By the power of thy Holy Spirit; Through the same Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

¶ *Then shall be sung or said the Kyrie.*

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

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

¶ *The Minister shall say,*

UPON this humble confession which you have made, and by the authority of the Word of God, as a Minister of the Lord Jesus Christ, I declare unto you, who do truly repent and heartily believe in Jesus Christ, and are sincerely determined to amend your sinful life, the forgiveness of all your sins; in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

or

HEARKEN now unto the comforting assurance of the grace of God, promised in the Gospel to all that repent and believe: If we confess our sins, he is faithful

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and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Amen.

¶ *Then the Introit of the Day may be used (pages 104-240).*

PRaise

Minister. O Lord, open thou my lips.

Congregation. And my mouth shall show forth thy praise.

¶ *Then shall be sung the GLORIA IN EXCELSIS or a Hymn of Praise.*

GLORY be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

COLLECT

Minister. Let us pray.

¶ *The Minister shall say the Collect for the Day (pages 104-240).*

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¶ *The Minister shall read the Epistle for the Day. Then the GLORIA TIBI may be sung.*

¶ *The Minister shall read the Gospel for the Day. Then the LAUS TIBI may be sung.*

¶ *The Congregation may sing a Hymn or a Canticle.*

CONFESSION OF FAITH

¶ *The Congregation standing, the Apostles' Creed or the Nicene Creed shall be said.*

I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth:

And in Jesus Christ his only begotten Son our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary: Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried: He descended into hell;\* The third day he rose again from the dead: He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty: From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; The Holy Catholic Church;\*\* The Communion of Saints: The Forgiveness of sins: The Resurrection of the body: And the Life everlasting. Amen.

or

WE BELIEVE in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And of all things visible and invisible:

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God; Begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of

\* Hades may be used.

\*\* One Holy Universal Christian Church may be used.

God, Light of Light, Very God of very God; Begotten, not made; Being of one substance with the Father; By whom all things were made: Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, And was made man: And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried: And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures: And ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the quick and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord, and Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son; Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; Who spake by the Prophets. And we believe in one Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins: And we look for the Resurrection of the dead: And the Life of the world to come. Amen.

## SERMON—HYMN—OFFERING

¶ *The Sermon, Hymn, and Offering may take place according to the accustomed order. An Anthem may be sung.*

¶ *Then, the vessels containing bread and wine having been made ready, and the Congregation standing, the Service shall proceed as follows:*

## THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

*Minister.* The Lord be with you.

*Congregation.* And with thy spirit.

*Minister.* Lift up your hearts.

*Congregation.* We lift them up unto the Lord.

*Minister.* Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

*Congregation.* It is meet and right so to do.

¶ *The Minister, proceeding, shall say,*

**I**T is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks unto thee, O Holy Lord, Father Almighty, Everlasting God, who didst create the heavens and the earth and all that in them is, who didst make man in thine own image, and whose tender mercies are over all thy works.

For all thy mercies and favors, known to us and unknown, we give thee thanks. But most of all we praise thee, the Father everlasting, for the gift of thine adorable, true, and only Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, who by his appearing hath abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the Gospel. We bless thee for his holy incarnation; for his life on earth; for his precious sufferings and death upon the cross; for his resurrection from the dead; and for his glorious ascension to thy right hand. We bless thee for the giving of the Holy Spirit; for the institution of the Church; for the means of grace; for the hope of everlasting life; and for the glory which shall be brought unto us at the coming, and in the kingdom, of thy dear Son.

Thee, mighty God, heavenly King, we magnify and praise. With patriarchs and prophets, apostles and martyrs; with the Holy Church throughout all the world; with the heavenly Jerusalem, the joyful assembly and congregation of the firstborn on high; with the innumerable company of angels round about thy throne, the



heaven of heavens, and all the powers therein; we worship and adore thy glorious Name, joining in the song of the Cherubim and Seraphim:

¶ *Here the Minister and Congregation shall say or sing the Seraphic Hymn or the SANCTUS.*

*Seraphic Hymn*

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Sabaoth,  
Heaven and earth are full of the majesty of thy glory;  
Hosanna in the highest!  
Blessed is he that cometh in the Name of the Lord;  
Hosanna in the highest!

*Sanctus*

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts,  
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory;  
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.

¶ *The Minister shall continue,*

**T**HE Lord Jesus, the same night in which he was betrayed, took bread; (*Here the Minister shall take the bread into his hands*) and when he had given thanks, he brake it, (*Here the Minister shall break the bread*) and said, Take, eat; this is my Body which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me. After the same manner also, he took the cup, (*Here the Minister shall take the cup into his hands*) when he had supped, saying, This cup is the New Testament in my Blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me.

Wherefore, we beseech thee, O merciful Father, to send thy Holy Spirit upon us, and upon these elements

of bread and wine, that the bread which we break may be to us the Communion of the Body of Christ, and the cup of blessing which we bless, the Communion of the Blood of Christ. And be pleased now, O most merciful Father, graciously to receive this memorial of the blessed sacrifice of thy Son which we here offer unto thee, in union with the sacrifice of our thanksgiving and praise, consecrating ourselves in soul and body, property and life, to thy most blessed service. Look upon us through the mediation of our great High Priest. Make us accepted in the Beloved; and let his Name be as a pure and holy incense, through which all our worship may come up before thee, a sacrifice acceptable and well pleasing in thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee, and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

¶ *Then may be said any or all of the following prayers:*

THE INTERCESSION

**O** GOD, the Creator and Preserver of all mankind, we humbly beseech thee for all sorts and conditions of men; that thou wouldest be pleased to make thy ways known unto them, and to grant them life everlasting; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**R**EMEMBER in mercy thy Church militant throughout the whole earth. Let her ministers be clothed with righteousness, and her priests with salvation. Build up her desolations; restore her disorders; heal her divisions, and grant unto her prosperity, safety, unity, and peace. Amen.

WE commend unto thee this particular church and congregation, pastor and people; beseeching thee to accept their piety and faith, and to increase toward them thy heavenly grace, so that they abound more and more in knowledge and love, unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

WE pray for the rulers in all lands, and for the people committed to their charge. Look with favor upon thy servants, the President of the United States, the Governor of this Commonwealth, and all others in authority; and so enrich them with wisdom and grace, that under their government we may lead quiet and peaceable lives, in all godliness and honesty; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

SEND forth thy light and thy truth unto the ends of the earth; cause the glorious gospel of thy grace to be proclaimed among all nations; and powerfully incline the hearts of men everywhere, that they may hear and obey the joyful sound. *Amen.*

¶ *Here special intercessions may be made.*

REGARD in tender compassion those among thy people who are called to suffer heavy affliction, or sore temptation and trial of any kind; and be thou graciously nigh unto them with thy divine help, according to all their need. *Amen.*

SPECIALLY do we commend unto thee those departing this life. Let the arms of thy love be round about them in their last hour; enable them joyfully to commit their spirits into thy hands, and so receive them to thy rest. *Amen.*

OGOD, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named; we rejoice before thee in the blessed communion of all thy saints, wherein thou givest us also to have part. We praise thee for the holy fellowship of patriarchs and prophets, apostles and martyrs, and the whole glorious company of the redeemed of all ages, who have died in the Lord, and now live with him forevermore. We give thanks unto thee for thy grace and gifts bestowed on those who have thus gone before us in the way of salvation, and by whom we are now compassed about in our Christian course, as a cloud of witnesses looking down upon us from the heavenly world. Enable us to follow their faith, that we may enter at death into their joy; and so abide with them in rest and peace, till both they and we shall reach our common consummation of redemption and bliss in the glorious resurrection of the last day. *Amen.*

¶ *Minister and Congregation.*

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 debts, As we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever. *Amen.*

¶ *The AGNUS DEI may be sung or said.*

*Minister.* O Christ, thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,  
*Congregation.* Have mercy upon us.

*Minister.* O Christ, thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,

*Congregation.* Have mercy upon us.

*Minister.* O Christ, thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,

*Congregation.* Grant us thy peace. Amen.

¶ *Then the Minister may say,*

**T**HE peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.  
Amen.

**C**OME unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

## THE COMMUNION

¶ *Here the Holy Communion shall take place. The Communicants shall present themselves before the Lord's Table. The officiating Minister shall first receive the Communion in both kinds, and administer the same to his Assistants, and he shall then proceed with their help to administer it to the Communicants. But if the Communicants remain in the pews, the following order shall be observed: The Minister shall first receive the Communion in both kinds, and administer the same to his Assistants. Then he shall give the Bread to his Assistants, who shall administer it to the People. When all have received the Bread, the Assistants shall return to the Table, and the Minister shall in like manner, deliver the Cup to them. When all have communicated, the Minister shall pronounce the Blessing, and the Assistants shall return to the Table, after which the Service shall proceed according to the prescribed order.*

¶ *The Minister, giving the Bread, shall say,*

**T**AKE and eat: This is the Body of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was broken for you. Do this in remembrance of him.

or

**T**HE Bread which we break, is it not the Communion of the Body of Christ?

¶ *The Minister, giving the Cup, shall say,*

**T**AKE and drink: This Cup is the New Testament in the Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was shed for you for the remission of sins. Do this in remembrance of him.

or

**T**HE Cup of Blessing which we bless, is it not the Communion of the Blood of Christ?

¶ *After the People have communicated, the Minister shall say,*

**M**AY the Holy Communion of the Body and Blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ keep and preserve you, each one, in body, soul, and spirit, unto everlasting life. Amen. Depart in peace.

or

**M**AY the Holy Communion strengthen and preserve you unto everlasting life. Be it unto you according to your faith. Amen. Depart in peace.

¶ *When all have communicated, the elements shall be placed upon the Lord's Table, and covered with a fair linen cloth. Then, the Congregation standing, the Minister shall say,*

Let us give thanks.

**A**LMIGHTY and everlasting God, we give thee most hearty thanks for the great goodness thou hast shown toward us at this time in vouchsafing to feed us, through these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; assuring us thereby, that we are very members incorporate in the mystical Body of thy Son, and



heirs through hope of thine everlasting kingdom. And we most humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as shall please thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

¶ *A Doxology or the NUNC DIMITTIS or the TE DEUM shall be sung; or said by Minister and Congregation alternating.*

## NUNC DIMITTIS

**L**ORD, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, || according to thy Word.

For mine eyes have seen || thy salvation,  
Which thou hast prepared || before the face of all people;

To be a light to lighten the Gentiles, || and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, || and to the Holy Ghost;

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

## TE DEUM LAUDAMUS

**W**E praise thee, O God:

We acknowledge thee to be the Lord.

All the earth doth worship thee, the Father everlasting.

To thee all angels cry aloud; the heavens and all the powers therein;

To thee cherubim and seraphim continually do cry,  
Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Sabaoth;

Heaven and earth are full of the majesty of thy glory.

The glorious company of the apostles praise thee.

The goodly fellowship of the prophets praise thee.

The noble army of martyrs praise thee.

The Holy Church, throughout all the world, doth acknowledge thee;

The Father, of an infinite majesty;

Thine adorable, true, and only Son;

Also the Holy Ghost, the Comforter.

**T**HOU art the King of Glory, O Christ.

Thou art the everlasting Son of the Father.

When thou tookest upon thee to deliver man, thou didst humble thyself to be born of a Virgin.

When thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death, thou didst open the kingdom of heaven to all believers.

Thou sittest at the right hand of God, in the glory of the Father.

We believe that thou shalt come to be our judge. We therefore pray thee, help thy servants, whom thou hast redeemed with thy precious blood.

Make them to be numbered with thy saints, in glory everlasting.

**O**LORD, save thy people, and bless thine heritage.

Govern them, and lift them up forever.

Day by day we magnify thee;

And we worship thy Name ever, world without end.

Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin.

O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us.

O Lord, let thy mercy be upon us, as our trust is in thee.

O Lord, in thee have I trusted; let me never be confounded.

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THE grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all. *Amen.*

or

THE peace of God which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord: and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you and remain with you always. *Amen.*

AN ALTERNATE ORDER FOR HOLY COMMUNION

¶ *The Order of Worship shall be followed until the conclusion of the Sermon.*

¶ *The Congregation shall join in the singing of a Communion Hymn.*

¶ *Then the Minister shall address the Congregation, saying,*

OUR blessed Savior, Jesus Christ, instituted the Holy Communion of his Body and Blood that it might be the abiding memorial of his atoning death; the seal of his perpetual presence in the Church through the Holy Spirit; the mystical representation of the sacrifice of himself on the cross; the pledge of his undying love for his people; and the bond of his living union and fellowship with them to the end of time.

The celebration of the Lord's Supper has ever been regarded by the Church as the innermost sanctuary of the whole Christian worship. We enter here into living communion with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, and do show forth our fellowship with one another as members of his Church. Gathering about his table we profess our desire to be numbered among his people and to walk in his ways.

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¶ *If the Confession of Sin has not been said in the preceding service, the Minister shall say,*

YE, then, who have earnestly searched your own hearts, and desire to forsake all sin, and follow after Christian holiness, approach with me now to the throne of grace, and let us make our humble confession to Almighty God.

## CONFESSION OF SIN

¶ *The Minister and Congregation shall say,*

**A**LMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, We acknowledge and confess our manifold sins Which we have committed against thee By thought and word and deed, And by which we have offended against thy holy laws, And have merited thy condemnation in this world And in the world to come. We do earnestly repent, And are heartily sorry for these our transgressions. Trusting in thy grace and goodness, Manifested in Christ Jesus our Lord, We ask of thee pardon and peace, And strength to lead a new and righteous life, By the power of thy Holy Spirit; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

¶ *Then the Minister shall say,*

**A**LMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, who of thy great mercy hast promised forgiveness of sins to all them that with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto thee; have mercy upon us; pardon and deliver us from all our sins; confirm and strengthen us in all goodness; and bring us to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

or

**H**EARKEN now unto the comforting assurance of the grace of God, promised in the Gospel to all that repent and believe: If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Amen.

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¶ *Then, the vessels containing bread and wine having been made ready, and the Congregation standing, the service shall proceed as follows:*

*Minister.* The Lord be with you.

*Congregation.* And with thy spirit.

*Minister.* Lift up your hearts.

*Congregation.* We lift them up unto the Lord.

*Minister.* Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

*Congregation.* It is meet and right so to do.

¶ *The Minister, proceeding, shall say,*

**I**T is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Holy Lord, Father Almighty, Everlasting God. Therefore with the whole company of thy people we laud and magnify thy glorious Name, evermore praising thee, and saying,

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts,  
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory;  
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.

or

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Sabaoth,  
Heaven and earth are full of the majesty of thy glory;  
Hosanna in the highest!  
Blessed is he that cometh in the Name of the Lord;  
Hosanna in the highest!

**T**HE Lord Jesus, the same night in which he was betrayed, took bread; (*Here the Minister shall take the bread into his hands*) and when he had given thanks, he brake it, (*Here the Minister shall break the bread*) and



said, Take, eat; this is my Body which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me. After the same manner, also, he took the cup, (*Here the Minister shall take the cup into his hands*) when he had supped, saying, This cup is the New Testament in my Blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me.

ALL glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou of thy great goodness didst give thine only Son, Jesus Christ, to suffer death for our redemption. Wherefore having in remembrance his holy life, his suffering and death, we thy servants do set forth this memorial which he has commanded us to make; and we beseech thee, O merciful Father, to send thy Holy Spirit upon us, and upon these elements of bread and wine, that the bread which we break may be to us the Communion of the Body of Christ, and the cup of blessing which we bless, the Communion of the Blood of Christ. We beseech thee to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, together with the consecration of ourselves unto thee and to thy holy service; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

¶ *The Minister may say also,*

Lord Jesus, for thee we live, for thee we suffer, for thee we die. Thine will we be in life and in death. Amen.

¶ *The AGNUS DEI may be sung or said in its traditional form or as a chorale.*

Minister. O Christ, thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,  
 Congregation. Have mercy upon us.

Minister. O Christ, thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,  
 Congregation. Have mercy upon us.

Minister. O Christ, thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,  
 Congregation. Grant us thy peace. Amen.

or

O Lamb of God who, bleeding,  
 Upon the cross did'st languish,  
 Nor scorn nor malice heeding,  
 So patient in thine anguish,  
 On thee our guilt was lying:  
 Thou saved'st us by dying:  
 Have mercy on us, Lord Jesus.

¶ *Then the Minister may say,*

COME unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden,  
 and I will give you rest.

¶ *Here the Holy Communion shall take place. The Communicants shall present themselves before the Lord's Table. The officiating Minister shall first receive the Communion in both kinds, and administer the same to his Assistants, and he shall then proceed with their help to administer it to the Communicants. But if the Communicants remain in the pews, the following order shall be observed: The Minister shall first receive the Communion in both kinds, and administer the same to his Assistants. Then he shall give the Bread to the Assistants, who shall administer it to the People. When all have received the Bread, the Assistants shall return to the Table, and the Minister shall in like manner, deliver the Cup to them. When all have communicated, the Minister shall*

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pronounce the Blessing, and the Assistants shall return to the Table, after which the Service shall proceed according to the prescribed order.

¶ *The Minister, giving the Bread, shall say,*

**T**AKE and eat: This is the Body of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was broken for you. Do this in remembrance of him.

or

**T**HE Bread which we break, is it not the Communion of the Body of Christ?

¶ *The Minister, giving the Cup, shall say,*

**T**AKE and drink: This Cup is the New Testament in the Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was shed for you for the remission of sins. Do this in remembrance of him.

or

**T**HE Cup of Blessing which we bless, is it not the Communion of the Blood of Christ?

¶ *After the People have communicated the Minister shall say,*

**M**AY the Holy Communion of the Body and Blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ keep and preserve you, each one, in body, soul, and spirit, unto everlasting life. *Amen.* Depart in peace.

or

**M**AY the Holy Communion strengthen and preserve you unto everlasting life. Be it unto you according to your faith. *Amen.* Depart in peace.

ALTERNATE ORDER FOR HOLY COMMUNION

¶ *When all have communicated, the elements shall be placed upon the Lord's Table and covered with a fair linen cloth. Then, the Congregation standing, the Minister shall say,*

Let us give thanks.

**A**LMIGHTY God, we thank thee for thy great mercy given to us in this Sacrament, whereby we are made partakers of Christ and all his benefits. So enrich us by the Holy Spirit that the life of Jesus may be made manifest in our mortal body, and all our days may be spent in thy love and service; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *A Doxology or the NUNC DIMITTIS or the TE DEUM shall be sung or said. [Page 55.]*

BENEDICTION

**T**HE grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all. *Amen.*

## THE ORDER FOR THE COMMUNION OF THE SICK

¶ *If any member of the Church, through sickness or infirmity, is unable to come to the House of God, and yet desires to receive the Communion, it may be administered to him privately; in which case, timely notice thereof must be given to the Minister. At least one other person should communicate with the sick.*

¶ *All things necessary being ready, the Minister shall say,*

**I**N the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**D**EARLY Beloved in the Lord; Forasmuch as in the providence of God you are not able to receive the Holy Communion in the Church, and your heart nevertheless longs for the enjoyment of this blessing and grace, be encouraged and comforted by the words of the Lord Jesus: Where two or three are gathered together in my Name, there am I in the midst of them.

That you may not partake unworthily of this holy Sacrament, consider well, and lay rightly to heart, the exhortation and warning of the Apostle Paul: Let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that Bread and drink of that Cup; for he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh judgment to himself, not discerning the Lord's body.

Hear also how St. John encourages those who are truly penitent, saying: If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. And again it is written: If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thy heart that God hath raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man be-

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lieveth unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

¶ *The Minister shall say,*

Let us confess our sin.

¶ *Then the Minister and those present may kneel and all shall confess their sin. The Confession may be said by all at one time, or the Minister may lead in saying it, taking care so to pause that the others may repeat the words after him.*

### CONFESSION OF SIN

**A**LMIGHTY and most merciful God our heavenly Father; We humble ourselves before thee, Under a deep sense of our unworthiness and guilt. We have grievously sinned against thee, In thought, in word, and in deed. We have come short of thy glory, We have broken thy commandments, And turned aside every one of us from the way of life. Yet now, O most merciful Father, Hear us when we call upon thee with penitent hearts; And for the sake of thy Son, Jesus Christ, Have mercy upon us. Pardon our sins; Take away our guilt; And grant us thy peace. Purify us, by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, From all inward uncleanness; And make us able and willing to serve thee in newness of life, to the glory of thy holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

¶ *Then the Minister shall rise, and pronounce to those assembled, still kneeling, this Assurance of Pardon.*

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

**A**LMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, who of thy great mercy hast promised forgiveness of sins to all them that with hearty repentance and due faith turn



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unto thee; have mercy upon us; pardon and deliver us from all our sins; confirm and strengthen us in all goodness; and bring us to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

¶ *The Minister may then read the Epistle and the Gospel for the Day, or the following Epistle and Gospel.*

The Epistle. 1 John 5:13-15

THESE things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God. And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask anything according to his will, he heareth us: And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him.

The Gospel. John 6:47-51

VERILY, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me hath everlasting life. I am that bread of life. Your fathers did eat manna in the wilderness, and are dead. This is the bread which cometh down from heaven, that a man may eat thereof, and not die. I am the living bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread he shall live forever: and the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.

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¶ *If the elements have already been consecrated in the Church, the Minister shall read the Words of Institution; and administer the Bread and the Cup, first to those who communicate with the sick, and then to the sick person.*

THE Lord Jesus, the same night in which he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and said, Take, eat, this is my Body which is broken for you; this do in remembrance of me. After the same manner also, he took the cup, when he had supped, saying, This cup is the New Testament in my Blood; this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me.

¶ *The Minister, giving the Bread, shall say,*

TAKE and eat: This is the Body of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was broken for you. Do this in remembrance of him.

or

THE Bread which we break, is it not the Communion of the Body of Christ?

¶ *The Minister, giving the Cup, shall say,*

TAKE and drink: This Cup is the New Testament in the Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ which was shed for you for the remission of sins. Do this in remembrance of him.

or

THE Cup of Blessing which we bless, is it not the Communion of the Blood of Christ?

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THE ORDER FOR THE COMMUNION OF THE SICK

¶ *If the elements have not been consecrated, the Minister shall consecrate them, making use of the following order:*

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Let us pray.

IT is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Holy Lord, Father Almighty, Everlasting God, for that thou of thy great goodness didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death for our redemption; Who the same night in which he was betrayed, took bread; (*Here the Minister shall take bread into his hands*) and when he had given thanks, he brake it, (*Here the Minister shall break the bread*) and said, Take, eat; this is my Body which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me. After the same manner, also, he took the cup (*Here the Minister shall take the cup into his hands*) when he had supped, saying, This cup is the New Testament in my Blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me. Wherefore having in remembrance his holy life, his suffering and death, we thy servants do set forth this memorial which he has commanded us to make; and we beseech thee, O most merciful Father, to send thy Holy Spirit upon us, and upon these elements of bread and wine, that the bread which we break may be to us the Communion of the Body of Christ, and the cup of blessing which we bless the Communion of the Blood of Christ. We beseech thee to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, together with the consecration of ourselves unto thee and to thy holy service; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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¶ *The Lord's Prayer may be said by all who are present.*

OUR Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed by 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 debts, As we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

THE COMMUNION

¶ *The Communion shall then take place. The Minister may first receive the sacrament in both kinds. Then he shall administer the same to those who communicate with the sick, and then to the sick person.*

¶ *The Minister, giving the Bread, shall say,*

TAKE and eat: This is the Body of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was broken for you. Do this in remembrance of him.

or

THE Bread which we break, is it not the Communion of the Body of Christ?

¶ *The Minister, giving the Cup, shall say,*

TAKE and drink: This Cup is the New Testament in the Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was shed for you for the remission of sins. Do this in remembrance of him.

or

THE Cup of Blessing which we bless, is it not the Communion of the Blood of Christ?

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## THE ORDER FOR THE COMMUNION OF THE SICK

¶ *When all have communicated the Minister shall say,*

Let us pray.

**A**LMIGHTY God, we thank thee for thy great mercy given to us in this Sacrament, whereby we are made partakers of Christ and all his benefits. So enrich us by thy Holy Spirit that the life of Jesus may be made manifest in our mortal body, and all our days may be spent in thy love and service; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

¶ *Here other prayers may be said.*

### BENEDICTION

**T**HE grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all. Amen.

¶ *In case of extreme necessity it will suffice if the Order for the Communion of the Sick consist of: (1) "In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen." (2) The Eucharistic Prayer. (The Minister shall say, "Let us pray. It is very meet, right," etc.) (3) The Communication. (4) The Benediction.*

## THE ORDER FOR BAPTISM OF INFANTS

¶ *Children, one or both of whose Parents are members of the Church, are entitled to Baptism. Sponsors may be permitted in Baptism, but the Parents themselves must be present and answer to the questions in the Service. A person shall not be Sponsor who is not in full communion with the Church. Members of the Church, who are Guardians of orphan children, may present them for Baptism, assuming the proper vows.*

¶ *When Baptism takes place during the Service of the Church, it shall be administered after the GLORIA IN EXCELSIS.*

¶ *The Minister shall say,*

**O**UR help is in the Name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth. Amen.

**D**EARLY Beloved; Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ has commanded us, saying, Go ye therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.

Moreover, he has taught us that no one can enter into the kingdom of God except he be born of water and of the Spirit; and also said, Suffer the little children to come unto me and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God.

Inasmuch as the promise of the Gospel is not only to us but also to our children, let us call upon God the Father, through our Lord Jesus Christ, that of his bounteous mercy he may grant unto *this child* Baptism with water and the Holy Spirit, receive him into Christ's holy Church, and make *him* a living member of the same.



¶ *Here the Congregation shall stand.*

Let us pray.

**A**LMIGHTY and Everlasting God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ; we call upon thee in behalf of *this child*, and beseech thee to bestow upon *him* thy grace through holy baptism. Receive *him*, O Lord, into the fellowship of thy church, and grant unto *him* life everlasting through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *The Minister, addressing the Parents and Sponsors, shall say,*

**D**EARLY Beloved;

You have brought *this child* here to be baptized and we have prayed that our Lord Jesus Christ would vouchsafe to receive *him*, would purify and sanctify *him* through the Holy Spirit and the washing of water, and would grant unto *him* life everlasting. I therefore ask you:

Do you renounce the vain pomp and glory of the world, the lust of the flesh, and all evil works and ways?

*Answer.* I do.

Confess now the Faith into which *this child* is to be baptized.

**I**BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth:

And in Jesus Christ, his only begotten Son our Lord: Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary: Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried: He descended into hell;\* The third

\* *Hades may be used.*

day he rose again from the dead: He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty: From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; The Holy Catholic Church\*\*; The Communion of Saints: The Forgiveness of sins: The Resurrection of the body: And the Life everlasting. *Amen.*

Do you sincerely desire that *this child* be baptized into this Faith?

*Answer.* I do.

Do you promise to instruct *this child* in the Word of God, and by precept and example to bring *him* up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?

*Answer.* I do.

Do you promise to bring *this child* to the House of God, and to see to it that in due time *he* be instructed and prepared for Confirmation and the Holy Communion?

*Answer.* I do.

¶ *Then the Minister shall say,*

Name *this child*.

¶ *Thereupon the Minister shall pronounce the Christian name, and baptize the child, applying the water three times, and saying,*

N———, I baptize thee in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. *Amen.*

\*\* *One Holy Universal Christian Church may be used.*

**A**Lmighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath begotten thee again of water and the Holy Spirit, bless and sanctify thee unto life everlasting.

Let us pray.

**W**E give thee hearty thanks, most merciful Father, that it has pleased thee to grant unto *this child* the gift of Holy Baptism and to receive *him* into thy Church. Make *him* a living and faithful member of the Body of Christ. Bless, we beseech thee, the *home of this child*, and grant wisdom and understanding to all who have the care of *him* that *he* may grow up in thy constant fear and love and ever walk in the paths of righteousness for thy Name's sake. Grant that *he* may know thee to be *his* heavenly Father, through thy Holy Spirit working in *his* heart, that *he* may be bold to confess the faith of Christ crucified; and that *he* may continue thy faithful servant all the days of *his* life, and finally enter into thine everlasting kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *The Minister shall say,*

**T**HE Lord bless thee, and keep thee: the Lord make *his* face to shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee: the Lord lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace. *Amen.*

THE ORDER FOR BAPTISM OF ADULTS

¶ *Before adults are baptized, the Spiritual Council shall be satisfied that they understand the fundamental truths of the Christian religion, and promise to be governed by them in their lives.*

¶ *Adults should be baptized in the presence of a worshipping congregation except in cases of extremity, when the Sacrament may be administered privately in the presence of one or more Elders.*

¶ *The Minister shall immediately confirm the baptized person by prayer, the laying on of hands, and the blessing.*

¶ *The Minister shall say,*

**O**UR Lord Jesus Christ said, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross and follow me.

**D**EARLY Beloved; Hear the words of the institution of the Sacrament of Baptism: Jesus came and spake unto his disciples, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I commanded you; and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.

The Apostle Peter also on the day of Pentecost, called upon the people, saying, Repent, and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ, for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call.

Let us pray.

WE beseech thee, O Lord, to admit into the covenant of thy grace, *this thy servant*, now to be baptized according to thy Word and to be received into the fellowship of thy Church. Sanctify *him* with thy Spirit, confirm *his* faith in thee, and grant that, being conformed to the image of thy Son, he may ever serve thee in newness of life, to the glory of thy holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

¶ *The Congregation shall stand and the Minister, addressing the person to be baptized, shall say,*

DEARLY Beloved; You have come here desiring to confess your faith in Christ and to receive Holy Baptism. Our Lord Jesus Christ has promised in his Word to grant forgiveness of sins and the gift of the Holy Spirit unto all who repent and turn to him.

Wherefore, trusting this assurance given by our Lord, you will now faithfully promise in the presence of God and this Congregation, to do those things which God requires of you in bestowing his Holy Baptism.

Do you now, in the presence of God and this Congregation, renounce the vain pomp and glory of the world, the lust of the flesh, and all evil works and ways?

Answer. I do.

Let us confess our Faith.

I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth:

And in Jesus Christ, his only begotten Son our Lord: Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary: Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified.

dead, and buried: He descended into hell\*; The third day he rose again from the dead: He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty: From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost: The Holy Catholic Church\*\*; The Communion of Saints: The Forgiveness of sins: The Resurrection of the body: And the Life everlasting. Amen.

Do you sincerely desire to be baptized into this Faith?

Answer. I do.

Do you solemnly consecrate yourself forever to the Lord Jesus Christ and to the service of his Church; and do you promise in his strength to lead a sober, righteous and godly life?

Answer. I do.

¶ *The person to be baptized shall then kneel. The Minister shall pronounce the Christian name and baptize him, applying the water three times, and saying,*

N———, I baptize thee in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who out of infinite mercy in Christ Jesus hast through Holy Baptism received *this thy servant*, and hast given unto *him* the remission of *his* sins; strengthen *him* now, we beseech thee, O Lord, through the Holy Spirit, the Comforter.

\* Hades may be used.

\*\* One Holy Universal Christian Church may be used.



and daily increase in *him* thy manifold gifts of grace: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord, now and forever. *Amen.*

*or*

COME, O Holy Spirit, into our hearts, and dwell in us, now and for ever. Confirm and establish our promises, and help us to keep them always. Lord Jesus, thou good and gracious Shepherd, shield us that none may go astray. Draw us, O Father, to thy Son, that we may abide with him, and at last attain unto Life everlasting. *Amen.*

¶ *Then the Minister with the laying on of hands, shall pronounce one of the following blessings:*

THE very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit, and soul, and body, be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

*or*

THE Father of mercies multiply in you his grace and peace, enable you truly and faithfully to keep your vows, defend you in every time of danger, preserve you unto the end, and finally bring you to rest with all the saints in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

*or*

DEFEND, O Lord, this thy servant with thy heavenly grace; that *he* may continue thine forever; and daily increase in thy Holy Spirit, until *he* come unto thy everlasting kingdom. *Amen.*

Let us pray.

WE give thee hearty thanks, most merciful Father, for the great goodness thou hast been pleased to show toward *this thy servant* by giving *him* power this day to accept for *himself* thy covenant of salvation. And now, O Lord, we beseech thee, perfect the good work which thou hast begun in *him*. Keep *him* from the evil that is in the world. Make *him* faithful unto death, that no man may take from *him* his crown. And grant, that having continued thus steadfast in faith and hope to the end, *he* may be counted worthy to be joined with thy saints in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *The baptized person shall then rise, and the Minister, extending the right hand of fellowship, shall say,*

I NOW receive and welcome you into the fellowship of this Congregation, and invite you to partake of the Holy Communion and to participate in all the privileges and obligations of the Church of Christ.

¶ *Then the Minister shall say,*

THE peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your heart and mind through Christ Jesus. *Amen.*

#### CONDITIONAL BAPTISM

¶ *If there be reasonable doubt whether any person has been duly baptized, such a person may be baptized in accordance with one of the forms provided above; excepting that at the application of the water the Minister shall say:*

If thou art not already baptized, N———, I baptize thee in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. *Amen.*

## THE CHURCH YEAR

### INTROITS, COLLECTS, EPISTLES AND GOSPELS

¶ *The Church Year with the Introit, Collect, Epistle and Gospel for each Day sets forth the mission and ministry of our Lord and of his Church.*

¶ *The word Introit signifies beginning or entrance. It consists of a Psalm-verse preceded by its Antiphon and followed by the Gloria Patri. The Antiphon announces, in a brief passage of Scripture, the chief thought of the day. The Introit should be sung by the choir or one of its members, or it may be sung or said in a responsive manner. The Congregation may join in the singing of the Gloria Patri.*

¶ *The Collect is one of the oldest elements in the formal worship of the Christian Church. The Collect is a short prayer, very exact and definite in structure. It usually consists of but one sentence and offers but one petition. Its purpose is to prepare the Congregation for the Holy Scriptures now about to be read. In it Pastor and People pray for the particular grace which that Word offers and conveys.*

¶ *The Secondary Lectionary provides readings from the Scriptures for those who may not use the Epistle or Gospel for any given Day.*

### *The First Sunday in Advent*

#### INTROIT

UNTO thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul : O my God,  
I trust in thee;

Let me not be ashamed : let not mine enemies triumph  
over me;

Yea, let none that wait on thee : be ashamed.  
*Psalm.* Show me thy ways, O Lord : teach me thy  
paths.

*Glory be to the Father, etc.*

#### COLLECT

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

#### EPISTLE. Romans 13:8-14

OWE no man anything, but to love one another: for  
he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law. For  
this, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not kill,  
Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness,  
Thou shalt not covet; and if there be any other command-  
ment, it is briefly comprehended in this saying, namely,  
Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. Love worketh  
no ill to his neighbor: therefore love is the fulfilling of  
the law. And that, knowing the time, that now it is high  
time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation  
nearer than when we believed. The night is far spent,  
the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of  
darkness, and let us put on the armor of light. Let us  
walk honestly, as in the day; not in rioting and drunken-

ness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying. But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill the lusts thereof.

GOSPEL. Matthew 21:1-9

AND when they drew nigh unto Jerusalem, and were come to Bethphage, unto the mount of Olives, then sent Jesus two disciples, saying unto them, Go into the village over against you, and straightway ye shall find an ass tied, and a colt with her: loose them, and bring them unto me. And if any man say ought unto you, ye shall say, The Lord hath need of them; and straightway he will send them. All this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying, Tell ye the daughter of Zion, Behold, thy King cometh unto thee, meek, and sitting upon an ass, and a colt the foal of an ass. And the disciples went, and did as Jesus commanded them, and brought the ass, and the colt, and put on them their clothes, and they set him thereon. And a very great multitude spread their garments in the way: others cut down branches from the trees, and strawed them in the way. And the multitudes that went before, and that followed, cried, saying, Hosanna to the son of David: Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest.

SECONDARY LECTONARY

Hebrews 10:19-25; Luke 1:68-79; Jeremiah 31:31-34

*The Second Sunday in Advent*

INTROIT

DAUGHTER of Zion : behold thy salvation cometh. The Lord shall cause his glorious voice to be heard : and ye shall have gladness of heart.

*Psalm.* Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel : Thou that ledest Joseph like a flock.

*Glory be to the Father, etc.*

COLLECT

BLESSED Lord, who hast caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning; grant that we may in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that by patience and comfort of thy holy Word, we may embrace, and ever hold fast, the blessed hope of everlasting life, which thou hast given us in our Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

EPISTLE. Romans 15:4-13

FOR whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope. Now the God of patience and consolation grant you to be like-minded one toward another according to Christ Jesus: that ye may with one mind and one mouth glorify God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Wherefore receive ye one another, as Christ also received us to the glory of God. Now I say that Jesus Christ was a minister of the circumcision for the truth of God, to confirm



the promises made unto the fathers: and that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy; as it is written, For this cause I will confess to thee among the Gentiles, and sing unto thy name. And again he saith, Rejoice, ye Gentiles, with his people. And again, Praise the Lord, all ye Gentiles; and laud him, all ye people. And again, Esaias saith, There shall be a root of Jesse, and he that shall rise to reign over the Gentiles; in him shall the Gentiles trust. Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Spirit.

GOSPEL. Luke 21:25-36

AND there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring; men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken. And then shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh. And he spake to them a parable; Behold the fig tree, and all the trees; when they now shoot forth, ye see and know of your own selves that summer is now nigh at hand. So likewise ye, when ye see these things come to pass, know ye that the kingdom of God is nigh at hand. Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass away, till all be fulfilled. Heaven and earth shall pass away: but my words shall not pass away. And take heed to yourselves, lest at any

time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares. For as a snare shall it come on all them that dwell on the face of the whole earth. Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man.

## SECONDARY LECTIONARY

II Peter 1:3-11; Luke 17:20-30; Malachi 4:1-6

*The Third Sunday in Advent*

## INTROIT

REJOICE in the Lord alway: and again I say, Rejoice.

Let your moderation be known unto all men: the Lord is at hand.

Be careful for nothing: but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.

*Psalm.* Lord, thou hast been favorable unto thy land: thou hast brought back the captivity of Jacob.

*Glory be to the Father, etc.*

## COLLECT

LORD, we beseech thee, give ear to our prayers, and lighten the darkness of our hearts, by thy gracious visitation; who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Spirit, ever One God, world without end. Amen.

## EPISTLE. I Corinthians 4:1-5

LET a man so account of us, as of the ministers of Christ, and stewards of the mysteries of God. More-over it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful. But with me it is a very small thing that I should be judged of you, or of man's judgment: yea, I judge not mine own self. For I know nothing by myself, yet am I not hereby justified: but he that judgeth me is the Lord. Therefore judge nothing before the time, until the Lord come, who both will bring to light the hidden things of darkness, and will make manifest the counsels of the hearts: and then shall every man have praise of God.

## GOSPEL. Matthew 11:2-10

NOW when John had heard in the prison the works of Christ, he sent two of his disciples, and said unto him, Art thou he that should come, or do we look for another? Jesus answered and said unto them, Go and show John again those things which ye do hear and see: The blind receive their sight, and the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, and the poor have the gospel preached to them. And blessed is he, whosoever shall not be offended in me. And as they departed, Jesus began to say unto the multitudes concerning John, What went ye out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken with the wind? But what went ye out for to see? A man clothed in soft raiment? behold, they that wear soft clothing are in kings' houses. But what went ye out for to see? A prophet? yea, I say unto you, and more than a prophet.

For this is he, of whom it is written, Behold, I send my messenger before thy face, which shall prepare thy way before thee.

## SECONDARY LECTIONARY

II Timothy 4:5-8; Matthew 3:1-11; Isaiah 40:1-8

*The Fourth Sunday in Advent*

## INTROIT

DROP down, ye heavens, from above: and let the skies pour down righteousness.

Let the earth open: and bring forth salvation.

*Psalm.* The heavens declare the glory of God: and the firmament showeth his handiwork.

*Glory be to the Father, etc.*

## COLLECT

STIR up, O Lord, we beseech thee. thy power, and come, and with great might succor us, that by the help of thy grace whatsoever is hindered by our sins may be speedily accomplished, through thy mercy and satisfaction; who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Spirit, ever One God, world without end. *Amen.*

## EPISTLE. Philippians 4:4-7

REJOICE in the Lord alway: and again I say, Rejoice. Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand. Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace

of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

GOSPEL. John 1:19-28

AND this is the record of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, Who art thou? And he confessed, and denied not; but confessed, I am not the Christ. And they asked him, What then? Art thou Elias? And he saith, I am not. Art thou that prophet? And he answered, No. Then said they unto him, Who art thou? that we may give an answer to them that sent us. What sayest thou of thyself? He said, I am the voice of one crying in the wilderness, Make straight the way of the Lord, as said the prophet Esaias. And they which were sent were of the Pharisees. And they asked him, and said unto him, Why baptizest thou then, if thou be not that Christ, nor Elias, neither that prophet? John answered them, saying, I baptize with water: but there standeth one among you, whom ye know not; he it is, who coming after me is preferred before me, whose shoe's latchet I am not worthy to unloose. These things were done in Bethabara beyond Jordan, where John was baptizing.

SECONDARY LECTIONARY

I John 1:1-4; John 1:15-18; Deuteronomy 18:15-19

*Other Collects for the Season of Advent*

MERCIFULLY hear, O Lord, the prayers of thy people; that as they rejoice in the Advent of thine Only-begotten Son according to the flesh, so when he cometh a second time in his Majesty, they may receive

the reward of eternal life; through the same Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Lord. Amen.

O LORD, we beseech thee, mercifully to hear the prayers of thy people, that we, who for our sins are justly afflicted, may be consoled by thy Visitation; who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Spirit ever One God, world without end. Amen.

*Christmas Day. The Nativity of Our Lord*

I

*For the Early Service*

INTROIT

THE Lord hath said unto me, Thou art my Son: this day have I begotten thee.

*Psalm.* The Lord reigneth, he is clothed with majesty: the Lord is clothed with strength, wherewith he hath girded himself.

*Glory be to the Father, etc.*

COLLECT

O GOD, who hast made this most holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light; grant, we beseech thee, that as we have known on earth the mysteries of that Light, we may also come to the fullness of his joys in heaven; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, ever One God, world without end. Amen.



EPISTLE. Titus 2:11-14

FOR the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world; looking for the blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Savior Jesus Christ; who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.

Isaiah 9:2-7

THE people that walked in darkness have seen a great light: they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined. Thou hast multiplied the nation, and not increased the joy: they joy before thee according to the joy in harvest, and as men rejoice when they divide the spoil. For thou hast broken the yoke of his burden, and the staff of his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, as in the day of Midian. For every battle of the warrior is with confused noise, and garments rolled in blood; but this shall be with burning and fuel of fire. For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this.

GOSPEL. Luke 2:1-14

AND it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Cæsar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed. (And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.) And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judæa, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:) to be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child. And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn. And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

## SECONDARY LECTIONARY

I John 3:1-5; Matthew 1:18-23; Isaiah 9:6-7

## II

*For the Later Service*

## INTROIT

UNTO us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given : and the government shall be upon his shoulder.

And his Name shall be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

*Psalm.* O sing unto the Lord a new song : for he hath done marvellous things.

*Glory be to the Father, etc.*

## COLLECT

ALMIGHTY God, who hast poured upon us the new light of thine incarnate Word; Grant that the same light enkindled in our hearts may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## EPISTLE. Hebrews 1:1-12

GOD, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds; who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high; being made so much better than the angels, as he hath by inheritance obtained a more excel-

lent name than they. For unto which of the angels said he at any time, Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee? And again, I will be to him a Father, and he shall be to me a Son? And again, when he bringeth in the firstbegotten into the world, he saith, And let all the angels of God worship him. And of the angels he saith, Who maketh his angels spirits, and his ministers a flame of fire. But unto the Son he saith, Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: a sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of thy kingdom. Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity; therefore God, even thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows. And, Thou, Lord, in the beginning hast laid the foundation of the earth; and the heavens are the works of thine hands: they shall perish; but thou remainest; and they all shall wax old as doth a garment; and as a vesture shalt thou fold them up, and they shall be changed: but thou art the same, and thy years shall not fail.

## GOSPEL. John 1:1-14

IN the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life; and the life was the light of men. And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all men through him might believe. He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light. That was the true Light, which light-



eth every man that cometh into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not. He came unto his own, and his own received him not. But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

## SECONDARY LECTONARY

Hebrews 1:1-6; John 1:1-14; Micah 5:1-3

*The First Sunday after Christmas*

## INTROIT

THEY testimonies are very sure: holiness becometh thine house, O Lord, forever.

Thy throne is established of old: Thou art from everlasting.

*Psalm.* The Lord reigneth, he is clothed with majesty: the Lord is clothed with strength, wherewith he hath girded himself.

*Glory be to the Father, etc.*

## COLLECT

ALMIGHTY and Everlasting God, direct our actions according to thy good pleasure, that in the Name of thy beloved Son, we may be made to abound in good works; through the same Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, ever One God, world without end. *Amen.*

## EPISTLE. Galatians 4:1-7

NOW I say, That the heir, as long as he is a child, differeth nothing from a servant, though he be lord of all; but is under tutors and governors until the time appointed of the father. Even so we, when we were children, were in bondage under the elements of the world: but when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law, to redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons. And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father. Wherefore thou art no more a servant, but a son; and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.

## GOSPEL. Luke 2:33-40

AND Joseph and his mother marvelled at those things which were spoken of him. And Simeon blessed them, and said unto Mary his mother, Behold, this child is set for the fall and rising again of many in Israel; and for a sign which shall be spoken against; (yea, a sword shall pierce through thy own soul also,) that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed. And there was one Anna, a prophetess, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Aser: she was of a great age, and had lived with an husband seven years from her virginity; and she was a widow of about fourscore and four years, which departed not from the temple, but served God with fastings and prayers night and day. And she coming in that instant gave thanks likewise unto the Lord, and spake of him to all them that looked for redemption in Jerusalem.



And when they had performed all things according to the law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own city Nazareth. And the child grew, and waxed strong in spirit, filled with wisdom: and the grace of God was upon him.

## SECONDARY LECTINARY

II Corinthians 5:1-9; Luke 2:25-32; or John 12:35-41;  
Isaiah 63:7-16

## COLLECT FOR NEW YEAR

**A**LMIGHTY and Everlasting God, from whom cometh down every good and perfect gift; we give thee thanks for all thy benefits, temporal and spiritual, bestowed upon us in the year past, and we beseech thee of thy goodness, grant us a favorable and joyful year, defend us from all dangers and adversities, and send upon us the fullness of thy blessing; through Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, ever One God, world without end. *Amen.*

*The Second Sunday after Christmas*

¶ TROIT *the same as for* THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS.

## COLLECT

**A**LMIGHTY God, who hast poured upon us the new light of thine incarnate Word; grant that the same light enkindled in our hearts may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

EPISTLE. I Peter 4:12-19

**B**ELOVED, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you: but rejoice, inasmuch as ye

are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy. If ye be reproached for the name of Christ, happy are ye; for the spirit of glory and of God resteth upon you: on their part he is evil spoken of, but on your part he is glorified. But let none of you suffer as a murderer, or as a thief, or as an evildoer, or as a busybody in other men's matters. Yet if any man suffer as a Christian, let him not be ashamed; but let him glorify God on this behalf. For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God: and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God? And if the righteous scarcely be saved, where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear? Wherefore let them that suffer according to the will of God commit the keeping of their souls to him in well doing, as unto a faithful Creator.

GOSPEL. Matthew 2:13-23

**A**ND when they were departed, behold, the angel of the Lord appeareth to Joseph in a dream, saying, Arise, and take the young child and his mother, and flee into Egypt, and be thou there until I bring thee word: for Herod will seek the young child to destroy him. When he arose, he took the young child and his mother by night, and departed into Egypt: and was there until the death of Herod: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, Out of Egypt have I called my son. Then Herod, when he saw that he was mocked of the wise men, was exceeding wroth, and sent forth, and slew all the children that were in Beth-

lehem, and in all the coasts thereof, from two years old and under, according to the time which he had diligently enquired of the wise men. Then was fulfilled that which was spoken by Jeremy the prophet, saying, In Rama was there a voice heard, lamentation, and weeping, and great mourning, Rachel weeping for her children, and would not be comforted, because they are not. But when Herod was dead, behold, an angel of the Lord appeareth in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, saying, Arise, and take the young child and his mother, and go into the land of Israel: for they are dead which sought the young child's life. And he arose, and took the young child and his mother, and came into the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus did reign in Judæa in the room of his father Herod, he was afraid to go thither: notwithstanding, being warned of God in a dream, he turned aside into the parts of Galilee: and he came and dwelt in a city called Nazareth: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophets, He shall be called a Nazarene.

## SECONDARY LECTIONARY

James 4:13, 17; Matthew 16:1-4; Psalm 73:23-28

*The Epiphany of Our Lord*

## INTROIT

**B**EHOOLD the Lord, the Ruler, hath come: and the kingdom, and the power, and the glory are in his hand.

*Psalm.* Give the King thy judgments, O God: and thy righteousness unto the King's Son.

*Glory be to the Father, etc.*

## COLLECT

**O** GOD, who by the leading of a star didst manifest thy only begotten Son to the Gentiles; mercifully grant, that we, who know thee now by faith, may after this life have the fruition of thy glorious Godhead; through the same Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, ever One God, world without end. *Amen.*

EPISTLE. Isaiah 60:1-6

**A**RISE, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee. For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people: but the Lord shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee. And the Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising. Lift up thine eyes round about, and see: all they gather themselves together, they come to thee: thy sons shall come from far, and thy daughters shall be nursed at thy side. Then thou shalt see, and flow together, and thine heart shall fear, and be enlarged; because the abundance of the sea shall be converted unto thee, the forces of the Gentiles shall come unto thee. The multitude of camels shall cover thee, the dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; all they from Sheba shall come: they shall bring gold and incense; and they shall show forth the praises of the Lord.

GOSPEL. Matthew 2:1-12

**N**OW when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judæa in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, saying, Where is

he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him. When Herod the king had heard these things, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he demanded of them where Christ should be born. And they said unto him, In Bethlehem of Judæa: for thus it is written by the prophet, And thou Bethlehem, in the land of Juda, art not the least among the princes of Juda: for out of thee shall come a Governor, that shall rule my people Israel. Then Herod, when he had privily called the wise men, enquired of them diligently what time the star appeared. And he sent them to Bethlehem, and said, Go and search diligently for the young child; and when ye have found him, bring me word again, that I may come and worship him also. When they had heard the king, they departed; and, lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy. And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh. And being warned of God in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed into their own country another way.

## SECONDARY LECTIONARY

II Corinthians 4:3-6; Matthew 3:13-17; Isaiah 2:2-5

*The First Sunday after the Epiphany*

## INTROIT

**I** SAW also the Lord, sitting upon a throne: high and lifted up.

And I heard the voice of a great multitude, saying, Alleluia: for the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth.

*Psalm.* Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands; Serve the Lord with gladness.

*Glory be to the Father, etc.*

## COLLECT

**O** LORD, we beseech thee mercifully to receive the prayers of thy people who call upon thee; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfill the same; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

## EPISTLE. Romans 12:1-5

**I** BESEECH you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God. For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure



of faith. For as we have many members in one body, and all members have not the same office: so we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another.

GOSPEL. Luke 2:41-52

NOW his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the feast of the passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up to Jerusalem after the custom of the feast. And when they had fulfilled the days, as they returned, the child Jesus tarried behind in Jerusalem; and Joseph and his mother knew not of it. But they, supposing him to have been in the company, went a day's journey; and they sought him among their kinsfolk and acquaintance. And when they found him not, they turned back again to Jerusalem, seeking him. And it came to pass, that after three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the doctors, both hearing them, and asking them questions. And all that heard him were astonished at his understanding and answers. And when they saw him, they were amazed: and his mother said unto him, Son, why hast thou thus dealt with us? behold, thy father and I have sought thee sorrowing. And he said unto them, How is it that ye sought me? wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business? And they understood not the saying which he spake unto them. And he went down with them, and came to Nazareth, and was subject unto them: but his mother kept all these sayings in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man.

## SECONDARY LECTIONARY

II Corinthians 6:14—7:1; I John 1:35-42; Psalm 122

*The Transfiguration of Our Lord*

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*The Second Sunday after the Epiphany*

## INTROIT

ALL the earth shall worship thee: and shall sing unto thee, O God.

They shall sing to thy Name: O thou Most Highest.

*Psalm.* Make a joyful noise unto God, all ye lands: sing forth the honor of his Name, make his praise glorious.

*Glory be to the Father, etc.*

## COLLECT

O GOD, the Fountain of all truth and grace, who hast called us out of darkness into marvellous light by the glorious gospel of thy Son; grant unto us power, we beseech Thee, to walk worthy of this vocation, with all lowliness and meekness, endeavoring to keep the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace; that we may have our fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

EPISTLE. Romans 12:6-16

HAVING then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, whether prophecy, let us prophesy according to the proportion of faith; or ministry, let

us wait on our ministering; or he that teacheth, on teaching; or he that exhorteth, on exhortation: he that giveth, let him do it with simplicity; he that ruleth, with diligence; he that showeth mercy, with cheerfulness. Let love be without dissimulation. Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good. Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another; not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord; rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer; distributing to the necessity of saints; given to hospitality. Bless them which persecute you: bless, and curse not. Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep. Be of the same mind one toward another. Mind not high things, but condescend to men of low estate.

GOSPEL. John 2:1-11

AND the third day there was a marriage in Cana of Galilee; and the mother of Jesus was there: and both Jesus was called, and his disciples, to the marriage. And when they wanted wine, the mother of Jesus saith unto him, They have no wine. Jesus saith unto her, Woman, what have I to do with thee? mine hour is not yet come. His mother saith unto the servants, Whatever he saith unto you, do it. And there were set there six waterpots of stone, after the manner of the purifying of the Jews, containing two or three firkins apiece. Jesus saith unto them, Fill the waterpots with water. And they filled them up to the brim. And he saith unto them, Draw out now, and bear unto the governor of the feast. And they bare it. When the ruler of the feast

had tasted the water that was made wine, and knew not whence it was: (but the servants which drew the water knew;) the governor of the feast called the bridegroom, and saith unto him, Every man at the beginning doth set forth good wine; and when men have well drunk, then that which is worse: but thou hast kept the good wine until now. This beginning of miracles did Jesus in Cana of Galilee, and manifested forth his glory; and his disciples believed on him.

## SECONDARY LECTINARY

I Corinthians 2;6-16; John 1:43-51; Isaiah 61:1-6

*The Third Sunday after the Epiphany*

## INTROIT

WORSHIP him, all ye his angels: Zion heard and was glad.

The daughters of Judah rejoiced: because of thy judgments, O Lord.

*Psalm.* The Lord reigneth, let the earth rejoice: let the multitude of isles be glad thereof.

*Glory be to the Father, etc.*

## COLLECT

ALMIGHTY and Everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities, and in all our dangers and necessities stretch forth thy right hand to help and defend us: through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

EPISTLE. Romans 12:16-21

**B**E not wise in your own conceits. Recompense to no man evil for evil. Provide things honest in the sight of all men. If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men. Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord. Therefore if thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink: for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire on his head. Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good.

GOSPEL. Matthew 8:1-13

**W**HEN he was come down from the mountain, great multitudes followed him. And, behold, there came a leper and worshipped him, saying, Lord, if thou wilt, thou canst make me clean. And Jesus put forth his hand, and touched him, saying, I will; be thou clean. And immediately his leprosy was cleansed. And Jesus saith unto him, See thou tell no man; but go thy way, show thyself to the priest, and offer the gift that Moses commanded, for a testimony unto them. And when Jesus was entered into Capernaum, there came unto him a centurion, beseeching him, and saying, Lord, my servant lieth at home sick of the palsy, grievously tormented. And Jesus saith unto him, I will come and heal him. The centurion answered and said, Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldest come under my roof: but speak the word only, and my servant shall be healed. For I am a man under authority, having soldiers under me: and I say to this man, Go, and he goeth; and to another, Come,

and he cometh; and to my servant, Do this, and he doeth it. When Jesus heard it, he marvelled, and said to them that followed, Verily I say unto you, I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel. And I say unto you, That many shall come from the east and west, and shall sit down with Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, in the kingdom of heaven. But the children of the kingdom shall be cast out into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth. And Jesus said unto the centurion, Go thy way; and as thou hast believed, so be it done unto thee. And his servant was healed in the selfsame hour.

SECONDARY LECTIONARY

Romans 1:13-20; John 4:5-14; II Kings 5:1-19a

*The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany*

¶ INTROIT *the same as for* THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY.

COLLECT

**A**Lmighty God, who knowest us to be set in the midst of so many and great dangers, that by reason of the frailty of our nature we cannot always stand upright; grant to us such strength and protection as may support us in all dangers, and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

EPISTLE. Romans 13:8-10

**O**WE no man any thing, but to love one another: for he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law. For this, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not kill,



Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness, Thou shalt not covet; and if there be any other commandment, it is briefly comprehended in this saying, namely, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. Love worketh no ill to his neighbor: therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

GOSPEL. Matthew 8:23-27

AND when he was entered into a ship, his disciples followed him. And, behold, there arose a great tempest in the sea, insomuch that the ship was covered with the waves: but he was asleep. And his disciples came to him, and awoke him, saying, Lord, save us: we perish. And he saith unto them, Why are ye fearful, O ye of little faith? Then he arose, and rebuked the winds and the sea; and there was a great calm. But the men marvelled, saying, What manner of man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey him!

SECONDARY LECTIONARY

Romans 7:7-16; John 4:31-42; Psalm 93

### *The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany*

¶ INTROIT *the same as for* THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY.

COLLECT

OR Lord, we beseech thee to keep thy Church and Household continually in thy true religion; that they who do lean only upon the hope of thy heavenly grace may evermore be defended by thy mighty power: through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

EPISTLE. Colossians 3:12-17

PUT on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering; forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye. And above all these things put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness. And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him.

GOSPEL. Matthew 13:24-30

ANOTHER parable put he forth unto them, saying, The kingdom of heaven is likened unto a man which sowed good seed in his field: but while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat, and went his way. But when the blade was sprung up, and brought forth fruit, then appeared the tares also. So the servants of the householder came and said unto him, Sir, didst not thou sow good seed in thy field? from whence then hath it tares? He said unto them, An enemy hath done this. The servants said unto him, Wilt thou then that we go and gather them up? But he said, Nay: lest while ye gather up the tares, ye root up also the wheat with them. Let both grow together until the harvest: and in the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, Gath-

er ye together first the tares, and bind them in bundles to burn them: but gather the wheat into my barn.

## SECONDARY LECTIONARY

Romans 8:1-9; Matthew 7:24-29; Ezekiel 33:10-16

*The Transfiguration of Our Lord*

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## INTROIT

**T**HE lightnings lightened the world: the earth trembled and shook.

*Psalm.* How amiable are thy tabernacles, O Lord of hosts: My soul longeth, yea, even fainteth for the courts of the Lord.

*Glory be to the Father, etc.*

## COLLECT

**O** GOD, who in the glorious Transfiguration of thy only begotten Son, hast confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the testimony of the fathers, and who, in the voice that came from the bright cloud, didst in a wonderful manner foreshow the adoption of sons; mercifully vouchsafe to make us co-heirs with the King of his glory, and bring us to the enjoyment of the same; through the same Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, ever One God, world without end. *Amen.*

## EPISTLE. II Peter 1:16-21

**F**OR we have not followed cunningly devised fables, when we made known unto you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eye-witnesses of his majesty. For he received from God the Father honour and glory, when there came such a voice to him from the excellent glory, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. And this voice which came from heaven we heard, when we were with him in the holy mount. We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts: knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man; but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Spirit.

## GOSPEL. Matthew 17:1-9

**A**ND after six days Jesus taketh Peter, James, and John his brother, and bringeth them up into an high mountain apart, and was transfigured before them: and his face did shine as the sun, and his raiment was white as the light. And, behold, there appeared unto them Moses and Elias talking with him. Then answered Peter, and said unto Jesus, Lord, it is good for us to be here: if thou wilt, let us make here three tabernacles; one for thee, and one for Moses, and one for Elias. While he yet spake, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them: and behold a voice out of the cloud, which said, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye

him. And when the disciples heard it, they fell on their face, and were sore afraid. And Jesus came and touched them, and said, Arise, and be not afraid. And when they had lifted up their eyes, they saw no man, save Jesus only. And as they came down from the mountain, Jesus charged them, saying, Tell the vision to no man, until the Son of man be risen again from the dead.

## SECONDARY LECTIONARY

II Corinthians 3:12-18; John 5:39-47; Exodus 3:1-6

*Septuagesima Sunday*

## INTROIT

THE sorrows of death compassed me: the sorrows of hell compassed me about.

In my distress I called upon the Lord: and he heard my voice out of his temple.

*Psalm.* I will love thee, O Lord my Strength: The Lord is my Rock and my Fortress.

*Glory be to the Father, etc.*

## COLLECT

O LORD, we beseech thee favorably to hear the prayers of thy people: that we, who are justly punished for our offences, may be mercifully delivered by thy goodness, for the glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, ever One God, world without end. *Amen.*

## EPISTLE. I Corinthians 9:24-27

KNOW ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? So run, that ye may obtain. And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible. I therefore so run, not as uncertainly; so fight I, not as one that beateth the air: but I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway.

## GOSPEL. Matthew 20:1-16

FOR the kingdom of heaven is like unto a man that is an householder, which went out early in the morning to hire labourers into his vineyard. And when he had agreed with the labourers for a penny a day, he sent them into his vineyard. And he went out about the third hour, and saw others standing idle in the marketplace, and said unto them; Go ye also into the vineyard, and whatsoever is right I will give you. And they went their way. Again he went out about the sixth and ninth hour, and did likewise. And about the eleventh hour he went out, and found others standing idle, and saith unto them, Why stand ye here all the day idle? They say unto him, Because no man hath hired us. He saith unto them, Go ye also into the vineyard; and whatsoever is right, that shall ye receive. So when even was come, the lord of the vineyard saith unto his steward, Call the labourers, and give them their hire, beginning from the last unto the first. And when they came that were hired about the eleventh hour, they received every man a



penny. But when the first came, they supposed that they should have received more; and they likewise received every man a penny. And when they had received it, they murmured against the goodman of the house, saying, These last have wrought but one hour, and thou hast made them equal unto us, which have borne the burden and heat of the day. But he answered one of them, and said, Friend, I do thee no wrong: didst not thou agree with me for a penny? Take that thine is, and go thy way: I will give unto this last, even as unto thee. Is it not lawful for me to do what I will with mine own? Is thine eye evil, because I am good? So the last shall be first, and the first last: for many be called, but few chosen.

## SECONDARY LECTONARY

Philippians 1:27—2:4; Luke 10:38-42; Jeremiah 9:23, 24

*Sexagesima Sunday*

## INTROIT

**A**WAKE, why sleepest thou, O Lord: arise, cast us not off for ever.

Wherefore hidest thou thy face: and forgettest our affliction?

Our soul is bowed down to the dust: arise for our help and redeem us.

*Psalm.* We have heard with our ears, O God: our fathers have told us what work thou didst in their days.

*Glory be to the Father, etc.*

## COLLECT

**O**LORD God, who seest that we put not our trust in anything that we do; mercifully grant that by thy power we may be defended against all adversity; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## EPISTLE. II Corinthians 11:19-31

**F**OR ye suffer fools gladly, seeing ye yourselves are wise. For ye suffer, if a man bring you into bondage, if a man devour you, if a man take of you, if a man exalt himself, if a man smite you on the face. I speak as concerning reproach, as though we had been weak. Howbeit whereinsoever any is bold, (I speak foolishly,) I am bold also. Are they Hebrews? so am I. Are they Israelites? so am I. Are they the seed of Abraham? so am I. Are they ministers of Christ? (I speak as a fool) I am more; in labours more abundant, in stripes above measure, in prisons more frequent, in deaths oft. Of the Jews five times received I forty stripes save one. Thrice was I beaten with rods, once was I stoned, thrice I suffered shipwreck, a night and a day I have been in the deep; in journeyings often, in perils of waters, in perils of robbers, in perils by mine own countrymen, in perils by the heathen, in perils in the city, in perils in the wilderness, in perils in the sea, in perils among false brethren; in weariness and painfulness, in watchings often, in hunger and thirst, in fastings often, in cold and nakedness. Besides those things that are without, that which cometh upon me daily, the care of all the churches. Who is weak, and I am not weak? who is offended, and I burn not? If I must needs glory, I will glory of the things

our Lord Jesus Christ, which is blessed for evermore, which concern mine infirmities. The God and Father of knoweth that I lie not.

GOSPEL. Luke 8:4-15

AND when much people were gathered together, and were come to him out of every city, he spake by a parable: A sower went out to sow his seed: and as he sowed, some fell by the way side; and it was trodden down, and the fowls of the air devoured it. And some fell upon a rock; and as soon as it was sprung up, it withered away, because it lacked moisture. And some fell among thorns; and the thorns sprang up with it, and choked it. And other fell on good ground, and sprang up, and bare fruit an hundredfold. And when he had said these things, he cried, He that hath ears to hear, let him hear. And his disciples asked him, saying, What might this parable be? And he said, Unto you it is given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God: but to others in parables; that seeing they might not see, and hearing they might not understand. Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. Those by the way side are they that hear; then cometh the devil, and taketh away the word out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved. They on the rock are they, which, when they hear, receive the word with joy; and these have no root, which for a while believe, and in time of temptation fall away. And that which fell among thorns are they, which, when they have heard, go forth, and are choked with cares and riches and pleasures of this life, and bring no fruit to perfection. But that on the good

ground are they, which in an honest and good heart, having heard the word, keep it, and bring forth fruit with patience.

SECONDARY LECTONARY

Philippians 1:12-21; John 11:20-27; Amos 8:11, 12

### *Quinquagesima Sunday*

INTROIT

BE thou my strong Rock: for an house of defence to save me.

Thou art my Rock and my Fortress: therefore for thy Name's sake lead me and guide me.

*Psalm.* In thee, O Lord, do I put my trust; let me never be ashamed: deliver me in thy righteousness.

*Glory be to the Father, etc.*

COLLECT

OR Lord, who hast taught us that all our doings without love are nothing worth; send thy Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, the very bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whosoever liveth is counted dead before thee. Grant this for thine only Son Jesus Christ's sake. *Amen.*

EPISTLE. I Corinthians 13:1-13

THOUGH I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not love, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal. And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could

remove mountains, and have not love, I am nothing. And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not love, it profiteth me nothing. Love suffereth long, and is kind; love envieth not; love vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil; rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth; beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things. Love never faileth: but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away. For we know in part, and we prophesy in part. But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away. When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things. For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known. And now abideth faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

GOSPEL. Luke 18:31-43

**T**HEN he took unto him the twelve, and said unto them, Behold, we go up to Jerusalem, and all things that are written by the prophets concerning the Son of man shall be accomplished. For he shall be delivered unto the Gentiles, and shall be mocked, and spitefully entreated, and spitted on: and they shall scourge him, and put him to death: and the third day he shall rise

again. And they understood none of these things: and this saying was hid from them, neither knew they the things which were spoken. And it came to pass, that as he was come nigh unto Jericho, a certain blind man sat by the way side begging: and hearing the multitude pass by, he asked what it meant. And they told him, that Jesus of Nazareth passeth by. And he cried, saying, Jesus, thou son of David, have mercy on me. And they which went before rebuked him, that he should hold his peace: but he cried so much the more, Thou son of David, have mercy on me. And Jesus stood, and commanded him to be brought unto him: and when he was come near, he asked him, saying, What wilt thou that I shall do unto thee? And he said, Lord that I may receive my sight. And Jesus said unto him, Receive thy sight: thy faith hath saved thee. And immediately he received his sight, and followed him, glorifying God: and all the people, when they saw it, gave praise unto God.

## SECONDARY LECTIONARY

I Corinthians 1:21-31; Mark 10:35-45; or John 11:47-57;  
Jeremiah 8:4-9

*Ash Wednesday. The First Day of Lent*

## INTROIT

**I** WILL cry unto God Most High: unto God that performeth all things for me.

Yea, in the shadow of thy wings will I make my refuge: until these calamities be overpast.



*Psalm.* Be merciful unto me, O God, be merciful unto me: for my soul trusteth in thee.

*Glory be to the Father, etc.*

## COLLECT

**A**LMMIGHTY and Everlasting God, who hatest nothing that thou hast made, and dost forgive the sins of all those who are penitent; create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins, and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## EPISTLE. Joel 2:12-19

**T**HEREFORE also now, saith the Lord, turn ye even to me with all your heart, and with fasting, and with weeping, and with mourning: and rend your heart, and not your garments, and turn unto the Lord your God: for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repenteth him of the evil. Who knoweth if he will return and repent, and leave a blessing behind him; even a meat offering and a drink offering unto the Lord your God? Blow the trumpet in Zion, sanctify a fast, call a solemn assembly; gather the people, sanctify the congregation, assemble the elders, gather the children, and those that suck the breasts: let the bridegroom go forth of his chamber, and the bride out of her closet. Let the priests, the ministers of the Lord, weep between the porch and the altar, and let them say, Spare thy people, O Lord, and give not thine heritage to

reproach, that the heathen should rule over them: wherefore should they say among the people, Where is their God? Then will the Lord be jealous for his land, and pity his people. Yea, the Lord will answer and say unto his people, Behold, I will send you corn, and wine, and oil, and ye shall be satisfied therewith: and I will no more make you a reproach among the heathen.

## GOSPEL. Matthew 6:16-21

**M**OREOVER when ye fast, be not, as the hypocrites, of a sad countenance: for they disfigure their faces, that they may appear unto men to fast. Verily, I say unto you, They have their reward. But thou, when thou fastest, anoint thine head, and wash thy face; that thou appear not unto men to fast, but unto thy Father which is in secret: and thy Father, which seeth in secret, shall reward thee openly. Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: for where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

*Invocavit. The First Sunday in Lent*

## INTROIT

**H**E shall call upon me, and I will answer him: I will deliver him and honor him.

With long life will I satisfy him: and show him my salvation.

*Psalm.* He that dwelleth in the secret place of the Most High: shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

*Glory be to the Father, etc.*

## COLLECT

WE beseech thee, O Lord, by the mystery of our Savior's fasting and temptation, to arm us with the same mind that was in him toward all evil and sin; and give us grace to keep our bodies in such holy discipline, that our minds may be always ready to resist Satan, and obey the direction of thy Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## EPISTLE. II Corinthians 6:1-10

WE then, as workers together with him, beseech you also that ye receive not the grace of God in vain. (For he saith, I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of salvation have I succoured thee; behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.) Giving no offence in any thing, that the ministry be not blamed: but in all things approving ourselves as the ministers of God, in much patience, in afflictions, in necessities, in distresses, in stripes, in imprisonments, in tumults, in labours, in watchings, in fastings; by pureness, by knowledge, by longsuffering, by kindness, by the Holy Spirit, by love unfeigned, by the word of truth, by the power of God, by the armor of righteousness on the right hand and on the left, by honor and dishonor, by evil report and good report: as deceivers, and yet true; as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and, behold, we live; as chastened, and not killed; as sorrowful, yet

always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing all things.

## GOSPEL. Matthew 4:1-11

THEN was Jesus led up of the spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil. And when he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he was afterward as hungered. And when the tempter came to him, he said, If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread. But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God. Then the devil taketh him up into the holy city, and setteth him on a pinnacle of the temple, and saith unto him, If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down: for it is written, He shall give his angels charge concerning thee: and in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone. Jesus said unto him, It is written again, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God. Again, the devil taketh him up into an exceeding high mountain, and showeth him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them; and saith unto him, All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me. Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve. Then the devil leaveth him, and, behold, angels came and ministered unto him.

## SECONDARY LECTIONARY

Hebrews 4:15, 16; Matthew 16:21-26; or Luke 22:39-46;  
Genesis 22:1-14

*Reminiscere. The Second Sunday in Lent*

## INTROIT

REMEMBER, O Lord, thy tender mercies and thy lovingkindnesses: for they have been ever of old.

Let not mine enemies triumph over me: God of Israel, deliver us out of all our troubles.

*Psalm.* Unto thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul: O my God, I trust in thee; let me not be ashamed.

*Glory be to the Father, etc.*

## COLLECT

ALMIGHTY God, who seest the helpless misery of our fallen life; vouchsafe unto us, we humbly beseech thee, both the outward and inward defence of thy guardian care; that we may be shielded from the evils which assault the body, and be kept pure from all thoughts that harm and pollute the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

EPISTLE. I Thessalonians 4:1-7

FURTHERMORE then we beseech you, brethren, and exhort you by the Lord Jesus, that as ye have received of us how ye ought to walk and to please God, so ye would abound more and more. For ye know what commandments we gave you by the Lord Jesus. For this is the will of God, even your sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication: that every one of you should know how to possess his vessel in sanctification and honor; not in the lust of concupiscence, even as the Gentiles which know not God: that no man go beyond and defraud his brother in any matter: because that the

Lord is the avenger of all such, as we also have forewarned you and testified. For God hath not called us unto uncleanness, but unto holiness.

GOSPEL. Matthew 15:21-28

THEN Jesus went thence, and departed into the coasts of Tyre and Sidon. And, behold, a woman of Canaan came out of the same coasts, and cried unto him, saying, Have mercy on me, O Lord, thou son of David; my daughter is grievously vexed with a devil. But he answered her not a word. And his disciples came and besought him, saying, Send her away; for she crieth after us. But he answered and said, I am not sent but unto the lost sheep of the house of Israel. Then came she and worshipped him, saying, Lord, help me. But he answered and said, It is not meet to take the children's bread, and cast it to dogs. And she said, Truth, Lord: yet the dogs eat of the crumbs which fall from their masters' table. Then Jesus answered and said unto her, O woman, great is thy faith: be it unto thee even as thou wilt. And her daughter was made whole from that very hour.

SECONDARY LECTIONARY

I John 2:12-17; Luke 10:17-20; or Luke 22:54-62; Exodus 33:17-23

*Oculi. The Third Sunday in Lent*

## INTROIT

MINE eyes are ever toward the Lord: for he shall pluck my feet out of the net.

Turn thee unto me, and have mercy upon me: for I am desolate and afflicted.



*Psalm.* Unto thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul: O my God, I trust in thee; let me not be ashamed.

*Glory be to the Father, etc.*

## COLLECT

**A**LMIGHTY God, who hast been the hope and confidence of thy people in all ages; mercifully regard, we beseech thee, the prayer with which we cry unto thee out of the depths, and stretch forth the right hand of thy majesty for our salvation and defence; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

EPISTLE. *Ephesians 5:1-9*

**B**E ye therefore followers of God, as dear children; and walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling savour. But fornication, and all uncleanness, or covetousness, let it not be once named among you, as becometh saints; neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor jesting, which are not convenient; but rather giving of thanks. For this ye know, that no whoremonger, nor unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God. Let no man deceive you with vain words: for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience. Be not ye therefore partakers with them. For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light: (for the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness and righteousness and truth).

GOSPEL. *Luke 11:14-26*

**A**ND he was casting out a devil, and it was dumb. And it came to pass, when the devil was gone out, the dumb spake; and the people wondered. But some of them said, He casteth out devils through Beelzebub the chief of the devils. And others, tempting him, sought of him a sign from heaven. But he, knowing their thoughts, said unto them, Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation; and a house divided against a house falleth. If Satan also be divided against himself, how shall his kingdom stand? because ye say that I cast out devils through Beelzebub. And if I by Beelzebub cast out devils, by whom do your sons cast them out? therefore shall they be your judges. But if I with the finger of God cast out devils, no doubt the kingdom of God is come upon you. When a strong man armed keepeth his palace, his goods are in peace: but when a stronger than he shall come upon him, and overcome him, he taketh from him all his armor wherein he trusted, and divideth his spoils. He that is not with me is against me: and he that gathereth not with me scattereth. When the unclean spirit is gone out of a man, he walketh through dry places, seeking rest; and finding none, he saith, I will return unto my house whence I came out. And when he cometh, he findeth it swept and garnished. Then goeth he, and taketh to him seven other spirits more wicked than himself; and they enter in, and dwell there: and the last state of that man is worse than the first.

SECONDARY LECTIONARY

*I Peter 1:13-16; Luke 9:51-56; or Luke 22:63-71; Jeremiah 26:1-15*

*Laetare. The Fourth Sunday in Lent*

## INTROIT

**R**EJOICE, ye with Jerusalem, and be glad with her :  
all ye that love her.

Rejoice for joy with her : all ye that mourn for her.

*Psalm.* I was glad when they said unto me : Let us go  
into the house of the Lord.

*Glory be to the Father, etc.*

## COLLECT

**O** LORD God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering  
and abundant in goodness and truth; enter not into  
judgment with thy servants, we beseech thee, but be  
pleased of thy great kindness to grant, that we who are  
now righteously afflicted and bowed down by the sense  
of our sins, may be refreshed and lifted up with the joy  
of thy salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

EPISTLE. Romans 5:1-11

**T**HEREFORE being justified by faith, we have peace  
with God through our Lord Jesus Christ: By whom  
also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we  
stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. And not  
only so, but we glory in tribulation also; knowing that  
tribulation worketh patience; And patience, experience;  
and experience, hope: And hope maketh not ashamed;  
because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by  
the Holy Spirit which is given unto us. For when we  
were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for  
the ungodly. For scarcely for a righteous man will one  
die: yet peradventure for a good man some would even

dare to die. But God commendeth his love toward us,  
in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.  
Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we  
shall be saved from wrath through him. For if, when  
we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the  
death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall  
be saved by his life. And not only so, but we also joy  
in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have  
now received the atonement.

GOSPEL. John 6:1-15

**A**FTER these things Jesus went over the sea of Gali-  
lee, which is the sea of Tiberias. And a great mul-  
titude followed him, because they saw his miracles which  
he did on them that were diseased. And Jesus went up  
into a mountain, and there he sat with his disciples. And  
the passover, a feast of the Jews, was nigh. When Jesus  
then lifted up his eyes, and saw a great company come  
unto him, he saith unto Philip, Whence shall we buy  
bread, that these may eat? And this he said to prove  
him: for he himself knew what he would do. Philip an-  
swered him, Two hundred pennyworth of bread is not  
sufficient for them, that every one of them may take a  
little. One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's  
brother, saith unto him, There is a lad here, which hath  
five barley loaves, and two small fishes: but what are  
they among so many? And Jesus said, Make the men  
sit down. Now there was much grass in the place. So  
the men sat down, in number about five thousand. And  
Jesus took the loaves; and when he had given thanks, he  
distributed to the disciples, and the disciples to them

that were set down; and likewise of the fishes as much as they would. When they were filled, he said unto his disciples, Gather up the fragments that remain, that nothing be lost. Therefore they gathered them together, and filled twelve baskets with the fragments of the five barley loaves, which remained over and above them that had eaten. Then those men, when they had seen the miracle that Jesus did, said, This is of a truth that prophet that should come into the world. When Jesus therefore perceived that they would come and take him by force, to make him a king, he departed again into a mountain himself alone.

## SECONDARY LECTIONARY

II Corinthians 7:4-10; John 6:47-57; or Matthew 27:15-31;  
Isaiah 52:7-10

*Judica. Passion Sunday*

## INTROIT

**J**UDGE me, O God: and plead my cause against an ungodly nation.

O deliver me from the deceitful and unjust man: for thou art the God of my strength.

*Psalm.* O send out thy light and thy truth: let them lead me; let them bring me unto thy holy hill.

*Glory be to the Father, etc.*

## COLLECT

**W**E beseech thee, Almighty God, mercifully to look upon thy people, that by thy great goodness they may be governed and preserved evermore, both in body and soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## EPISTLE. Hebrews 9:11-15

**B**UT Christ being come an high priest of good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this building; neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us. For if the blood of bulls and of goats, and the ashes of an heifer sprinkling the unclean, sanctifieth to the purifying of the flesh: how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God? And for this cause he is the mediator of the new testament, that by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions that were under the first testament, they which are called might receive the promise of eternal inheritance.

## GOSPEL. John 8:46-59

**W**HICH of you convinceth me of sin? And if I say the truth, why do ye not believe me? He that is of God heareth God's words: ye therefore hear them not, because ye are not of God. Then answered the Jews, and said unto him, Say we not well that thou art a Samaritan, and hast a devil? Jesus answered, I have not a devil; but I honor my Father, and ye do dishonor me. And I seek not mine own glory: there is one that seeketh and judgeth. Verily, verily, I say unto you, If a man keep my saying, he shall never see death. Then said the Jews unto him, Now we know that thou hast a devil. Abraham is dead, and the prophets; and thou say-



est, If a man keep my saying, he shall never taste of death. Art thou greater than our father Abraham, which is dead? and the prophets are dead: whom makest thou thyself? Jesus answered, If I honor myself, my honor is nothing: it is my Father that honoreth me; of whom ye say, that he is your God: yet ye have not known him; but I know him: and if I should say, I know him not, I shall be a liar like unto you: but I know him, and keep his saying. Your father Abraham rejoiced to see my day: and he saw it, and was glad. Then said the Jews unto him, Thou art not yet fifty years old, and hast thou seen Abraham? Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Before Abraham was, I am. Then took they up stones to cast at him: but Jesus hid himself, and went out of the temple, going through the midst of them, and so passed by.

## SECONDARY LECTIONARY

I Peter 1:17-25; John 13:31-35; or Luke 23:27-34a;  
Numbers 21:4-9

*Palmarum. The Sixth Sunday in Lent*

## INTROIT

**B**E not thou far from me, O Lord: O my Strength, haste thee to help me.

*Psalm.* My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me: why art thou so far from helping me?

*Glory be to the Father, etc.*

or

**L**IFT up your heads, O ye gates; even lift them up, ye everlasting doors: and the King of glory shall come in.

*Psalm.* Who is this King of glory? The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.

*Glory be to the Father, etc.*

## COLLECT

**A**LMIGHTY and Everlasting God, who hast sent thy Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take upon him our flesh, and to suffer death upon the cross, that all mankind should follow the example of his great humility; mercifully grant that we may both follow the example of his patience, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

EPISTLE. Philippians 2:5-11

**L**ET this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: but made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: and being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

GOSPEL. Matthew 21:1-9

AND when they drew nigh unto Jerusalem, and were come to Bethphage, unto the mount of Olives, then sent Jesus two disciples, saying unto them, Go into the village over against you, and straightway ye shall find an ass tied, and a colt with her: loose them, and bring them unto me. And if any man say ought unto you, ye shall say, The Lord hath need of them; and straightway he will send them. All this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying, Tell ye the daughter of Sion, Behold, thy King cometh unto thee, meek, and sitting upon an ass, and a colt the foal of an ass. And the disciples went, and did as Jesus commanded them, and brought the ass, and the colt, and put on them their clothes, and they set him thereon. And a very great multitude spread their garments in the way; others cut down branches from the trees, and strawed them in the way. And the multitudes that went before, and that followed, cried, saying, Hosanna to the son of David: Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest.

SECONDARY LECTIONARY

Hebrews 12:1-6; John 12:1-8; Zechariah 9:8-12

*Monday in Holy Week*

INTROIT

PLEASE my cause, O Lord, with them that strive with me: fight against them that fight against me. Take hold of shield and buckler: and stand up for mine help.

*Psalm.* Draw out also the spear, and stop the way against them that persecute me: say unto my soul, I am thy salvation.

*Glory be to the Father, etc.*

COLLECT

GRANT, we beseech thee, Almighty God, that we, who amid so many adversities do fail through our own infirmities, may be restored through the passion and intercession of thine only begotten Son, who liveth and reigneth, with thee and the Holy Spirit, ever One God, world without end. Amen.

EPISTLE. Isaiah 50:5-10

GOSPEL. John 12:1-23

*Tuesday in Holy Week*

INTROIT

GOD forbid that I should glory: save in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.

In him is salvation, life, and resurrection from the dead: by him we are redeemed and set at liberty.

*Psalm.* God be merciful unto us, and bless us: and cause his face to shine upon us.

*Glory be to the Father, etc.*

COLLECT

ALMIGHTY and Everlasting God, grant us grace so to contemplate the passion of our Lord, that we may find therein forgiveness for our sins; through the

same Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, ever One God, world without end. *Amen.*

EPISTLE. Jeremiah 11:18-20

GOSPEL. John 12:24-43

### *Wednesday in Holy Week*

#### INTROIT

**A**T the Name of Jesus every knee shall bow : of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth.

For he became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross : wherefore he is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

*Psalm.* Hear my prayer, O Lord : and let my cry come unto thee.

*Glory be to the Father, etc.*

#### COLLECT

**A**SSIST us mercifully with thy help, O Lord God of our salvation; that we may enter with joy upon the meditation of those mighty acts, whereby thou hast given unto us life and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

EPISTLE. Isaiah 62:11-63:7

GOSPEL. Luke 22:1-23:42

### *Thursday in Holy Week*

¶ Introit the same as for TUESDAY IN HOLY WEEK

#### COLLECT

**O**LORD God, who hast left unto us in a wonderful Sacrament a memorial of thy passion; grant, we beseech thee, that we may so use this Sacrament of thy Body and Blood, that the fruits of thy redemption may continually be manifest in us; who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Spirit, ever One God, world without end. *Amen.*

EPISTLE. I Corinthians 11:23-32

GOSPEL. John 13:1-15

### *Good Friday*

¶ Introit the same as for TUESDAY IN HOLY WEEK; or this:

#### INTROIT

**S**URELY he hath borne our griefs and carried our sorrows: he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities.

All we like sheep have gone astray : and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.

*Psalm.* Hear my prayer, O Lord : and let my cry come unto thee.

*Glory be to the Father, etc.*

#### COLLECT

**A**LMIGHTY God, we beseech thee graciously to behold this thy family, for which our Lord Jesus Christ was contented to be betrayed, and given up into the hands of wicked men, and to suffer death upon the



cross; who now liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, ever One God, world without end. *Amen.*

EPISTLE. Isaiah 52:13—53:12

GOSPEL. John 18:1—19:42

*Other Collects for Good Friday*

MERCIFUL and Everlasting God, who hast not spared thine only Son, but delivered him up for us all, that he might bear our sins upon the cross; grant that our hearts may be so fixed with steadfast faith in him that we may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the same Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Lord. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY and Everlasting God, who hast willed that thy Son should bear for us the pains of the cross, that thou mightest remove from us the power of the adversary; help us to remember and give thanks for our Lord's passion, whereby we obtain remission of sin and redemption from everlasting death: through the same Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Lord. *Amen.*

*Easter Day. The Resurrection of Our Lord*

INTROIT

WHEN I awake, I am still with thee. Hallelujah: Thou hast laid thine hand upon me. Hallelujah.

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me: it is high, I cannot attain unto it. Hallelujah. Hallelujah.

*Psalm.* O Lord, thou hast searched me, and known me: thou knowest my down-sitting and mine uprising.

*Glory be to the Father, etc.*

*Or,*

HE is risen, Hallelujah: Why seek ye the Living among the dead? Hallelujah.

Remember how he spake unto you, Hallelujah: the Son of Man must be crucified, and the third day rise again. Hallelujah. Hallelujah.

*Psalm.* Thou crownedst him with glory and honor: Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands.

*Glory be to the Father, etc.*

COLLECT

ALMIGHTY God, who through the resurrection of thine only begotten Son Jesus Christ, hast overcome death and opened unto us the gate of everlasting life; assist and support in us, we beseech thee, the aspirations of thy heavenly grace, that dying unto sin always, and living unto righteousness, we may at last triumph over death and the grave, in the full image of our risen Lord: to whom, with thee and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

*or*

GOD, whose Son did manifest himself to his disciples in the breaking of bread; open, we pray thee, the eyes of our faith, that we may behold thee in all thy works; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

EPISTLE. Colossians 3:1-11

IF YE then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affection on things above, not on

things on the earth. For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God. When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory. Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry; For which things' sake the wrath of God cometh on the children of disobedience. In the which ye also walked some time, when ye lived in them. But now ye also put off all these; anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication out of your mouth. Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds; and have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him: Where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcision nor uncircumcision, Barbarian, Scythian, bond nor free; but Christ is all, and in all.

GOSPEL. Mark 16:1-8

AND when the sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome, had bought sweet spices, that they might come and anoint him. And very early in the morning the first day of the week, they came unto the sepulchre at the rising of the sun. And they said among themselves, Who shall roll us away the stone from the door of the sepulchre? And when they looked, they saw that the stone was rolled away: for it was very great. And entering into the sepulchre, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, clothed in a long white garment; and they were affrighted. And he saith unto them, Be not affrighted:

Ye seek Jesus of Nazareth, which was crucified: he is risen; he is not here: behold the place where they laid him. But go your way, tell his disciples and Peter that he goeth before you into Galilee: there shall ye see him, as he said unto you. And they went out quickly, and fled from the sepulchre; for they trembled and were amazed: neither said they any thing to any man; for they were afraid.

## SECONDARY LECTIONARY

I Corinthians 15:1-12; Matthew 28:1-10; Psalm 118:14-25

*The First Sunday after Easter*

## INTROIT

AS newborn babes: desire the sincere milk of the Word.

Hear, O my people, and I will testify unto thee: O Israel, if thou wilt hearken unto me.

*Psalm.* Sing aloud unto God our strength: make a joyful noise unto the God of Jacob.

*Glory be to the Father, etc.*

## COLLECT

ALMIGHTY God, who hast brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the glorious Prince of salvation, with everlasting victory over hell and the grave; grant unto us power, we beseech thee, to rise with him to newness of life, that we may overcome the world with

the victory of faith, and have part at last in the resurrection of the just; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

EPISTLE. I John 5:4-12

**F**OR whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith. Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God? This is he that came by water and blood, even Jesus Christ; not by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit that beareth witness, because the Spirit is truth. For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Spirit: and these three are one. And there are three that bear witness in earth, the Spirit, and the water, and the blood: and these three agree in one. If we receive the witness of men, the witness of God is greater: for this is the witness of God which he hath testified of his Son. He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself: he that believeth not God hath made him a liar; because he believeth not the record that God gave of his Son. And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life.

GOSPEL. John 20:19-31

**T**HEN the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled for fear of the Jews, came Jesus and stood in the midst, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you. And when he had so said, he showed unto them

his hands and his side. Then were the disciples glad, when they saw the Lord. Then said Jesus to them again, Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you. And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Spirit: whose soever sins ye remit, they are remitted unto them; and whose soever sins ye retain, they are retained. But Thomas, one of the twelve, called Didymus, was not with them when Jesus came. The other disciples therefore said unto him, We have seen the Lord. But he said unto them, Except I shall see in his hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and thrust my hand into his side, I will not believe. And after eight days again his disciples were within, and Thomas with them: then came Jesus, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, Peace be unto you. Then said he to Thomas, Reach hither thy finger, and behold my hands; and reach hither thy hand, and thrust it into my side: and be not faithless, but believing. And Thomas answered and said unto him, My Lord and my God. Jesus saith unto him, Thomas, because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed: blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed. And many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book: but these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name.

SECONDARY LECTIONARY

I Peter 1:3-9; John 21:15-19; Genesis 32:22-31



*The Second Sunday after Easter*

## INTROIT

THE earth is full of the goodness of the Lord: By the Word of the Lord were the heavens made.

*Psalm.* Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous: for praise is comely for the upright.

*Glory be to the Father, etc.*

## COLLECT

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

EPISTLE. I Peter 2:21-25

FOR even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps: who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth: who, when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered, he threatened not; but committed himself to him that judgeth righteously: who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed. For ye were as sheep going astray; but are now returned unto the Shepherd and Bishop of your souls.

GOSPEL. John 10:11-16

I AM the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep. But he that is an hireling, and not the shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, seeth the wolf coming, and leaveth the sheep, and fleeth: and the wolf catcheth them, and scattereth the sheep. The hireling fleeth, because he is an hireling, and careth not for the sheep. I am the good shepherd, and know my sheep, and am known of mine. As the Father knoweth me, even so know I the Father: and I lay down my life for the sheep. And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd.

## SECONDARY LECTIONARY

Ephesians 2:4-10; John 14:1-6; Psalm 23

*The Third Sunday after Easter*

## INTROIT

MAKE a joyful noise unto God, all ye lands: sing forth the honor of his Name; make his praise glorious.

*Psalm.* Say unto God, How terrible art thou in thy works: through the greatness of thy power shall thine enemies submit themselves unto thee.

*Glory be to the Father, etc.*

## COLLECT

ALMIGHTY God, who showest to them that be in error the light of thy truth, to the intent that they may return into the way of righteousness; grant unto all

them that are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion that they may avoid those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

EPISTLE. I Peter 2:11-17

**D**EARLY beloved, I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul; having your conversation honest among the Gentiles: that, whereas they speak against you as evil-doers, they may by your good works, which they shall behold, glorify God in the day of visitation. Submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake: whether it be to the king, as supreme; or unto governors, as unto them that are sent by him for the punishment of evil doers, and for the praise of them that do well. For so is the will of God, that with well doing ye may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men: as free, and not using your liberty for a cloke of maliciousness, but as the servants of God. Honor all men. Love the brotherhood. Fear God.

GOSPEL. John 16:16-23

**A**LITTLE while, and ye shall not see me: and again, a little while, and ye shall see me, because I go to the Father. Then said some of his disciples among themselves, What is this that he saith unto us, A little while, and ye shall not see me: and again, a little while, and ye shall see me: and, Because I go to the Father? They said therefore, What is this that he saith, A little while?

we cannot tell what he saith. Now Jesus knew that they were desirous to ask him, and said unto them, Do ye enquire among yourselves of that I said. A little while, and ye shall not see me: and again, a little while, and ye shall see me? Verily, verily, I say unto you, That ye shall weep and lament, but the world shall rejoice: and ye shall be sorrowful, but your sorrow shall be turned into joy. A woman when she is in travail hath sorrow, because her hour is come: but as soon as she is delivered of the child, she remembereth no more the anguish, for joy that a man is born into the world. And ye now therefore have sorrow: but I will see you again, and your heart shall rejoice, and your joy no man taketh from you. And in that day ye shall ask me nothing.

SECONDARY LECTIONARY

I John 4:9-14; John 12:20-26; Isaiah 40:26-31

### *The Fourth Sunday after Easter*

INTROIT

**O**SING unto the Lord a new song: for he hath done marvellous things.

The Lord hath made known his salvation: his righteousness hath he openly showed in the sight of the heathen.

*Psalm.* His right hand, and his holy arm: hath gotten him the victory.

*Glory be to the Father, etc.*

## COLLECT

**O** GOD, who makest the minds of the faithful to be of one will; grant unto thy people that they may love what thou commandest, and desire what thou dost promise; that, among the manifold changes of this world, our hearts may there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

EPISTLE. James 1:16-21

**D**O not err, my beloved brethren. Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning. Of his own will begat he us with the word of truth, that we should be a kind of first-fruits of his creatures. Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath: for the wrath of man worketh not the righteousness of God. Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrained word, which is able to save your souls.

GOSPEL. John 16:5-15

**B**UT now I go my way to him that sent me; and none of you asketh me, Whither goest thou? But because I have said these things unto you, sorrow hath filled your heart. Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you. And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: of sin, because they believe not on me; of

righteousness, because I go to my Father, and ye see me no more; of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged. I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now. Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will show you things to come. He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall show it unto you. All things that the Father hath are mine: therefore said I, that he shall take of mine, and shall show it unto you.

## SECONDARY LECTIONARY

II Timothy 2:8-13; John 6:60-69; Psalm 98

*The Fifth Sunday after Easter*

## INTROIT

**W**ITH the voice of singing declare ye, and tell this: utter it even to the end of the earth. Hallelujah. The Lord hath redeemed his servant Jacob: Hallelujah. Hallelujah.

*Psalm.* Make a joyful noise unto God, all ye lands: sing forth the honor of his Name; make his praise glorious.

*Glory be to the Father, etc.*

## COLLECT

**O** GOD, from whom all good things do come; grant to us thy humble servants, that by thy holy inspiration we may think those things that be right, and by thy



merciful guiding may perform the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

EPISTLE. James 1:22-27

**B**UT be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves. For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass: for he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was. But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed. If any man among you seem to be religious, and bridleth not his tongue, but deceiveth his own heart, this man's religion is vain. Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world.

GOSPEL. John 16:23-30

**V**ERILY, verily, I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he will give it you. Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full. These things have I spoken unto you in proverbs: but the time cometh, when I shall no more speak unto you in proverbs, but I shall show you plainly of the Father. At that day ye shall ask in my name: and I say not unto you, that I will pray the Father for you: for the Father himself loveth you, because ye have loved me, and have believed that I came from God. I came forth from the Father,

and am come into the world: again, I leave the world, and go to the Father. His disciples said unto him, Lo, now speakest thou plainly, and speakest no proverb. Now are we sure that thou knowest all things, and needest not that any man should ask thee: by this we believe that thou camest forth from God.

SECONDARY LECTIONARY

I Timothy 2:1-6; Luke 11:5-13; Isaiah 55:6-11.

### *The Ascension of Our Lord*

INTROIT

**Y**E men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? : Hallelujah.

This same Jesus which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven: Hallelujah. Hallelujah.

*Psalm.* O clap your hands, all ye people: shout unto God with the voice of triumph.

*Glory be to the Father, etc.*

COLLECT

**G**RANT, we beseech thee, Almighty God, that like as we do believe thy only begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, to have ascended into the heavens; so may we also in heart and mind thither ascend, and with him continually dwell, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

EPISTLE. Acts 1:1-11

THE former treatise have I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach, until the day in which he was taken up, after that he through the Holy Spirit had given commandments unto the apostles whom he had chosen: to whom also he showed himself alive after his passion by many infallible proofs, being seen of them forty days, and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God: and, being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me. For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days hence. When they therefore were come together, they asked of him, saying, Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel? And he said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power. But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Spirit is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judæa, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth. And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight. And while they looked stedfastly toward heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel; which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.

GOSPEL. Mark 16:14-20

AFTERWARD he appeared unto the eleven as they sat at meat, and upbraided them with their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they believed not them which had seen him after he was risen. And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; they shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover. So then after the Lord had spoken unto them, he was received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God. And they went forth, and preached every where, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following. Amen.

## SECONDARY LECTIONARY

Colossians 3:1-4; Luke 24:50-53; or John 17:11-26; Psalm 110:1-4

*The Sunday after the Ascension*

## INTROIT

HEAR, O Lord, when I cry with my voice: Hallelujah.

When thou saidst, Seek ye my face: my heart said unto thee, Thy face, Lord, will I seek.

Hide not thy face from me: Hallelujah. Hallelujah.

*Psalm.* The Lord is my Light, and my Salvation: whom shall I fear?

*Glory be to the Father, etc.*

## COLLECT

**O** GOD, the King of glory, who through the resurrection and ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ, hast opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers; leave us not comfortless, we beseech thee, in our weary mortal state, but send unto us the Holy Spirit, the Comforter, to guide us into the way of truth and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

EPISTLE. I Peter 4:7-11

**B**E ye therefore sober, and watch unto prayer. And above all things have fervent charity among yourselves: for charity shall cover the multitude of sins. Use hospitality one to another without grudging. As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God; if any man minister, let him do it as of the ability which God giveth: that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and dominion for ever and ever. *Amen.*

GOSPEL. John 15:26—16:7

**B**UT when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me: and ye also shall bear witness, because ye have been with me from the beginning. These things have I spok-

en unto you, that ye should not be offended. They shall put you out of the synagogues: yea, the time cometh, that whosoever killeth you will think that he doeth God service. And these things will they do unto you, because they have not known the Father, nor me. But these things have I told you, that when the time shall come, ye may remember that I told you of them. And these things I said not unto you at the beginning, because I was with you. But now I go my way to him that sent me; and none of you asketh me, Whither goest thou? But because I have said these things unto you, sorrow hath filled your heart. Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you.

## SECONDARY LECTIONARY

Ephesians 1:16-23; John 7:33-39; Psalm 42

*The Festival of Pentecost. Whitsunday*

## INTROIT

**T**HE Spirit of the Lord filleth the world: Hallelujah. Let the righteous be glad; let them rejoice before God: yea, let them exceedingly rejoice. Hallelujah. Hallelujah.

*Psalm.* Let God arise; let his enemies be scattered: let them also that hate him flee before him.

*Glory be to the Father, etc.*



## COLLECT

**O** GOD, who didst teach the hearts of thy faithful people, by sending to them the light of thy Holy Spirit; grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgment in all things, and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, ever One God, world without end. *Amen.*

## EPISTLE. Acts 2:1-13

**A**ND when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. And there were dwelling at Jerusalem Jews, devout men, out of every nation under heaven. Now when this was noised abroad, the multitude came together, and were confounded, because that every man heard them speak in his own language. And they were all amazed and marvelled, saying one to another, Behold, are not all these which speak Galilæans? And how hear we every man in our own tongue, wherein we were born? Parthians, and Medes, and Elamites, and the dwellers in Mesopotamia, and in Judæa, and Cappadocia, in Pontus, and Asia, Phrygia, and Pamphylia, in Egypt, and in the parts of Libya about Cyrene, and strangers in Rome, Jews and proselytes, Cretes and Arabians, we do hear

them speak in our tongues the wonderful works of God. And they were all amazed, and were in doubt, saying one to another, What meaneth this? Others mocking said. These men are full of new wine.

## GOSPEL. John 14:23-31

**J**ESUS answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him. He that loveth me not keepeth not my sayings: and the word which ye hear is not mine, but the Father's which sent me. These things have I spoken unto you, being yet present with you. But the Comforter, which is the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you. Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid. Ye have heard how I said unto you, I go away, and come again unto you. If ye loved me, ye would rejoice, because I said, I go unto the Father: for my Father is greater than I. And now I have told you before it come to pass, that, when it is come to pass, ye might believe. Hereafter I will not talk much with you: for the prince of this world cometh, and hath nothing in me. But that the world may know that I love the Father; and as the Father gave me commandment, even so I do.

## SECONDARY LECTONARY

Ephesians 2:10-22; John 14:15-21; Ezekiel 36:22-28

*The Festival of the Holy Trinity*

## INTROIT

**BLESSED** be the Holy Trinity, and the undivided Unity:

Let us give glory to him because he hath shown his mercy to us.

*Psalm.* O Lord, our Lord: how excellent is thy Name in all the earth.

*Glory be to the Father, etc.*

Or,

**HOLY**, Holy, Holy, is the Lord of Hosts: of him, and through him, and to him, are all things.

*Psalm.* O Lord, our Lord: how excellent is thy Name in all the earth.

*Glory be to the Father, etc.*

## COLLECT

**A**Lmighty and Everlasting God, who hast given unto us, thy servants, grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of the divine majesty to worship the Unity; we beseech thee, that thou wouldest keep us steadfast in this faith, and evermore defend us from all adversities; who livest and reignest, One God, world without end. *Amen.*

EPISTLE. Romans 11:33-36

**O**THE depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out! For who hath

known the mind of the Lord? or who hath been his counsellor? Or who hath first given to him, and it shall be recompensed unto him again? For of him, and through him, and to him, are all things: to whom be glory for ever. *Amen.*

GOSPEL. John 3:1-15

**T**HERE was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews: the same came to Jesus by night, and said unto him, Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him. Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born again when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born? Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again. The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit. Nicodemus answered and said unto him, How can these things be? Jesus answered and said unto him, Art thou a master of Israel, and knowest not these things? Verily, verily, I say unto thee, We speak that we do know, and testify that we have seen; and ye receive not our witness. If I have told you earthly things, and ye

believe not, how shall ye believe, if I tell you of heavenly things? And no man hath ascended up to heaven, but he that came down from heaven, even the Son of man which is in heaven. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up: that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life.

## SECONDARY LECTIONARY

Ephesians 1:3-14; Matthew 28:16-20; or II Corinthians 13:11-13;  
Isaiah 6:1-8; or Numbers 6:22-27

*The First Sunday after Trinity*

## INTROIT

**O** LORD, I have trusted in thy mercy: my heart shall rejoice in thy salvation.

I will sing unto the Lord: because he hath dealt bountifully with me.

*Psalm.* How long wilt thou forget me, O Lord: how long wilt thou hide thy face from me?

*Glory be to the Father, etc.*

## COLLECT

**O** GOD, the Strength of all them that put their trust in thee; mercifully accept our prayers; and because through the weakness of our mortal nature we can do no good thing without thee, grant us the help of thy grace, that in keeping thy commandments we may please thee, both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## EPISTLE. I John 4:16-21

**G**OD is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him. Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love. We love him, because he first loved us. If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen? And this commandment have we from him, That he who loveth God love his brother also.

## GOSPEL. Luke 16:19-31

**T**HERE was a certain rich man, which was clothed in purple and fine linen, and fared sumptuously every day: and there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, which was laid at his gate full of sores, and desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table: moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. And it came to pass, that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom: the rich man also died, and was buried; and in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. And he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame. But Abraham said, Son, remember that thou in thy lifetime receivedst thy good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things: but now he is com-



forted, and thou art tormented. And beside all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed: so that they which would pass from hence to you cannot; neither can they pass to us, that would come from thence. Then he said, I pray thee therefore, father, that thou wouldest send him to my father's house: for I have five brethren; that he may testify unto them, lest they also come into this place of torment. Abraham saith unto him, They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them. And he said, Nay, father Abraham: but if one went unto them from the dead, they will repent. And he said unto him, If they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded, though one rose from the dead.

## SECONDARY LECTONARY

Acts 4:32-35; Matthew 13:31-35; Deuteronomy 6:4-13

*The Second Sunday after Trinity*

## INTROIT

**T**HE Lord was my stay: he brought me forth also into a large place.

He delivered me: because he delighted in me.

*Psalm.* I will love thee, O Lord, my Strength: The Lord is my Rock, and my Fortress.

*Glory be to the Father, etc.*

## COLLECT

**O** LORD, who never failest to help and govern those whom thou dost bring up in thy steadfast fear and love; make us to have a perpetual fear and love of thy holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## EPISTLE. I John 3:13-18

**M**ARVEL not, my brethren, if the world hate you. We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren. He that loveth not his brother abideth in death. Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer: and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him. Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren. But whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him? My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth.

## GOSPEL. Luke 14:16-24

**T**HEN said he unto him, A certain man made a great supper, and bade many: and sent his servant to supper time to say to them that were bidden, Come: for all things are now ready. And they all with one consent began to make excuse. The first said unto him, I have bought a piece of ground, and I must needs go and see it: I pray thee have me excused. And another said, I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to prove them: I pray thee have me excused. And another said, I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come. So that servant came and showed his lord these things. Then the master of the house being angry said to his servant, Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in hither the poor, and the maimed, and the halt, and the blind. And the servant said, Lord, it is done as thou

hast commanded, and yet there is room. And the lord said unto the servant, Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled. For I say unto you, That none of those men which were bidden shall taste of my supper.

## SECONDARY LECTIONARY

Romans 10:1-15; Matthew 9:9-13; Proverbs 9:1-10

*The Third Sunday after Trinity*

## INTROIT

**T**URN thee unto me, and have mercy upon me: for I am desolate and afflicted.

Look upon mine affliction and my pain: and forgive all my sins.

*Psalm.* Unto thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul: O my God, I trust in thee, let me not be ashamed.

*Glory be to the Father, etc.*

## COLLECT

**O** GOD, the Protector of all that trust in thee, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy; increase and multiply upon us thy mercy; that thou being our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we finally lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

EPISTLE. I Peter 5:6-11

**H**UMBLE yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time: casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you. Be

sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: whom resist stedfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world. But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you. To him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

GOSPEL. Luke 15:1-10

**T**HEN drew near unto him all the publicans and sinners for to hear him. And the Pharisees and scribes murmured, saying, This man receiveth sinners, and eateth with them. And he spake this parable unto them, saying, What man of you, having an hundred sheep, if he lose one of them, doth not leave the ninety and nine in the wilderness, and go after that which is lost, until he find it? And when he hath found it, he layeth it on his shoulders, rejoicing. And when he cometh home, he calleth together his friends and neighbours, saying unto them, Rejoice with me; for I have found my sheep which was lost. I say unto you, that likewise joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repenteth, more than over ninety and nine just persons, which need no repentance. Either what woman having ten pieces of silver, if she lose one piece, doth not light a candle, and sweep the house, and seek diligently till she find it? And when she hath found it, she calleth her friends and her neighbours together, saying, Rejoice with me; for I have found the piece which I had lost. Likewise, I say unto you.

there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth.

## SECONDARY LECTONARY

Acts 3:1-16; Luke 15:11-32; Isaiah 12

*The Fourth Sunday after Trinity*

## INTROIT

**T**HE Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear: The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

When the wicked, even mine enemies and my foes, came upon me: they stumbled and fell.

*Psalm.* Though an host should encamp against me: my heart shall not fear.

*Glory be to the Father, etc.*

## COLLECT

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

EPISTLE. Romans 8:18-23

**F**OR I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us. For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God. For the creature was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but by reason of him who hath subjected the same in hope, because the creature itself also shall be de-

livered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God. For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now. And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body.

GOSPEL. Luke 6:36-42

**B**E ye therefore merciful, as your Father also is merciful. Judge not, and ye shall not be judged: condemn not, and ye shall not be condemned: forgive, and ye shall be forgiven: give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again. And he spake a parable unto them, Can the blind lead the blind? shall they not both fall into the ditch? The disciple is not above his master: but every one that is perfect shall be as his master. And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but perceivest not the beam that is in thine own eye? Either how canst thou say to thy brother, Brother, let me pull out the mote that is in thine eye, when thou thyself beholdest not the beam that is in thine own eye? Thou hypocrite, cast out first the beam out of thine own eye, and then shalt thou see clearly to pull out the mote that is in thy brother's eye.

## SECONDARY LECTONARY

Acts 4:1-12; Matthew 5:13-16; Isaiah 65:17-19, 24, 25



*The Fifth Sunday after Trinity*

## INTROIT

HEAR, O Lord, when I cry with my voice: Thou hast been my help.

Leave me not, neither forsake me: O God of my Salvation.

*Psalm.* The Lord is my light and my salvation: whom shall I fear?

*Glory be to the Father, etc.*

## COLLECT

O GOD, who hast prepared for them that love thee such good things as pass man's understanding; pour into our hearts such love toward thee, that we, loving thee above all things, may obtain thy promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## EPISTLE. I Peter 3:8-15

FINALLY, be ye all of one mind, having compassion one of another, love as brethren, be pitiful, be courteous: not rendering evil for evil, or railing for railing: but contrariwise blessing; knowing that ye are thereunto called, that ye should inherit a blessing. For he that will love life, and see good days, let him refrain his tongue from evil, and his lips that they speak no guile: let him eschew evil, and do good; let him seek peace, and ensue it. For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and his ears are open unto their prayers: but the face of the Lord is against them that do evil. And who is he that will harm you, if ye be followers of that which

is good? But and if ye suffer for righteousness' sake, happy are ye: and be not afraid of their terror, neither be troubled; but sanctify the Lord God in your hearts.

## GOSPEL. Luke 5:1-11

AND it came to pass, that, as the people pressed upon him to hear the word of God, he stood by the lake of Gennesaret, and saw two ships standing by the lake: but the fishermen were gone out of them, and were washing their nets. And he entered into one of the ships, which was Simon's, and prayed him that he would thrust out a little from the land. And he sat down, and taught the people out of the ship. Now when he had left speaking, he said unto Simon, Launch out into the deep, and let down your nets for a draught. And Simon answering said unto him, Master, we have toiled all the night, and have taken nothing: nevertheless at thy word I will let down the net. And when they had this done, they inclosed a great multitude of fishes: and their net brake. And they beckoned unto their partners, which were in the other ship, that they should come and help them. And they came, and filled both the ships, so that they began to sink. When Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, Depart from me; for I am a sinful man, O Lord. For he was astonished, and all that were with him, at the draught of the fishes which they had taken: and so was also James, and John, the sons of Zebedee, which were partners with Simon. And Jesus said unto Simon, Fear not; from henceforth thou shalt catch men. And when they had brought their ships to land, they forsook all, and followed him.

## SECONDARY LECTIONARY

Acts 5:34-42; Luke 9:18-26; Lamentations 3:22-32

*The Sixth Sunday after Trinity*

## INTROIT

THE Lord is the strength of his people: he is the saving strength of his anointed.

Save thy people, and bless thine inheritance: feed them also, and lift them up forever.

*Psalm.* Unto thee will I cry, O Lord, my Rock; be not silent unto me: lest if thou be silent to me, I become like them that go down into the pit.

*Glory be to the Father, etc.*

## COLLECT

LORD of all power and might, who art the author and giver of all good things; graft in our hearts the love of thy Name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of thy great mercy keep us in the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## EPISTLE. Romans 6:3-11

KNOW ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection: knowing this, that our old man is cru-

cified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin. For he that is dead is freed from sin. Now if we be dead with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him: knowing that Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; death hath no more dominion over him. For in that he died, he died unto sin once: but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God. Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## GOSPEL. Matthew 5:20-26

FOR I say unto you, That except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven. Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not kill; and whosoever shall kill shall be in danger of the judgment: but I say unto you, That whosoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment: and whosoever shall say to his brother, Raca, shall be in danger of the council: but whosoever shall say, Thou fool, shall be in danger of hell fire. Therefore if thou bring thy gift to the altar, and there rememberest that thy brother hath ought against thee; leave there thy gift before the altar, and go thy way; first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift. Agree with thine adversary quickly, whiles thou art in the way with him; lest at any time the adversary deliver thee to the judge, and the judge deliver thee to the officer, and thou be cast into prison. Verily I say unto thee, Thou shalt by no means

come out thence, till thou hast paid the uttermost farthing.

## SECONDARY LECTONARY

Acts 8:26-38; Matthew 21:28-32; Psalm 1

*The Seventh Sunday after Trinity*

## INTROIT

**O** CLAP your hands : all ye people.  
Shout unto God : with the voice of triumph.

*Psalm.* He shall subdue the people under us : and the nations under our feet.

*Glory be to the Father, etc.*

## COLLECT

**O** GOD, whose never-failing Providence ordereth all things both in heaven and earth; we humbly beseech thee to put away from us all hurtful things, and to give us those things which be profitable for us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

EPISTLE. Romans 6:19-23

**I** SPEAK after the manner of men because of the infirmity of your flesh: for as ye have yielded your members servants to uncleanness and to iniquity unto iniquity; even so now yield your members servants to righteousness unto holiness. For when ye were the servants of sin, ye were free from righteousness. What fruit had ye then in those things whereof ye are now ashamed? for the end of those things is death. But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God,

ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life. For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

GOSEL. Matthew 9:35-38

**A**ND Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people. But when he saw the multitude, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd. Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few; Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest.

## SECONDARY LECTONARY

I Timothy 6:6-12; Mark 4:26-29; Isaiah 62:6-12

*The Eighth Sunday after Trinity*

## INTROIT

**W**E have thought of thy lovingkindness, O God : in the midst of thy temple.

According to thy name, O God, so is thy praise unto the ends of the earth : thy right hand is full of righteousness.

*Psalm.* Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised : in the city of our God, in the mountain of his holiness.

*Glory be to the Father, etc.*



## COLLECT

**G**RANT to us, Lord, we beseech thee, the spirit to think and do always such things as are right; that we, who cannot do anything that is good without thee, may by thee be enabled to live according to thy will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

EPISTLE. Romans 8:12-17

**T**HEREFORE, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh. For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live. For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: and if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together.

GOSPEL. Matthew 7:15-23

**B**EWARE of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves. Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles? Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit: but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit. A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire. Wherefore by

their fruits ye shall know them. Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.

## SECONDARY LECTIONARY

Acts 16:16-32; Matthew 12:46-50; Jeremiah 23:16-19

*The Ninth Sunday after Trinity*

## INTROIT

**B**EHOLD, God is mine helper: the Lord is with them that uphold my soul.

He shall reward evil unto mine enemies: cut them off in thy truth, O Lord.

*Psalm.* Save me, O God, by thy Name: and judge me by thy strength.

*Glory be to the Father, etc.*

## COLLECT

**L**ET thy merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of thy humble servants: and, that they may obtain their petitions, make them to ask such things as shall please thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

EPISTLE. I Corinthians 10:6-13

NOW these things were our examples, to the intent we should not lust after evil things, as they also lusted. Neither be ye idolaters, as *were* some of them; as it is written, The people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to play. Neither let us commit fornication, as some of them committed, and fell in one day three and twenty thousand. Neither let us tempt Christ, as some of them also tempted, and were destroyed of serpents. Neither murmur ye, as some of them also murmured, and were destroyed of the destroyer. Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come. Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall. There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.

GOSPEL. Luke 15:11-24

AND he said, A certain man had two sons: And the younger of them said to *his* father, Father, give me the portion of goods that falleth to *me*. And he divided unto them *his* living. And not many days after the younger son gathered all together, and took his journey into a far country, and there wasted his substance with riotous living. And when he had spent all, there arose a mighty famine in that land; and he began to be in want. And he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country; and he sent him into his fields to feed

swine. And he would fain have filled his belly with the husks that the swine did eat: and no man gave unto him. And when he came to himself, he said, How many hired servants of my father's have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and I will say unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and before thee, and am no more worthy to be called thy son: make me as one of thy hired servants. And he arose, and came to his father. But when he was yet a great way off, his father saw him, and had compassion, and ran, and fell on his neck, and kissed him. And the son said unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and in thy sight, and am no more worthy to be called thy son. But the father said to his servants, Bring forth the best robe, and put *it* on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on *his* feet: And bring hither the fatted calf, and kill *it*; and let us eat, and be merry: For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found. And they began to be merry.

SECONDARY LECTIONARY

Acts 17:16-34; Matthew 13:44-46; Proverbs 16:1-9

*The Tenth Sunday after Trinity*

INTROIT

AS for me, I will call upon God, and he shall hear my voice: he hath delivered my soul in peace from the battle that was against me.

God shall hear and afflict them, even he that abideth of old: Cast thy burden upon the Lord, and he shall sustain thee.

*Psalm.* Give ear to my prayer, O God: and hide not thyself from my supplication.

*Glory be to the Father, etc.*

## COLLECT

**O** GOD, who declarest thine almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity; mercifully grant unto us such a measure of thy grace, that we, running the way of thy commandments, may obtain thy gracious promises, and be made partakers of thy heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## EPISTLE. I Corinthians 12:1-11

**N**OW concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I would not have you ignorant. Ye know that ye were Gentiles, carried away unto these dumb idols, even as ye were led. Wherefore I give you to understand, that no man speaking by the Spirit of God calleth Jesus accursed: and that no man can say that Jesus is the Lord, but by the Holy Spirit. Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. And there are differences of administrations, but the same Lord. And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same God which worketh all in all. But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal. For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit; to another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit; to another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of

tongues: but all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will.

## GOSPEL. Luke 19:41-48

**A**ND when he was come near, he beheld the city, and wept over it, saying, If thou hadst known, even thou, at least in this thy day, the things which belong unto thy peace! but now they are hid from thine eyes. For the days shall come upon thee, that thine enemies shall cast a trench about thee, and compass thee round, and keep thee in on every side, and shall lay thee even with the ground, and thy children within thee; and they shall not leave in thee one stone upon another; because thou knewest not the time of thy visitation. And he went into the temple, and began to cast out them that sold therein, and them that bought; saying unto them, It is written, My house is the house of prayer: but ye have made it a den of thieves. And he taught daily in the temple. But the chief priests and the scribes and the chief of the people sought to destroy him, and could not find what they might do: for all the people were very attentive to hear him.

## SECONDARY LECTIONARY

Acts 20:17-38; Matthew 23:34-39; Jeremiah 7:1-11

*The Eleventh Sunday after Trinity*

## INTROIT

**G**OD is in his holy habitation: he is God who setteth the solitary in families.

The God of Israel is he that giveth strength: and power unto his people.



*Psalm.* Let God arise, let his enemies be scattered :  
let them also that hate him flee before him.

*Glory be to the Father, etc.*

## COLLECT

**A**LMIGHTY and Everlasting God, who art always more ready to hear than we to pray, and art wont to give more than either we desire or deserve; pour down upon us the abundance of thy mercy, forgiving us those things whereof our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask, but through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Lord. *Amen.*

EPISTLE. I Corinthians 15:1-10

**M**OREOVER, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand; by which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain. For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; and that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures: and that he was seen of Cephas, then of the twelve: after that, he was seen of above five hundred brethren at once; of whom the greater part remain unto this present, but some are fallen asleep. After that, he was seen of James; then of all the apostles. And last of all he was seen of me also, as of one born out of due time. For I am the least of the apostles, that am not meet to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the

church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am: and his grace which was bestowed upon me was not in vain; but I laboured more abundantly than they all: yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me.

GOSPEL. Luke 18:9-14

**A**ND he spake this parable unto certain which trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and despised others: Two men went up into the temple to pray; the one a Pharisee, and the other a publican. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, God, I thank thee, that I am not as other men are, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this publican. I fast twice in the week, I give tithes of all that I possess. And the publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying, God be merciful to me a sinner. I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other: for every one that exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted.

## SECONDARY LECTIONARY

Romans 8:33-39; Luke 7:36-50; Daniel 9:15-18

*The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity*

## INTROIT

**M**AKE haste, O God, to deliver me: make haste to help me, O Lord.

Let them be ashamed and confounded: that seek after my soul.

*Psalm.* Let them be turned backward, and put to confusion: that desire my hurt.

*Glory be to the Father, etc.*

## COLLECT

**A**Lmighty and Merciful God, of whose only gift it cometh that thy faithful people do unto thee true and laudable service; grant, we beseech thee, that we may so faithfully serve thee in this life, that we fail not finally to attain thy heavenly promises; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## EPISTLE. II Corinthians 3:4-11

**A**ND such trust have we through Christ to Godward: not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think any thing as of ourselves; but our sufficiency is of God; who also hath made us able ministers of the new testament: not of the letter, but of the spirit: for the letter killeth, but the spirit giveth life. But if the ministration of death, written and engraven in stones, was glorious, so that the children of Israel could not stedfastly behold the face of Moses for the glory of his countenance; which glory was to be done away: how shall not the ministration of the spirit be rather glorious? For if the ministration of condemnation be glory, much more doth the ministration of righteousness exceed in glory. For even that which was made glorious had no glory in this respect, by reason of the glory that excelleth. For if that which is done away was glorious, much more that which remaineth is glorious.

## GOSPEL. Mark 7:31-37

**A**ND again, departing from the coasts of Tyre and Sidon, he came unto the sea of Galilee, through the midst of the coasts of Decapolis. And they bring unto him one that was deaf, and had an impediment in his speech; and they beseech him to put his hand upon him. And he took him aside from the multitude, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spit, and touched his tongue; and looking up to heaven, he sighed, and saith unto him, Ephphatha, that is, Be opened. And straightway his ears were opened, and the string of his tongue was loosed, and he spake plain. And he charged them that they should tell no man: but the more he charged them, so much the more a great deal they published it; and were beyond measure astonished, saying, He hath done all things well: he maketh both the deaf to hear, and the dumb to speak.

## SECONDARY LECTIONARY

Acts 16: 9-15; John 8: 31-36; Isaiah 29: 18-21

*The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity*

## INTROIT

**H**AVE respect, O Lord, unto thy covenant: O let not the oppressed return ashamed.  
Arise, O God, plead thine own cause: And forget not the voice of thine enemies.

*Psalm.* O God, why hast thou cast us off forever: why doth thine anger smoke against the sheep of thy pasture?

*Glory be to the Father, etc.*

## COLLECT

**A**LMIGHTY and Everlasting God, give unto us the increase of faith, hope, and charity; and that we may obtain that which thou dost promise, make us to love that which thou dost command; through Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Lord. *Amen.*

## EPISTLE. Galatians 3:15-22

**B**RETHREN, I speak after the manner of men; Though it be but a man's covenant, yet if it be confirmed, no man disannulleth, or addeth thereto. Now to Abraham and his seed were the promises made. He saith not, And to seeds, as of many; but as of one, And to thy seed, which is Christ. And this I say, that the covenant, that was confirmed before of God in Christ, the law, which was four hundred and thirty years after, cannot disannul, that it should make the promise of none effect. For if the inheritance be of the law, it is no more of promise: but God gave it to Abraham by promise. Wherefore then serveth the law? It was added because of transgressions, till the seed should come to whom the promise was made; and it was ordained by angels in the hand of a mediator. Now a mediator is not a mediator of one, but God is one. Is the law then against the promises of God? God forbid: for if there had been a law given which could have given life, verily righteousness should have been by the law. But the scripture hath concluded all under sin, that the promise by faith of Jesus Christ might be given to them that believe.

## GOSPEL. Luke 10:23-37

**A**ND he turned him unto his disciples, and said privately, Blessed are the eyes which see the things that ye see: for I tell you, that many prophets and kings have desired to see those things which ye see, and have not seen them; and to hear those things which ye hear, and have not heard them. And, behold, a certain lawyer stood up, and tempted him, saying, Master, what shall I do to inherit eternal life? He said unto him, What is written in the law? how readest thou? And he answering said, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbour as thyself. And he said unto him, Thou hast answered right: this do, and thou shalt live. But he, willing to justify himself, said unto Jesus, And who is my neighbour? And Jesus answering said, A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, which stripped him of his raiment, and wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead. And by chance there came down a certain priest that way: and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. And likewise a Levite, when he was at the place, came and looked on him, and passed by on the other side. But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was: and when he saw him, he had compassion on him, and went to him, and bound up his wounds, pouring in oil and wine, and set him on his own beast, and brought him to an inn, and took care of him. And on the morrow when he departed, he took out two pence, and gave them to the host,



and said unto him, Take care of him; and whatsoever thou spendest more, when I come again, I will repay thee. Which now of these three, thinkest thou, was neighbour unto him that fell among the thieves? And he said, He that showed mercy on him. Then said Jesus unto him, Go, and do thou likewise.

## SECONDARY LECTONARY

I Peter 2:1-10; Mark 12:41-44; Zechariah 7:4-10

*The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity*

## INTROIT

**B**EHOLD, O God our Shield: and look upon the face of thine Anointed;

For a day in thy courts: is better than a thousand.

*Psalm.* How amiable are thy tabernacles, O Lord of Hosts: My soul longeth, yea, even fainteth for the courts of the Lord.

*Glory be to the Father, etc.*

## COLLECT

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

EPISTLE. Galatians 5:16-24

**T**HIS I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh. For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and

these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would. But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law. Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God. But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: against such there is no law. And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts.

GOSPEL. Luke 17:11-19

**A**ND it came to pass, as he went to Jerusalem, that he passed through the midst of Samaria and Galilee. And as he entered into a certain village, there met him ten men that were lepers, which stood afar off: and they lifted up their voices, and said, Jesus, Master, have mercy on us. And when he saw them, he said unto them, Go show yourselves unto the priests. And it came to pass, that, as they went, they were cleansed. And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, and with a loud voice glorified God, and fell down on his face at his feet, giving him thanks: and he was a Samaritan. And Jesus answering said, Were there not ten cleansed? but where are the nine? There are not found that returned to give glory to God, save this stranger.

And he said unto him, Arise, go thy way: thy faith hath made thee whole.

## SECONDARY LECTIONARY

I Timothy 1:12-17; John 5:1-14; Psalm 50:14-23

*The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity*

## INTROIT

**B**OW down thine ear, O Lord, hear me: O thou, my God, save thy servant that trusteth in thee.

Be merciful unto me, O Lord: for I cry unto thee daily.

*Psalm.* Rejoice the soul of thy servant: for unto thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul.

*Glory be to the Father, etc.*

## COLLECT

**O**LORD, we beseech thee, let thy continual pity cleanse and defend thy Church; and because it cannot continue in safety without thy succor, preserve it evermore by thy help and goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

EPISTLE. Galatians 5:25—6:10

**I**F we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit. Let us not be desirous of vain glory, provoking one another, envying one another. Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted. Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ. For if a man think himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceiveth

himself. But let every man prove his own work, and then shall he have rejoicing in himself alone, and not in another. For every man shall bear his own burden. Let him that is taught in the word communicate unto him that teacheth in all good things. Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting. And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not. As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith.

GOSPEL. Matthew 6:24-34

**N**O man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon. Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment? Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they? Which of you by taking thought can add one cubit unto his stature? And why take ye thought for raiment? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin: and yet I say unto you, That even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the

field, which to day is, and tomorrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith? Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed? (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things. But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you. Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof.

## SECONDARY LECTIONARY

II Thessalonians 3:6-13; John 11:1-11; I Kings 17:8-16

*The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity*

## INTROIT

**B**E merciful unto me, O Lord: for I cry unto thee daily.

For thou, Lord, art good, and ready to forgive: and plenteous in mercy unto all them that call upon thee.

*Psalm.* Bow down thine ear, O Lord, hear me: for I am poor and needy.

*Glory be to the Father, etc.*

## COLLECT

**L**ORD, we pray thee, that thy grace may always go before and follow after us, and make us continually to be given to all good works; through Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

## EPISTLE. Ephesians 3:13-21

**W**HEREFORE I desire that ye faint not at my tribulations for you, which is your glory. For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, that he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man; that Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; and to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God. Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, unto him be glory in the church of Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.

## GOSPEL. Luke 7:11-17

**A**ND it came to pass the day after, that he went into a city called Nain; and many of his disciples went with him, and much people. Now when he came nigh to the gate of the city, behold, there was a dead man carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow: and much people of the city was with her. And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her, and said unto her, Weep not. And he came and touched the bier: and they that bare him stood still. And he said, Young man, I say unto thee, Arise. And he that was dead sat up, and began to speak. And he delivered him to his mother. And there came a fear on all: and they



glorified God, saying, That a great prophet is risen up among us; and, That God hath visited his people. And this rumour of him went forth throughout all Judæa, and throughout all the region round about.

## SECONDARY LECTONARY

Hebrews 12:18-24; Matthew 11:25-30; Job 5:17-26

*The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity*

## INTROIT

**R**IGHTEOUS art thou, O Lord: and upright are thy judgments.

Deal with thy servant: according to thy mercy.

*Psalm.* Blessed are the undefiled in the way: who walk in the law of the Lord.

*Glory be to the Father, etc.*

## COLLECT

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

EPISTLE. Ephesians 4:1-6

**I**THEREFORE, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called, with all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love; endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one

hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.

GOSPEL. Luke 14:1-11

**A**ND it came to pass, as he went into the house of one of the chief Pharisees to eat bread on the sabbath day, that they watched him. And, behold, there was a certain man before him which had the dropsy. And Jesus answering spake unto the lawyers and Pharisees, saying, Is it lawful to heal on the sabbath day? And they held their peace. And he took him, and healed him, and let him go; and answered them, saying, Which of you shall have an ass or an ox fallen into a pit, and will not straightway pull him out on the sabbath day? And they could not answer him again to these things. And he put forth a parable to those which were bidden, when he marked how they chose out the chief rooms; saying unto them, When thou art bidden of any man to a wedding, sit not down in the highest room; lest a more honorable man than thou be bidden of him; and he that bade thee and him come and say to thee, Give this man place; and thou begin with shame to take the lowest room. But when thou art bidden, go and sit down in the lowest room; that when he that bade thee cometh, he may say unto thee, Friend, go up higher: then shalt thou have worship in the presence of them that sit at meat with thee. For whosoever exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted.

SECONDARY LECTONARY

Hebrews 4:9-13; Matthew 12:1-8; Psalm 75:4-7

*The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity*

## INTROIT

**R**EWARD them that wait for thee, O Lord : and let thy prophets be found faithful.

Hear the prayer of thy servants : and of thy people Israel.

*Psalm.* I was glad when they said unto me : Let us go into the house of the Lord.

*Glory be to the Father, etc.*

## COLLECT

**O** GOD, forasmuch as without thee we are not able to please thee; mercifully grant, that thy Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## EPISTLE. I Corinthians 1:4-9

**I** THANK my God always on your behalf, for the grace of God which is given you by Jesus Christ; that in every thing ye are enriched by him, in all utterance, and in all knowledge; even as the testimony of Christ was confirmed in you: so that ye come behind in no gift; waiting for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ: who shall also confirm you unto the end, that ye may be blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, by whom ye were called unto the fellowship of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

## GOSPEL. Matthew 22:34-46

**B**UT when the Pharisees had heard that he had put the Sadducees to silence, they were gathered together. Then one of them, which was a lawyer, asked him a question, tempting him, and saying, Master, which is the great commandment in the law? Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets. While the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them, saying, What think ye of Christ? whose son is he? They say unto him, The son of David. He saith unto them, How then doth David in spirit call him Lord, saying, The Lord said unto my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand, till I make thine enemies thy footstool? If David then call him Lord, how is he his son? And no man was able to answer him a word, neither durst any man from that day forth ask him any more questions.

## SECONDARY LECTIONARY

James 2:10-17; Mark 10:17-27; II Chronicles 1:7-12

*The Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity*

## INTROIT

**S**AY unto my soul, I am thy salvation : The righteous cry, and the Lord heareth.  
He delivereth them out of all their troubles : He is their God forever and ever.

*Psalm.* Give ear, O my people, to my law: incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

*Glory be to the Father, etc.*

## COLLECT

**O** ALMIGHTY and most Merciful God, of thy bountiful goodness keep us, we beseech thee, from all things that may hurt us; that we, being ready, both in body and soul, may cheerfully accomplish those things that thou wouldst have done; through Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Lord. *Amen.*

EPISTLE. Ephesians 4:22-28

**T**HAT ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts; and be renewed in the spirit of your mind; and that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness. Wherefore putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbour: for we are members one of another. Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath: neither give place to the devil. Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labour, working with his hands, the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth.

GOSPEL. Matthew 9:1-8

**A**ND he entered into a ship, and passed over, and came into his own city. And, behold, they brought to him a man sick of the palsy, lying on a bed: and Jesus seeing their faith said unto the sick of the palsy; Son, be-

of good cheer; thy sins be forgiven thee. And, behold, certain of the scribes said within themselves, This man blasphemeth. And Jesus knowing their thoughts said, Wherefore think ye evil in your hearts? For whether is easier, to say, Thy sins be forgiven thee; or to say, Arise, and walk? But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins, (then saith he to the sick of the palsy,) Arise, take up thy bed, and go unto thine house. And he arose, and departed to his house. But when the multitudes saw it, they marvelled, and glorified God, which had given such power unto men.

## SECONDARY LECTIONARY

James 5:13-20; John 9:24-41; Psalm 32:1-7

*The Twentieth Sunday after Trinity*

## INTROIT

**T**HE Lord our God is righteous in all his works which he doeth: for we obeyed not his voice.  
Give glory to thy Name, O Lord: and deal with us according to the multitude of thy mercies.

*Psalm.* Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised: in the city of our God, in the mountain of his holiness.  
*Glory be to the Father, etc.*

## COLLECT

**G**RANT, we beseech thee, merciful Lord, to thy faithful people pardon and peace, that they may be cleansed from all their sins, and serve thee with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*



EPISTLE. Ephesians 5:15-21

SEE then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil. Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is. And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit; speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord; giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ; submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God.

GOSPEL. Matthew 22:1-14

AND Jesus answered and spake unto them again by a parables, and said, The kingdom of heaven is like unto a certain king, which made a marriage for his son, and sent forth his servants to call them that were bidden to the wedding: and they would not come. Again, he sent forth other servants, saying, Tell them which are bidden, Behold, I have prepared my dinner: my oxen and my fatlings are killed, and all things are ready: come unto the marriage. But they made light of it, and went their ways, one to his farm, another to his merchandise: and the remnant took his servants, and entreated them spitefully, and slew them. But when the king heard thereof, he was wroth: and he sent forth his armies, and destroyed those murderers, and burned up their city. Then said he to his servants, The wedding is ready, but they which were bidden were not worthy. Go ye therefore into the highways, and as many as ye shall find, bid

to the marriage. So those servants went out into the highways, and gathered together all as many as they found, both bad and good: and the wedding was furnished with guests. And when the king came in to see the guests, he saw there a man which had not on a wedding garment: and he saith unto him, Friend, how camest thou in hither not having a wedding garment? And he was speechless. Then said the king to the servants, Bind him hand and foot, and take him away, and cast him into outer darkness; there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth. For many are called, but few are chosen.

SECONDARY LECTIONARY

Romans 14:1-9; John 15:1-8; Proverbs 2:1-8

*The Twenty-first Sunday after Trinity*

INTROIT

THE whole world is in thy power, O Lord, King Almighty: there is no man that can gainsay thee.

For thou hast made heaven and earth, and all the wondrous things under the heaven: thou art Lord of all.

*Psalm.* Blessed are the undefiled in the way: who walk in the law of the Lord.

*Glory be to the Father, etc.*

COLLECT

LORD, we beseech thee to keep thy household, the Church, in continual godliness; that through thy protection it may be free from all adversities, and devoutly given to serve thee in good works, to the glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

EPISTLE. Ephesians 6:10-17

**F**INALLY, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Wherefore take unto you the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; and your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

GOSPEL. John 4:46-54

**A**ND there was a certain nobleman, whose son was sick at Capernaum. When he heard that Jesus was come out of Judæa into Galilee, he went unto him, and besought him that he would come down, and heal his son: for he was at the point of death. Then said Jesus unto him. Except ye see signs and wonders, ye will not believe. The nobleman saith unto him, Sir, come down ere my child die. Jesus saith unto him, Go thy way; thy son liveth. And the man believed the word that Jesus had spoken unto him, and he went his way. And as he was now going down, his servants met him, and told

him, saying, Thy son liveth. Then enquired he of them the hour when he began to amend. And they said unto him, Yesterday at the seventh hour the fever left him. So the father knew that it was at the same hour, in the which Jesus said unto him, Thy son liveth: and himself believed, and his whole house. This is again the second miracle that Jesus did, when he was come out of Judæa into Galilee.

SECONDARY LECTONARY

Ephesians 6:1-9; Mark 10:13-16; II Samuel 7:17-29

*The Twenty-second Sunday after Trinity*

INTROIT

**I**F thou, Lord, shouldest mark iniquities: O Lord, who shall stand?

But there is forgiveness with thee: that thou mayest be feared, O God of Israel.

*Psalm.* Out of the depths have I cried unto thee, O Lord: Lord, hear my voice.

*Glory be to the Father, etc.*

COLLECT

**O** GOD, our Refuge and Strength, who art the author of all godliness; be ready, we beseech thee, to hear the devout prayers of thy Church; and grant that those things which we ask faithfully, we may obtain effectually; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

EPISTLE. Philippians 1:3-11

I THANK my God upon every remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making request with joy, for your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now; being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ: ever as it is meet for me to think this of you all, because I have you in my heart; inasmuch as both in my bonds, and in the defence and confirmation of the gospel, ye all are partakers of my grace. For God is my record, how greatly I long after you all in the bowels of Jesus Christ. And this I pray, that your love may abound yet more and more in knowledge and in all judgment; that ye may approve things that are excellent; that ye may be sincere and without offence till the day of Christ; being filled with the fruits of righteousness, which are by Jesus Christ, unto the glory and praise of God.

GOSPEL. Matthew 18:23-35

THEREFORE is the kingdom of heaven likened unto a certain king, which would take account of his servants. And when he had begun to reckon, one was brought unto him, which owed him ten thousand talents. But forasmuch as he had not to pay, his lord commanded him to be sold, and his wife, and children, and all that he had, and payment to be made. The servant therefore fell down, and worshipped him, saying, Lord, have patience with me, and I will pay thee all. Then the lord of that servant was moved with compassion, and loosed

him, and forgave him the debt. But the same servant went out, and found one of his fellowservants, which owed him an hundred pence: and he laid hands on him, and took him by the throat, saying, Pay me that thou owest. And his fellowservant fell down at his feet, and besought him, saying, Have patience with me, and I will pay thee all. And he would not: but went and cast him into prison, till he should pay the debt. So when his fellowservants saw what was done, they were very sorry, and came and told unto their lord all that was done. Then his lord, after that he had called him, said unto him, O thou wicked servant, I forgave thee all that debt, because thou desiredst me: shouldest not thou also have had compassion on thy fellowservant, even as I had pity on thee? And his lord was wroth, and delivered him to the tormentors, till he should pay all that was due unto him. So likewise shall my heavenly Father do also unto you, if ye from your hearts forgive not every one his brother their trespasses.

SECONDARY LECTONARY

Hebrews 13:1-9; Luke 9:57-62; Proverbs 24:14-20

*The Twenty-third Sunday after Trinity*

INTROIT

I KNOW the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the Lord: thoughts of peace, and not of evil.

Then shall ye call upon me, and pray unto me, and I will hearken unto you: and I will turn your captivity, and gather you from all nations and from all places.



*Psalm.* Lord, thou hast been favorable unto thy land :  
thou hast brought back the captivity of Jacob.

*Glory be to the Father, etc.*

## COLLECT

**A**BSOLVE, we beseech thee, O Lord, thy people from their offences; that from the bonds of our sins which, by reason of our frailty, we have brought upon us, we may be delivered by thy bountiful goodness; through Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, ever One God, world without end. *Amen.*

EPISTLE. Philippians 3:17-21

**B**RETHREN, be followers together of me, and mark them which walk so as ye have us for an ensample. (For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, that they are the enemies of the cross of Christ : whose end is destruction, whose God is their belly, and whose glory is in their shame, who mind earthly things.) For our conversation is in heaven from whence also we look for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ: who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able to subdue all things unto himself.

GOSPEL. Matthew 22:15-22

**T**HEN went the Pharisees, and took counsel how they might entangle him in his talk. And they sent out unto him their disciples with the Herodians, saying, Master, we know that thou art true, and teachest the way of

God in truth, neither carest thou for any man: for thou regardest not the person of men. Tell us therefore, What thinkest thou? Is it lawful to give tribute unto Cæsar, or not? But Jesus perceived their wickedness, and said, Why tempt ye me, ye hypocrites? Show me the tribute money. And they brought unto him a penny. And he saith unto them, Whose is this image and superscription? They say unto him, Cæsar's. Then saith he unto them, Render therefore unto Cæsar the things which are Cæsar's; and unto God the things that are God's. When they had heard these words, they marvelled, and left him, and went their way.

## SECONDARY LECTONARY

I Timothy 4:4-11; Matthew 10:24-33; Psalm 85:8-13

*The Twenty-fourth Sunday after Trinity*

## INTROIT

**O**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.

*Psalm.* O come, let us sing unto the Lord : let us make a joyful noise to the Rock of our salvation.

*Glory be to the Father, etc.*

## COLLECT

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

liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit ever One God, world without end. Amen.

EPISTLE. Colossians 1:9-14

FOR this cause we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to desire that ye might be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding; that ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God; strengthened with all might, according to his glorious power, unto all patience and longsuffering with joyfulness; giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light: who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son: in whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins.

GOSPEL. Matthew 9:18-26

WHILE he spake these things unto them, behold, there came a certain ruler, and worshipped him, saying, My daughter is even now dead: but come and lay thy hand upon her, and she shall live. And Jesus arose, and followed him, and so did his disciples. And, behold, a woman, which was diseased with an issue of blood twelve years, came behind him, and touched the hem of his garment: for she said within herself, If I may but touch his garment, I shall be whole. But Jesus turned him about, and when he saw her, he said, Daughter, be of good comfort; thy faith hath made thee whole.

And the woman was made whole from that hour. And when Jesus came into the ruler's house, and saw the minstrels, and the people making a noise, he said unto them, Give place: for the maid is not dead, but sleepeth. And they laughed him to scorn. But when the people were put forth, he went in, and took her by the hand, and the maid arose. And the fame hereof went abroad into all that land.

SECONDARY LECTIONARY

I Thessalonians 5:14-24; John 10:23-30; Psalm 39:5-14

*The Twenty-fifth Sunday after Trinity*

INTROIT

HAVE mercy upon me, O Lord, for I am in trouble: deliver me from the hand of mine enemies, and from them that persecute me.

Let me not be ashamed, O Lord: for I have called upon thee.

*Psalm.* In thee, O Lord, do I put my trust: let me never be ashamed.

*Glory be to the Father, etc.*

COLLECT

ALMIGHTY God, we beseech thee, show thy mercy unto thy humble servants, that we who put no trust in our own merits may not be dealt with after the severity of thy judgment, but according to thy mercy; through Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, ever One God, world without end. Amen.

EPISTLE. Revelation 7:13-17

AND one of the elders answered, saying unto me, What are these which are arrayed in white robes? and whence came they? And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. Therefore are they before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple: and he that sitteth on the throne shall dwell among them. They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat. For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters: and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes.

GOSPEL. John 14:1-6

LET not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also. And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know. Thomas saith unto him, Lord, we know not whither thou goest; and how can we know the way? Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

## SECONDARY LECTONARY

Hebrews 10:32-39; John 5:19-29; Job 14:1-5

*The Twenty-sixth Sunday after Trinity*

INTROIT

SAVE me, O God, by thy Name: and judge me by thy strength.

Hear my prayer, O God: give ear to the words of my mouth.

*Psalm.* He shall reward evil to mine enemies: cut them off in thy truth.

*Glory be to the Father, etc.*

COLLECT

O GOD, so rule and govern our hearts and minds by thy Holy Spirit, that being made ever mindful of the end of all things, and the day of thy just judgment, we may be stirred up to holiness of living here, and dwell with thee forever hereafter; through Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Lord. Amen.

EPISTLE. Revelation 21:1-7

AND I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God. And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no



more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away. And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful. And he said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely. He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son.

GOSPEL. Matthew 25:31-46

WHEN the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory: and before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats: and he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left. Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: for I was an hungered, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in: naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me. Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungered, and fed thee? or thirsty, and gave thee drink? when saw we thee a stranger, and took thee in? or naked, and clothed thee? or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee? And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto

you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me. Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels: for I was an hungered, and ye gave me no meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me no drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me not in: naked, and ye clothed me not: sick, and in prison, and ye visited me not. Then shall they also answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungered, or athirst, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not minister unto thee? Then shall he answer them, saying, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye did it not to one of the least of these, ye did it not to me. And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal.

SECONDARY LECTIONARY

Revelation 2:8-11; Luke 19:11-27; Psalm 126

*The Sunday Next before Advent*

¶ *The INTROIT, COLLECT, EPISTLE and GOSPEL here following, shall be used the LAST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY of each year.*

INTROIT

I AM Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending: which was, and which is to come, the Almighty.

Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them: and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.

*Psalm.* Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lift

up, ye everlasting doors: and the King of Glory shall come in.

*Glory be to the Father, etc.*

## COLLECT

**A**BSOLVE, we beseech thee, O Lord, thy people from their offences; that from the bonds of our sins which, by reason of our frailty, we have brought upon us, we may be delivered by thy bountiful goodness; through Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, ever One God, world without end. *Amen.*

## EPISTLE. I Thessalonians 5:1-11

**B**UT of the times and the seasons, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you. For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night. For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape. But ye brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief. Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness. Therefore let us not sleep, as do others; but let us watch and be sober. For they that sleep sleep in the night; and they that be drunken are drunken in the night. But let us, who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for an helmet, the hope of salvation. For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus

Christ, who died for us that, whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with him. Wherefore comfort yourselves together, and edify one another, even as also ye do.

## GOSPEL. Matthew 25:1-13

**T**HEN shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins, which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom. And five of them were wise, and five were foolish. They that were foolish took their lamps, and took no oil with them: but the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps. While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept. And at midnight there was a cry made, Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him. Then all those virgins arose, and trimmed their lamps. And the foolish said unto the wise, Give us of your oil; for our lamps are gone out. But the wise answered, saying, Not so; lest there be not enough for us and you: but go ye rather to them that sell, and buy for yourselves. And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage: and the door was shut. Afterward came also the other virgins, saying, Lord, Lord, open to us. But he answered and said, Verily I say unto you, I know you not. Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh.

## SECONDARY LECTIONARY

Revelation 7:9-17; Luke 12:35-43; Isaiah 35:3-10

*The Festival of the Reformation*

October 31

¶ *The Sunday preceding this Festival may be observed as REFORMATION SUNDAY, except when October 31st falls on Saturday, in which event the following day may be observed as REFORMATION SUNDAY.*

## INTROIT

THE Lord of Hosts is with us : the God of Jacob is our refuge.

Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed : and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea.

*Psalm.* God is our refuge and strength : a very present help in trouble.

*Glory be to the Father, etc.*

## COLLECT

OR Lord God, Heavenly Father, pour out, we beseech thee, thy Holy Spirit upon thy faithful people, keep them steadfast in thy grace and truth, protect and comfort them in all temptation, defend them against all enemies of thy Word, and bestow upon Christ's Church militant thy saving peace; through the same Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, ever One God, world without end. *Amen.*

*Or*

ALMIGHTY God, who, through the preaching of thy servants, the blessed reformers, hast caused the light of the Gospel to shine forth; grant, we beseech thee, that, knowing its saving power, we may faithfully guard and defend it against all enemies, and joyfully pro-

claim it, to the salvation of souls and the glory of thy holy Name; through Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Lord. *Amen.*

EPISTLE. Galatians 2:16-21

GOSPEL. John 8:31-36

*A Day of Humiliation and Prayer*

## INTROIT

HEAR, O heavens, and give ear, O earth, for the Lord hath spoken : I have nourished and brought up children, and they have rebelled against me.

They have forsaken the Lord, they have provoked the Holy One of Israel unto anger : they are gone away backward.

*Psalm.* If thou, Lord, shouldest mark iniquities : O Lord, who shall stand?

*Glory be to the Father, etc.*

## COLLECT

ALMIGHTY and most merciful God, our heavenly Father, of whose compassion there is no end, who art long-suffering, gracious, and plenteous in goodness and truth; forgiving iniquity, transgression and sin; we have sinned and done perversely, we have sinned and grievously offended thee; against thee, thee only, have we sinned and done evil in thy sight; but, we beseech thee, O Lord, remember not against us former iniquities; let thy tender mercies speedily prevent us, for we are brought very low; help us, O God of our salvation, and purge away our sins, for the glory of thy holy Name, and



for the sake of thy dear Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior.  
Amen.

EPISTLE. Revelation 3:1-6

GOSPEL. Luke 15:11-32

*A Day of General or Special Thanksgiving*

INTROIT

LET every thing that hath breath praise the Lord:  
Praise ye the Lord.

Praise him for his mighty acts: praise him according  
to his excellent greatness.

*Psalm.* Praise ye the Lord. Praise God in his sanc-  
tuary: praise Him in the firmament of his power.

*Glory be to the Father, etc.*

COLLECT

MOST merciful Father, who hast blessed the labors  
of the husbandman in the returns of the fruits of  
the earth; we give thee humble and hearty thanks for  
this thy bounty; beseeching thee to continue thy loving-  
kindness to us, that our land may still yield her increase,  
to thy glory and our comfort; through Jesus Christ our  
Lord. Amen.

LESSONS. Deuteronomy 8:1-20. Isaiah 26:1-12.

I Timothy 2:1-8

PROPER PSALMS FOR SEASONS AND  
DAYS

*¶ The Proper Psalms for Seasons and Days are so indicated  
that a semicolon separates those suited for use in the morning  
from those for use in the evening. The seven Psalms listed  
for use during Lent are the historic Penitential Psalms.*

Advent. 8, 50; 96, 97, 7, 9, 36, 57, 98.

Christmas. 19, 45, 85; 110, 132, 2, 8, 144.

The Epiphany. 46, 47, 48; 72, 117, 135, 96, 97, 98.

Ash Wednesday. 6, 32, 38; 102, 130, 143.

Lent. (The Penitential Psalms) 6, 32, 38, 51, 102, 130, 143.

Palm Sunday. 97, 110; 22, 23, 24, 130, 131.

Holy Week. 42, 43, 51, 71, 74, 94, 116, 120, 141, 142.

Good Friday. 22, 40, 54; 64, 69, 88.

Easter Day. 2, 57, 111; 113, 114, 118.

Ascension Day. 8, 15, 21; 24, 27, 93, 99.

Whitsunday. 48, 68; 104, 133, 145.

Trinity Sunday. 29, 33; 93, 97, 150.

The Transfiguration. 27, 61, 93; 84, 99, 133.

Thanksgiving Day and Harvest Festival. 65, 67, 103, 104,  
107; 126, 144, 145, 150.

## THE HISTORY OF THE PASSION OF OUR LORD

In the Words of the Four Evangelists

¶ *The History of the Passion of our Lord in the words of the Four Evangelists is divided into seven parts. It may be used during the Lenten Season or Holy Week, read as seven lessons by the minister or by the minister and congregation.*

PART I:

JESUS taketh with him Peter, and James, and John, and leadeth them up into an high mountain apart by themselves: and he was transfigured before them. And his raiment became shining, exceeding white as snow; so as no fuller on earth can white them. And there appeared unto them Elias with Moses: and they were talking with Jesus. And Peter answered and said to Jesus, Master, it is good for us to be here: and let us make three tabernacles; one for thee, and one for Moses, and one for Elias. For he wist not what to say; for they were sore afraid. And there was a cloud that overshadowed them: and a voice came out of the cloud, saying, This is my beloved Son: hear him. And suddenly, when they had looked round about, they saw no man any more, save Jesus only with themselves. And as they came down from the mountain, he charged them that they should tell no man what things they had seen, till the Son of man were risen from the dead. And they kept that saying with themselves, questioning one with another what the rising from the dead should mean. *Mark 9:2-10.*

And they departed thence, and passed through Galilee; and he would not that any man should know it. For he taught his disciples, and said unto them, The Son of

man is delivered into the hands of men, and they shall kill him; and after that he is killed, he shall rise the third day. But they understood not that saying, and were afraid to ask him. And he came to Capernaum: and being in the house he asked them, What was it that ye disputed among yourselves by the way? But they held their peace: for by the way they had disputed among themselves, who should be the greatest. And he sat down, and called the twelve, and saith unto them, If any man desire to be first, the same shall be last of all, and servant of all. And he took a child, and set him in the midst of them: and when he had taken him in his arms, he said unto them, Whosoever shall receive one of such children in my name, receiveth me: and whosoever shall receive me, receiveth not me, but him that sent me.

*Mark 9:30-37.*

And when he was gone forth into the way, there came one running, and kneeled to him, and asked him, Good Master, what shall I do that I may inherit eternal life? And Jesus said unto him, Why callest thou me good? there is none good but one, that is, God. Thou knowest the commandments, Do not commit adultery, Do not kill, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Defraud not, Honour thy father and mother. And he answered and said unto him, Master, all these have I observed from my youth. Then Jesus beholding him loved him, and said unto him, One thing thou lackest: go thy way, sell whatsoever thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come, take up the cross, and follow me. And he was sad at that saying, and went

away grieved: for he had great possessions. And Jesus looked round about, and saith unto his disciples, How hardly shall they that have riches enter into the kingdom of God!

And they came to Jericho: and as he went out of Jericho with his disciples and a great number of people, blind Bartimaeus, the son of Timaeus, sat by the high-way side begging. And when he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out, and say, Jesus, thou son of David, have mercy upon me. And many charged him that he should hold his peace: but he cried the more a great deal, Thou son of David, have mercy on me. And Jesus stood still, and commanded him to be called. And they call the blind man, saying unto him, Be of good comfort, rise, he calleth thee. And he, casting away his garment, rose, and came to Jesus. And Jesus answered and said unto him, What wilt thou that I should do unto thee? The blind man said unto him, Lord, that I might receive my sight. And Jesus said unto him, Go thy way; thy faith hath made thee whole. And immediately he received his sight, and followed Jesus in the way. *Mark 10:17-23 and 46-52.*

## PART II:

WHEN they came nigh to Jerusalem, unto Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount of Olives, he sendeth forth two of his disciples, And saith unto them, Go your way into the village over against you: and as soon as ye be entered into it, ye shall find a colt tied, whereon never man sat, loose him, and bring him. And if any man say unto you, Why do ye this? say ye that the Lord

hath need of him; and straightway he will send him hither. And they went their way, and found the colt tied by the door without in a place where two ways met; and they loose him. And certain of them that stood there said unto them, What do ye, loosing the colt? And they said unto them even as Jesus had commanded: and they let them go. And they brought the colt to Jesus, and cast their garments on him; and he sat upon him. And many spread their garments in the way; and others cut down branches off the trees, and strewed them in the way. And they that went before, and they that followed, cried, saying, Hosanna; Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord: Blessed be the kingdom of our father David, that cometh in the name of the Lord: Hosanna in the highest. And Jesus entered into Jerusalem, and into the temple: and when he had looked round about upon all things, and now the eventide was come, he went out unto Bethany with the twelve. *Mark 11:1-11.*

After two days was the feast of the passover, and of unleavened bread: and the chief priests and the scribes sought how they might take him by craft, and put him to death. But they said, Not on the feast day, lest there be an uproar of the people. And being in Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as he sat at meat, there came a woman having an alabaster box of ointment of spikenard very precious; and she brake the box, and poured it on his head. And there were some that had indignation within themselves, and said, Why was this waste of the ointment made? For it might have been sold for more than three hundred pence, and have been



given to the poor. And they murmured against her. And Jesus said, Let her alone; why trouble ye her? she hath wrought a good work on me. For ye have the poor with you always, and whensoever ye will ye may do them good: but me ye have not always. She hath done what she could: she is come aforehand to anoint my body to the burying. Verily I say unto you, Wheresoever this gospel shall be preached throughout the whole world, this also that she hath done shall be spoken of for a memorial of her. And Judas Iscariot, one of the twelve, went unto the chief priests, to betray him unto them. And when they heard it, they were glad, and promised to give him money. And he sought how he might conveniently betray him. And the first day of unleavened bread, when they killed the passover, his disciples said unto him, Where wilt thou that we go and prepare that thou mayest eat the passover? And he sendeth forth two of his disciples, and saith unto them, Go ye into the city, and there shall meet you a man bearing a pitcher of water: follow him. And wheresoever he shall go in, say ye to the good man of the house, The Master saith, Where is the guestchamber, where I shall eat the passover with my disciples? And he will show you a large upper room furnished and prepared: there make ready for us. And his disciples went forth, and came into the city, and found as he had said unto them: and they made ready the passover. And in the evening he cometh with the twelve. And as they sat and did eat, Jesus said, Verily I say unto you, One of you which eateth with me shall betray me. And they began to be sorrowful, and

to say unto him one by one, Is it I? and another said, Is it I? And he answered and said unto them, It is one of the twelve, that dippeth with me in the dish. The Son of man indeed goeth, as it is written of him: but woe to that man by whom the Son of man is betrayed! good were it for that man if he had never been born. And as they did eat, Jesus took bread, and blessed, and brake it, and gave to them, and said, Take, eat: this is my body. And he took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them: and they all drank of it. And he said unto them, This is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many. Verily I say unto you, I shall drink no more of the fruit of the vine, until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God. *Mark 14:1-25.*

And supper being ended, the devil having now put into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him; Jesus knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he was come from God, and went to God; He riseth from supper, and laid aside his garments; and took a towel, and girded himself. After that he poureth water into a basin, and began to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe them with the towel wherewith he was girded. Then cometh he to Simon Peter: and Peter saith unto him, Lord, dost thou wash my feet? Jesus answered and said unto him, What I do thou knowest not now; but thou shalt know hereafter. Peter saith unto him, Thou shalt never wash my feet. Jesus answered him, If I wash thee not, thou hast no part with me. Simon Peter saith unto him, Lord, not my feet only, but also my hands and my head. Jesus saith to him, He that is washed needeth

not save to wash his feet, but is clean every whit: and ye are clean, but not all. For he knew who should betray him; therefore said he, Ye are not all clean. So after he had washed their feet, and had taken his garments, and was set down again, he said unto them, Know ye what I have done to you? Ye call me Master and Lord: and ye say well; for so I am. If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you. Verily, verily, I say unto you, The servant is not greater than his Lord; neither he that is sent greater than he that sent him. If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them.

*John 13:2-17.*

## PART III:

**T**HERE were certain Greeks among them that came up to worship at the feast: The same came therefore to Philip, which was of Bethsaida of Galilee, and desired him, saying, Sir, we would see Jesus. Philip cometh and telleth Andrew: and again Andrew and Philip tell Jesus. And Jesus answered them, saying, The hour is come, that the Son of man should be glorified. Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit. He that loveth his life shall lose it; and he that hateth his life in this world shall keep it unto life eternal. If any man serve me, let him follow me; and where I am, there shall also my servant be: if any man serve me, him will my Father honour. Now is my soul troubled; and what shall I say? Father, save me from this hour: but

for this cause came I unto this hour. Father, glorify thy name. Then came there a voice from heaven, saying, I have both glorified it, and will glorify it again.

*John 12:20-28.*

Jesus said, Now is the Son of man glorified, and God is glorified in him. If God be glorified in him, God shall also glorify him in himself, and shall straightway glorify him. Little children, yet a little while I am with you. Ye shall seek me: and as I said unto the Jews, Whither I go, ye cannot come; so now I say to you. A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another. Simon Peter said unto him, Lord, whither goest thou? Jesus answered him, Whither I go, thou canst not follow me now; but thou shalt follow me afterwards. Peter said unto him, Lord, why cannot I follow thee now? I will lay down my life for thy sake. Jesus answered him, Wilt thou lay down thy life for my sake? Verily, verily, I say unto thee, The cock shall not crow, till thou hast denied me thrice.

Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also. And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know. Thomas saith unto him, Lord, we know not whither thou goest; and how can we know the way? Jesus saith unto him, I am the way,



the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me. If ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also: and from henceforth ye know him, and have seen him. Philip saith unto him, Lord, show us the Father, and it sufficeth us. Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? he that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou then, Show us the Father? Believe thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? the words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works. *John 13:31b-14:10.*

Then cometh Jesus with them unto a place called Gethsemane, and saith unto the disciples, Sit ye here, while I go and pray yonder. And he took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be sorrowful and very heavy. Then saith he unto them, My soul is exceeding sorrowful, even unto death: tarry ye here, and watch with me. And he went a little farther, and fell on his face, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless not as I will, but as thou wilt. And he cometh unto the disciples, and findeth them asleep, and saith unto Peter, What, could ye not watch with me one hour? Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak. He went away again the second time, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if this cup may not pass away from me, except I drink it, thy will be done. And he came and found them asleep again: for their eyes were heavy. And he left them, and went away

again, and prayed the third time, saying the same words. Then cometh he to his disciples, and saith unto them, Sleep on now, and take your rest: behold, the hour is at hand and the Son of man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Rise, let us be going: behold, he is at hand that doth betray me. And while he yet spake, lo, Judas, one of the twelve, came, and with him a great multitude with swords and staves, from the chief priests and elders of the people. Now he that betrayed him gave them a sign, saying, Whomsoever I shall kiss, that same is he: hold him fast. And forthwith he came to Jesus, and said, Hail, master; and kissed him. And Jesus said unto him, Friend, wherefore art thou come? Then came they, and laid hands on Jesus, and took him. And, behold, one of them which were with Jesus stretched out his hand, and drew his sword, and struck a servant of the high priest's, and smote off his ear. Then said Jesus unto him, Put up again thy sword into his place: for all they that take the sword shall perish with the sword. Thinkest thou that I cannot now pray to my Father, and he shall presently give me more than twelve legions of angels? But how then shall the scriptures be fulfilled, that thus it must be? In that same hour said Jesus to the multitudes, Are ye come out as against a thief with swords and staves for to take me? I sat daily with you teaching in the temple, and ye laid no hold on me. But all this was done, that the scriptures of the prophets might be fulfilled. *Matthew 26:36-56a.*



## PART IV:

THESE words spake Jesus, and lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, Father, the hour is come; glorify thy Son, that thy Son also may glorify thee: As thou hast given him power over all flesh, that he should give eternal life to as many as thou hast given him. And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent. I have glorified thee on the earth: I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do. And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was. I have manifested thy name unto the men which thou gavest me out of the world; thine they were, and thou gavest them me; and they have kept thy word. Now they have known that all things whatsoever thou hast given me are of thee. For I have given unto them the words which thou gavest me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came out from thee, and they have believed that thou didst send me. I pray for them: I pray not for the world, but for them which thou hast given me; for they are thine. And all mine are thine, and thine are mine; and I am glorified in them. *John 17:1-10.*

They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth. As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth. Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their

word; That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me. And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one: I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me. *John 17:16-23.*

Then took they him, and led him, and brought him into the high priest's house. And Peter followed afar off. And when they had kindled a fire in the midst of the hall, and were set down together, Peter sat down among them. But a certain maid beheld him as he sat by the fire, and earnestly looked upon him, and said, This man was also with him. And he denied him, saying, Woman, I know him not. And after a little while another saw him, and said, Thou art also of them. And Peter said, Man, I am not. And about the space of one hour after another confidently affirmed, saying, Of a truth this fellow also was with him; for he is a Galilaean. And Peter said, Man, I know not what thou sayest. And immediately, while he yet spake, the cock crew. And the Lord turned, and looked upon Peter. And Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said unto him, Before the cock crew, thou shalt deny me thrice. And Peter went out, and wept bitterly. And the men that held Jesus mocked him, and smote him. And when they had blindfolded him, they struck him on the face, and asked him, saying, Prophecy, who is it that smote thee? And many other things blasphemously spake they against

him. And as soon as it was day, the elders of the people and the chief priests and the scribes came together, and led him into their council, saying, Art thou the Christ? tell us. And he said unto them, If I tell you, ye will not believe: And if I also ask you, ye will not answer me, nor let me go. Hereafter shall the Son of man sit on the right hand of the power of God. Then said they all, Art thou then the Son of God? And he said unto them, Ye say that I am. And they said, What need we any further witness? for we ourselves have heard of his own mouth.

*Luke 22:54-71.*

Then Judas, which had betrayed him, when he saw that he was condemned, repented himself, and brought again the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders, Saying, I have sinned in that I have betrayed the innocent blood. And they said, What is that to us? see thou to that. And he cast down the pieces of silver in the temple, and departed, and went and hanged himself. And the chief priests took the silver pieces, and said, It is not lawful for to put them into the treasury, because it is the price of blood. And they took counsel, and bought with them the potter's field, to bury strangers in. Wherefore that field was called, The field of blood, unto this day. Then was fulfilled that which was spoken by Jeremy the prophet, saying, And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of him that was valued, whom they of the children of Israel did value; And gave them for the potter's field, as the Lord appointed me.

*Matthew 27:3-10.*

## PART V:

**S**TRAIGHTWAY in the morning the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council and bound Jesus, and carried him away, and delivered him to Pilate. And Pilate asked him, Art thou the King of the Jews? And he answering, said unto him, Thou sayest it. And the chief priests accused him of many things: but he answered nothing. And Pilate asked him again, saying, Answerest thou nothing: behold how many things they witness against thee. But Jesus yet answered nothing; so that Pilate marvelled. Now at that feast he released unto them one prisoner, whomsoever they desired. And there was one named Barabbas, which lay bound with them that had made insurrection with him, who had committed murder in the insurrection. And the multitude crying aloud began to desire him to do as he had ever done unto them. But Pilate answered them, saying, Will ye that I release unto you the King of the Jews? For he knew that the chief priests had delivered him for envy. But the chief priests moved the people, that he should rather release Barabbas unto them. And Pilate answered and said again unto them, What will ye then that I shall do unto him whom ye call the King of the Jews? And they cried out again, Crucify him. Then Pilate said unto them, Why, what evil hath he done? And they cried out the more exceedingly, Crucify him.

*Mark 15:1-14.*

Then said Pilate to the chief priests and to the people, I find no fault in this man. And they were the more fierce, saying, He stirreth up the people, teaching



throughout all Jewry, beginning from Galilee to this place. When Pilate heard of Galilee, he asked whether the man were a Galilaean. And as soon as he knew that he belonged unto Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him to Herod, who himself also was at Jerusalem at that time. And when Herod saw Jesus, he was exceeding glad: for he was desirous to see him of a long season, because he had heard many things of him; and he hoped to have seen some miracle done by him. Then he questioned with him in many words; but he answered him nothing. And the chief priests and scribes stood and vehemently accused him. And Herod with his men of war set him at nought, and mocked him, and arrayed him in a gorgeous robe, and sent him again to Pilate. *Luke 23:4-11.*

And Jesus stood before the governor: and the governor asked him, saying, Art thou the King of the Jews? And Jesus said unto him, Thou sayest. And when he was accused of the chief priests and elders, he answered nothing. Then said Pilate unto him, Hearest thou not how many things they witness against thee? And he answered him to never a word; insomuch that the governor marvelled greatly. Now at that feast the governor was wont to release unto the people a prisoner, whom they would. And they had then a notable prisoner, called Barabbas. Therefore when they were gathered together, Pilate said unto them, Whom will ye that I release unto you? Barabbas, or Jesus which is called Christ? For he knew that for envy they had delivered him. When he was set down on the judgment seat, his wife sent unto him, saying, Have thou nothing to do with that just man:

for I have suffered many things this day in a dream because of him. But the chief priests and elders persuaded the multitude that they should ask Barabbas, and destroy Jesus. The governor answered and said unto them, whether of the twain will ye that I release unto you? They said, Barabbas. Pilate said unto them, What shall I do then with Jesus which is called Christ? They all say unto him, Let him be crucified. And the governor said, Why, what evil hath he done? But they cried out the more, saying, Let him be crucified. When Pilate saw that he could prevail nothing, but that rather a tumult was made, he took water, and washed his hands before the multitude, saying, I am innocent of the blood of this just person: see ye to it. Then answered all the people, and said, His blood be on us, and on our children. Then released he Barabbas unto them: and when he had scourged Jesus, he delivered him to be crucified. Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the common hall, and gathered unto him the whole band of soldiers. And they stripped him, and put on him a scarlet robe. And when they had platted a crown of thorns, they put it upon his head, and a reed in his right hand: and they bowed the knee before him, and mocked him, saying, Hail, King of the Jews! And they spit upon him, and took the reed, and smote him on the head. And after that they had mocked him, they took the robe off from him, and put his own raiment on him, and led him away to crucify him. *Matthew 27:11-31.*



## PART VI:

AS they led him away, they laid hold upon one Simon, a Cyrenian, coming out of the country, and on him they laid the cross, that he might bear it after Jesus. And there followed him a great company of people, and of women, which also bewailed and lamented him. But Jesus turning unto them said, Daughters of Jerusalem, weep not for me, but weep for yourselves, and for your children. For, behold, the days are coming, in the which they shall say, Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bare, and the paps which never gave suck. Then shall they begin to say to the mountains, Fall on us; and to the hills, Cover us. For if they do these things in a green tree, what shall be done in the dry? And there were also two other, malefactors, led with him to be put to death. *Luke 23:26-32.*

And when they were come unto a place called Golgotha, that is to say, a place of a skull, They gave him vinegar to drink mingled with gall; and when he had tasted thereof, he would not drink. And set up over his head his accusation written, THIS IS JESUS THE KING OF THE JEWS. *Matthew 27:33, 34, 37.*

And the people stood beholding. And the rulers also with them derided him, saying, He saved others; let him save himself, if he be Christ, the chosen of God. And the soldiers also mocked him. Then said Jesus, *Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do.* And they parted his raiment, and cast lots. And one of the malefactors which were hanged railed on him, saying, If thou be Christ, save thyself and us. But the other answering

rebuked him, saying, Dost not thou fear God, seeing thou art in the same condemnation? And we indeed justly; for we receive the due reward of our deeds: but this man hath done nothing amiss. And he said unto Jesus, Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom. And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, *Today shalt thou be with me in paradise.* *Luke 23:35, 36, Luke 23:34, Luke 23:39-43.*

Now there stood by the cross of Jesus his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Cleophas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus therefore saw his mother, and the disciple standing by, whom he loved, he saith unto his mother, *Woman, behold thy son!* Then saith he to the disciple, *Behold thy mother!* And from that hour that disciple took her unto his own home. *John 19:25-27.*

And it was about the sixth hour, and there was a darkness over all the earth until the ninth hour. And the sun was darkened, and the veil of the temple was rent in the midst. *Luke 23:44, 45.*

And about the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani? that is to say, *My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?* *Matthew 27:46.*

After this, Jesus knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the scripture might be fulfilled, saith, *I thirst.* Now there was set a vessel full of vinegar; and they filled a sponge with vinegar, and put it upon hyssop, and put it to his mouth. When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, *It is finished!* *John 19:28-30a.*

And when Jesus had cried with a loud voice, he said, *Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit:* and having said thus, he gave up the ghost. *Luke 23:46.*

## PART VII:

AND, behold, the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom; and the earth did quake, and the rocks rent; And the graves were opened, and many bodies of the saints which slept arose, And came out of the graves after his resurrection, and went into the holy city, and appeared unto many. Now when the centurion, and they that were with him, watching Jesus, saw the earthquake, and those things that were done, they feared greatly, saying, Truly this was the Son of God. And many women were there beholding afar off which followed Jesus from Galilee, ministering unto him: Among which was Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James and Joses, and the mother of Zebedee's children. When the even was come, there came a rich man of Arimathaea, named Joseph, who also himself was Jesus' disciple: He went to Pilate, and begged the body of Jesus. Then Pilate commanded the body to be delivered. And when Joseph had taken the body, he wrapped it in a clean linen cloth, And laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn out in the rock: and he rolled a great stone to the door of the sepulchre, and departed. And there was Mary Magdalene, and the other Mary, sitting over against the sepulchre. Now the next day, that followed the day of the preparation, the chief priests and Pharisees came together unto Pilate, Saying, Sir, we remember that that deceiver said, while he was yet alive, After

three days I will rise again. Command therefore that the sepulchre be made sure until the third day, lest his disciples come by night, and steal him away, and say unto the people, He is risen from the dead: so the last error shall be worse than the first. Pilate said unto them, Ye have a watch: go your way, make it as sure as ye can. So they went, and made the sepulchre sure, sealing the stone, and setting a watch. *Matthew 27:51-66.*

## THE ORDER FOR CONFIRMATION

¶ *When baptized children are of proper age they shall be instructed in the Christian faith and life according to the doctrinal standards of the Church. Before Confirmation the Spiritual Council shall be satisfied that the Confirmands accept the fundamental truths of the Christian religion and are willing to be governed by them in their lives. A public examination or testimonial service may be held. Confirmation shall be administered in the presence of a worshipping Congregation, except in cases of extremity, when the rite may be administered privately in the presence of one or more Elders.*

¶ *In the case of adults who have been baptized previously, but have not been received into the full communion of the Church, this Order shall be used for their profession of faith and reception as communicant members.*

¶ *The Minister shall announce the names of the Confirmands, who shall then present themselves at the chancel.*

¶ *The Minister shall say,*

**O**UR Lord Jesus Christ said, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross and follow me.

**D**EARLY Beloved; Following the example of the Apostles of our Lord, the Church bestows upon those who have been baptized, and have been properly instructed, the blessing of Confirmation by prayer and the laying on of hands.

In this sacred ordinance you, on your part, renew and ratify the promise and vow made in your Baptism; whilst the Church, in God's stead, claims you publicly for his service, blesses you in his Name, confirms you in his covenant, and invokes upon you in larger measure the

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Holy Spirit by whose help alone you are able to fulfill your vows by leading holy and obedient lives.

Do you now, in the presence of God and this Congregation, renounce the vain pomp and glory of the world, the lust of the flesh, and all evil works and ways?

Answer. I do.

Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior?

Answer. I do.

Do you promise according to the grace given you, to live a Christian life, and always to remain a faithful member of the Church of our Lord Jesus Christ?

Answer. I do.

Profess now your faith before God and this Congregation.

¶ *Here, the Congregation standing, the Confirmands, led by the Minister, shall repeat the Apostles' Creed, as follows:*

**I** BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth:

And in Jesus Christ, His only begotten Son our Lord: Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary: Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried: He descended into Hell;\* the third day He rose again from the dead: He ascended into heaven And sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Al-

\* Hades may be used.



mighty: From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost: The Holy Catholic Church; \*\* the Communion of Saints; the Forgiveness of sins: The Resurrection of the body: And the Life everlasting. Amen.

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¶ If there be any Confirmands who are not baptized, they shall kneel and the Minister shall pronounce the name of each unbaptized person, and baptize him, applying the water three times, and saying,

N——, I baptize thee in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

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¶ The Minister shall say,

Let us pray.

✓ **A**LMIGHTY and everlasting God, who out of infinite mercy in Christ Jesus hast through Holy Baptism received *these thy servants*, and hast given unto *them* the remission of *their sins*; strengthen *them* now, we beseech thee, O Lord, through the Holy Spirit, the Comforter, and daily increase in *them* thy manifold gifts of grace: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord, now and forever. Amen.

or

**C**OME, O Holy Spirit, into our hearts, and dwell in us, now and for ever. Confirm and establish our promises, and help us to keep them always. Lord Jesus, thou

\*\* One Holy Universal Christian Church may be used.

good and gracious Shepherd, shield us that none may go astray. Draw us, O Father, to thy Son, that we may abide with him, and at last attain unto Life everlasting. Amen.

¶ The Confirmands shall kneel and the rite of Confirmation shall take place. The Minister, with the laying on of hands, shall say,

**T**HE very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit, and soul, and body, be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

or

**T**HE Father of mercies multiply in you his grace and peace, enable you truly and faithfully to keep your vows, defend you in every time of danger, preserve you unto the end, and finally bring you to rest with all the saints in glory everlasting. Amen.

or

✓ **D**EFE<sup>N</sup>D, O Lord, this thy child with thy heavenly grace; that *he* may continue thine forever; and daily increase in thy Holy Spirit, until *he* come into thine everlasting kingdom. Amen.

Let us pray.

**W**E give thee hearty thanks, most merciful Father, for the great goodness thou hast been pleased to show toward *these thy servants* by giving *them* power this day to accept for *themselves* thy covenant of salvation. And now, O Lord, we beseech thee, perfect the good work which thou has begun in *them*. Keep *them*

from the evil that is in the world. Make *them* faithful unto death, that no man may take from *them* the crown of life. And grant, that having continued thus steadfast in faith and hope to the end, *they* may be counted worthy to be joined with thy saints in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *The Confirmands shall rise, and the Minister, extending the right hand of fellowship, shall say,*

I NOW receive and welcome you into the fellowship of this congregation, and invite you to partake of the Holy Communion, and to participate in all the privileges and obligations of the Church of Christ.

¶ *The Minister shall say,*

THE peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. *Amen.*

or

AND now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy, to the only wise God our Savior, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. *Amen.*

AN ORDER  
FOR RECEIVING COMMUNICANTS FROM  
OTHER CHURCHES BY PROFESSION  
OF FAITH OR LETTERS OF TRANSFER

¶ *Members of other Congregations shall be received into full communion upon the renewal of their profession of faith before the Spiritual Council, or upon the presentation to the Spiritual Council of letters of transfer or commendation.*

¶ *Subsequently, in the presence of a worshipping congregation, the Minister shall announce their names, and they shall present themselves at the chancel.*

¶ *The Minister shall say,*

OUR help is in the Name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth. *Amen.*

DEARLY Beloved; Inasmuch as you have heretofore made public confession of your faith in Christ, and by action of the Spiritual Council have been received into full communion with this Church, I now welcome you into the fellowship of this Congregation and invite you to partake of the Holy Communion and to participate in all of the privileges and obligations of the Church of Christ.

Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY God, most merciful Father, whose love abounds toward us in the redemptive work of Christ Jesus our Lord; receive, we beseech thee, our hearty thanks for the Church, which is his Body and the fellowship of all faithful believers. By thy grace work in our midst that we may bear true witness to the power of the Gospel, and confirm the faith of *these thy servants* now received into full communion with this Congregation.

Through the ministry of thy Word and Sacraments, strengthen and sustain *them* all the days of *their* life; and having continued thus steadfast in the work of thy Kingdom, bring *them* at last unto life everlasting; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your heart and mind through Christ Jesus. Amen.

AN ORDER FOR RESTORATION TO  
COMMUNICANT MEMBERSHIP

¶ *Persons who have been communicant members but are no longer in good and regular standing may be restored to full communion with the Church upon the renewal of their profession of faith before the Spiritual Council, or before a worshipping congregation, by means of this Order for Restoration.*

¶ *In cases of extremity, this Restoration may take place privately, one or more Elders being present.*

¶ *Addressing the person thus to be received, the Minister shall say,*

DEARLY Beloved in the Lord; In accordance with the Gospel, the Church provides that those who have not maintained themselves as members in good and regular standing may be restored to full communion upon the renewal of their profession of faith.

Return unto me, saith the Lord, and I will return unto you. In returning and rest shall ye be saved; in quietness and confidence shall be your strength.

Let us pray.

MOST merciful God, our heavenly Father, who art the help of those who come unto thee; we call upon thee in behalf of *this thy servant*, humbly beseeching thee to restore *him* to the communion of thy holy Church. Speak pardon and peace to *his* soul, and grant *him* the joy of thy salvation; confirm *him* in every holy desire and purpose; and grant that being conformed to the image of thy Son, *he* may honor and obey thee in all things, to the glory of thy holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



**D**EARLY Beloved; I now ask you as a *child* of your heavenly Father, desiring to be restored into the fellowship and privileges of the Church:

Do you renew your profession of faith in Jesus Christ made at the time of your reception into the Church; do you promise to be faithful in the use of the means of grace, and to maintain yourself as a communicant member of this congregation in all things, as becometh a follower of the Lord Jesus Christ?

*Answer.* I do.

**U**PON this renewal of your profession of faith, you are now restored into full communion with the Church, and may the God of all grace confirm you therein; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Let us pray.

**A**Lmighty God, most merciful Father, we give thee hearty thanks that of thy great goodness thou art ever ready and willing to receive all who turn to thee. Bless, we pray thee, thy *servant* whom thou hast led to make this new profession of faith in thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and to rededicate *himself* to thy service. Strengthen *him* through thy Holy Spirit; enable *him* to walk in newness of life; and grant that *he* may hold the renewal of *his* faith steadfast unto the end; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *The Minister, extending the right hand of fellowship, shall say,*

**I**NOW receive and welcome you into the fellowship of this Congregation, and invite you to partake of the Holy Communion and to participate in all the privileges and obligations of the Church of Christ.

¶ *Then the Minister shall say,*

**A**ND now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy, to the only wise God our Savior, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and for ever. *Amen.*

¶ *If this Order has been used before the Spiritual Council, or privately, the names of those who have thus renewed their profession of faith may subsequently be announced before a worshipping Congregation.*

## AN ORDER FOR THE VISITATION OF THE SICK

¶ *The following Order, or any part thereof, may be used at the discretion of the Minister.*

¶ *The Minister shall say,*

**I**N the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

Peace be to this house and to all who dwell in it. *Amen.*

### I. THE WORD OF GOD

#### PSALM

Psalm 23—The Good Shepherd

**T**HE Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Psalm 27—Confidence in God

Psalm 30—God Answers Prayer

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Psalm 42—The Soul's Thirst for God

**A**S the hart panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after thee, O God.

My soul thirsteth for God, for the living God: when shall I come and appear before God?

My tears have been my meat day and night, while they continually say unto me, Where is thy God?

When I remember these things, I pour out my soul in me: for I had gone with the multitude, I went with them to the house of God, with the voice of joy and praise, with a multitude that kept holyday.

Why are thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted in me? hope thou in God: for I shall yet praise him for the help of his countenance.

O my God, my soul is cast down within me: therefore will I remember thee from the land of Jordan, and of the Hermonites, from the hill Mizar.

Deep calleth unto deep at the noise of thy waterspouts: all thy waves and thy billows are gone over me.

Yet the Lord will command his lovingkindness in the daytime, and in the night his song shall be with me, and my prayer unto the God of my life.

I will say unto God my rock, Why hast thou forgotten me? why go I mourning because of the oppression of the enemy?

As with a sword in my bones, mine enemies reproach me; while they say daily unto me, Where is thy God?

Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted within me? hope thou in God: for I shall yet praise him, who is the health of my countenance, and my God.

## Psalm 46—God Our Refuge

**G**OD is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea;

Though the waters thereof roar and be troubled, though the mountains shake with the swelling thereof.

There is a river, the streams whereof shall make glad the city of God, the holy place of the tabernacles of the most High.

God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved: God shall help her, and that right early.

The heathen raged, the kingdoms were moved: he uttered his voice, the earth melted.

The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

Come, behold the works of the Lord, what desolations he hath made in the earth.

He maketh wars to cease unto the end of the earth; he breaketh the bow, and cutteth the spear in sunder; he burneth the chariot in the fire.

Be still, and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth.

The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

## Psalm 51—A Prayer for Forgiveness

## Psalm 103—Praise and Thanksgiving

**B**LESS the Lord, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits:

Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases;

Who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and tender mercies;

Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things; so that thy youth is renewed like the eagle's.

The Lord executeth righteousness and judgment for all that are oppressed.

He made known his ways unto Moses, his acts unto the children of Israel.

The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy.

He will not always chide; neither will he keep his anger forever.

He hath not dealt with us after our sins; nor rewarded us according to our iniquities.

For as the heaven is high above the earth, so great is his mercy toward them that fear him.

As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us.

Like as a father pitieth his children, so the Lord pitieth them that fear him.

For he knoweth our frame; he remembereth that we are dust.

As for man, his days are as grass: as a flower of the field, so he flourisheth.

For the wind passeth over it, and it is gone; and the place thereof shall know it no more.

But the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear him, and his righteousness unto children's children.

To such as keep his covenant, and to those that remember his commandments to do them.

The Lord hath prepared his throne in the heavens; and his kingdom ruleth over all.

Bless the Lord, ye his angels, that excel in strength, that do his commandments, hearkening unto the voice of his word.



Bless ye the Lord, all ye his hosts; ye ministers of his, that do his pleasure.

Bless the Lord, all his works in all places of his dominion: bless the Lord, O my soul.

## EPISTLE

Ephesians 3:13-21—Spiritual Strength

**W**HEREFORE I desire that ye faint not at my tribulations for you, which is your glory. For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, that he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man; that Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; and to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God. Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.

Romans 8:31-39—The Love of Christ

**W**HAT shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us? He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things? Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth. Who is he that condemneth?

It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter. Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Job 33:14-30—The Ministry of Affliction

Isaiah 53—The Suffering of the Lord

I Corinthians 13—Christian Love

Philippians 3:7-14—Growth in Grace

Hebrews 12:1-7, 11-13—Patience in Suffering

**W**HEREFORE seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God. For consider him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds. Ye have not yet resisted unto blood, striving against sin. And ye have forgotten the exhortation which speaketh unto you

as unto children, My son, despise not thou the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when thou art rebuked of him: For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth.

If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not? Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby. Wherefore lift up the hands which hang down, and the feeble knees; and make straight paths for your feet, lest that which is lame be turned out of the way; but let it rather be healed.

James 5:10-20—Patience in Suffering

Revelation 7:9-17—The Blessed Dead

**A**FTER this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands; and cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb.

And all the angels stood round about the throne, and about the elders and the four beasts, and fell before the throne on their faces, and worshipped God, saying, Amen: Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honour, and power, and might, be unto our God for ever and ever. Amen.

And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, What are these which are arrayed in white robes? and whence

came they? And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. Therefore are they before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple: and he that sitteth on the throne shall dwell among them. They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat. For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters: and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes.

## GOSPEL

Matthew 5:1-12—The Blessed

**A**ND seeing the multitudes, he went up into a mountain: and when he was set, his disciples came unto him: and he opened his mouth, and taught them, saying, Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled. Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God. Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake. Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great



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is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.

Mark 10:13-16—Jesus Blesses Little Children

AND they brought young children to him, that he should touch them: and his disciples rebuked those that brought them. But when Jesus saw it, he was much displeased, and said unto them, Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God. Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, he shall not enter therein. And he took them up in his arms, put his hands upon them, and blessed them.

John 10:11-16, 27, 28—The Good Shepherd

I AM the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep. But he that is an hireling, and not the shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, seeth the wolf coming, and leaveth the sheep, and fleeth: and the wolf catcheth them, and scattereth the sheep. The hireling fleeth, because he is an hireling, and careth not for the sheep. I am the good shepherd, and know my sheep, and am known of mine. As the Father knoweth me, even so know I the Father: and I lay down my life for the sheep. And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd. My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: and I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand.

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Matthew 6:24-34—Our Security in God  
Matthew 26:20-46—The Holy Communion  
Mark 1:32-45—The Healing Power of Christ  
Luke 23:27-49—The Crucifixion  
Luke 24:13-31—The Divine Presence

John 15:1-9—Abiding in the Love of Christ

I AM the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman. Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit. Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you. Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me. I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing. If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned. If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you. Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples. As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you: continue ye in my love.

John 20:1-17—The Resurrection of Our Lord

## II. THE PRAYERS

### *A Prayer for Healing*

O ALMIGHTY GOD, who art the giver of all health, and the aid of them that turn to thee; we entreat thy strength and goodness in behalf of this thy servant, that



he may be healed of his infirmities, to thine honor and glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*A Prayer for Restoration of Health*

**A**Lmighty God, without whom nothing is strong, and from whom cometh all help; we pray thy blessing upon thy servant and the means which are used for the restoration of his health. Spare him, good Lord, that he may recover strength. Yet in all things we pray, not our will but thine be done; for whether we live or whether we die, we are thine. Hear us in our supplications in behalf of thy servant whom thou hast called to the fellowship of the Savior's sufferings. Be thou his light in darkness, his strength in weakness, his refuge and his joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*A Prayer for Forgiveness*

**O** GRACIOUS God, who according to the multitude of thy mercies dost blot out the sins of those who do truly repent, and rememberest them no more; look in pity upon this thy servant who earnestly desireth thy forgiveness. Preserve and continue him in the unity of the Church; and forasmuch as he putteth his full trust only in thy mercy, impute not unto him his sin, but strengthen him with thy blessed Spirit; through Jesus Christ, thv Son, our Lord. *Amen.*

*A Prayer for the Despondent*

**C**OMFORT, we beseech thee, most gracious God, thine thy servant, cast down and faint of heart amidst the sorrows and difficulties of the world; and grant that, by

the power of thy Holy Spirit, he may be enabled to go upon his way rejoicing, and give thee continual thanks for thy sustaining providence; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*A Prayer when there is Little Hope for Recovery*

**O**FATHER of mercies, and God of all comfort, our only help in time of need; we come unto thee in behalf of this thy servant, here lying in great weakness of body. Look graciously upon him, O Lord; and the more the outward man faileth, strengthen him, we beseech thee, so much the more continually with thy grace and Holy Spirit in the inner man. Give him unfeigned repentance for all the errors of his life past, and steadfast faith in thy Son Jesus; that his sins may be done away by thy mercy, and his pardon sealed in heaven; through the same thy Son, our Lord and Savior. *Amen.*

*A Prayer of Thanksgiving for Recovery*

**B**LESS the Lord, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy Name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits; who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases; who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with loving-kindness and tender mercies; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

## III. THE COMMENDATION OF THE DYING

**I**N the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

¶ *Then shall all present say,*

**O**UR Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, On earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, As we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

¶ *Then the Minister may say,*

**O**LORD God, our heavenly Father, we beseech thee graciously to accept this thy servant, forgive him all his sins, mercifully defend him in the hour of his death, and grant him everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Lord. Amen.

¶ *Then may be read a Psalm, Epistle, or Gospel as given in I. THE WORD OF GOD (pages 146-159.)*

¶ *When the end appears near, the AGNUS DEI or the NUNC DIMITTIS may be said.*

## AGNUS DEI

**O**CHRIST, thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us thy peace. Amen.

## NUNC DIMITTIS

**L**ORD, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace: According to thy word; For mine eyes have seen thy salvation: which thou hast prepared before the face of all people; A light to lighten the Gentiles: And the glory of thy people Israel.

¶ *Then may the Minister lay his hand on the head of the dying believer and say,*

**D**EPART, O Christian Soul, out of this world. May God the Father Almighty, who created thee; and Jesus Christ, the Son of the Living God, who redeemed thee; and the Holy Spirit, who sanctified thee; preserve thy going out and thy coming in, from this time forth, even for evermore. Amen.

¶ *When the soul has departed the following prayer may be said:*

**I**NTO thy hands, O merciful Savior, we commend the soul of thy servant, now departed from the body. Acknowledge, we humbly beseech thee, a sheep of thine own fold, a lamb of thine own flock, a sinner of thine own redeeming. Receive him into the arms of thy mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in light. Amen.

¶ *The Minister may then conclude the service by saying,*

**T**HE blessing of Almighty God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with us all, evermore. Amen.

## THE ORDER FOR MARRIAGE

¶ *The Minister shall take heed that the Rite of Marriage is performed in accordance with the laws of the Commonwealth.*

¶ *It shall be the duty of the Minister to confer beforehand with the contracting parties, counselling them in the meaning of Christian marriage.*

¶ *At the time appointed, the persons to be married shall present themselves before the Minister, standing together, the man on the right and the woman on the left.*

### THE EXHORTATION

¶ *The Minister shall say,*

**I**N the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

¶ *Then, addressing the company, he shall say,*

**D**EARLY Beloved; We are assembled in the sight of God to join together this man and this woman in the bonds of Marriage, which is an honorable estate, instituted of God for the proper continuance and well-being of mankind, confirmed by the teaching of our blessed Savior, and compared by St. Paul to the mystical union between Christ and his Church. Into this holy estate these two persons have come to be joined. Therefore, if any man can show any just cause why they may not be lawfully joined together, let him now speak, or else hereafter forever hold his peace.

¶ *Then, addressing the persons to be married, he shall say:*

I charge you, each and both, before the great God the Searcher of all hearts, that if either of you know any reason why you may not be lawfully joined together in Marriage, confess it now: for be well assured that all those who are brought together contrary to the Word of God,

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are not joined together of God; neither is their Marriage lawful.

### THE VOWS

¶ *Then the Minister shall say to the man,*

N——, Wilt thou have this woman to be thy wedded wife; and wilt thou love her, honor her, cherish and sustain her, in joy and in sorrow, in plenty and in want, in sickness and in health, and be faithful unto her, so long as you both shall live?

¶ *The man shall answer,*

I will.

¶ *Then the Minister shall say to the woman,*

N——, Wilt thou have this man to be thy wedded husband; and wilt thou love him, honor him, cherish and sustain him, in joy and in sorrow, in plenty and in want, in sickness and in health, and be faithful unto him, so long as you both shall live?

¶ *The woman shall answer,*

I will.

¶ *Then the Minister shall say,*

Who giveth this woman to be married to this man?

¶ *The one who giveth the woman shall answer,*

I do.

¶ *Then they shall plight their troth to each other in this manner. The Minister, receiving the woman at her father's or friend's hands, shall cause the man with his right hand to take the woman by her right hand, and to say after him as follows:*

I, N——, take thee, N——, to be my wedded wife, to have and to hold from this day forward, for better for



worse, for richer for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, till death us do part, according to God's holy ordinance; and thereto I plight thee my troth.

*¶ Then they shall loose their hands; and the woman with her right hand taking the man by his right hand, shall likewise say after the Minister:*

I, N——, take thee, N——, to be my wedded husband, to have and to hold from this day forward, for better for worse, for richer for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, till death us do part, according to God's holy ordinance; and thereto I give thee my troth.

*¶ If the wedding ring be used, the Minister shall now receive it and give it to the man to put on the fourth finger of the woman's left hand. Then shall the man say after the Minister:*

With this ring I thee wed: In the name of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

*¶ If two rings be used, the Minister shall now receive the second ring and give it to the woman to put on the fourth finger of the man's left hand. Then shall the woman say after the Minister:*

With this ring I thee wed: In the name of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

*¶ Then the Minister shall say,*

As a seal of these holy vows, join now your right hands.

*¶ Then the Minister shall lay his right hand upon their joined hands and say,*

**F**ORASMUCH as you, N—— and N——, have consented together in holy wedlock, and have witnessed the same before God and this company, I pronounce you husband and wife, in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

Whom God hath joined together, let not man put asunder.

## THE BLESSING

*¶ The Minister shall bless them, saying,*

**G**OD the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit, bless, preserve and keep you; the Lord mercifully with his favor look upon you, and fill you with all spiritual benediction and grace; that ye may so live together in this life, that in the world to come ye may have life everlasting. *Amen.*

*¶ Then the Minister shall say,*

Let us pray.

**A**LMIGHTY and most merciful God, who hast now united this man and woman in the holy estate of marriage, grant them grace to live therein according to thy holy Word; strengthen them in constant fidelity and true affection toward each other; sustain and defend them amidst all trials and temptations; and help them so to pass through this world in faith toward thee, in communion with thy holy Church, and in loving service one of the other, that they may enjoy forever thy heavenly benediction; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *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 debts, As we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

BENEDICTION

THE Lord bless thee, and keep thee: the Lord make his face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee; the Lord lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace. Amen.

AN ALTERNATE ORDER FOR MARRIAGE

¶ *At the time appointed, the persons to be married shall present themselves before the Minister, standing together, the man on the right and the woman on the left.*

THE EXHORTATION

¶ *The Minister shall say,*

I N the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

¶ *Then, addressing the persons to be married, he shall say,*

DEARLY Beloved: You are here in the presence of God and of these witnesses, to be joined together as husband and wife.

Marriage is a divine institution, and honorable to all who therein maintain a true fidelity. It was hallowed and blessed by the gracious presence of Christ at the wedding in Cana of Galilee. Furthermore it is compared in the Scriptures to the blessed union between Christ and his Church. The marriage obligations, therefore, should not be entered into unadvisedly or lightly, but reverently, discreetly and in the fear of God. Let the Word of God be as the daily light unto your path. Let daily prayer be as the wings upon which to rise into the presence of God, who is our refuge and strength. Moreover, let the House of God be your spiritual home, where you may find blessing and strength for the daily tasks and duties of life.

I entreat you, therefore, in entering upon and sustaining this holy union, to seek the favor and the blessing of God.

Let us pray.

**O** GOD, our Father, we beseech thee, come with thy blessing to this marriage. Graciously give to these thy servants grace to fulfill the obligations which they are about to assume. With true intent and in utter unreserve of love may they plight their troth, and henceforth remain faithful to each other, until death do them part; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## THE VOWS

¶ *Then the Minister shall say to the man,*

I now ask you, N——, do you take N—— here present, to be your wedded wife; and do you promise to love, honor, sustain and cherish her, in joy and in sorrow, in health and in sickness, in prosperity and adversity, and to be faithful unto her as becometh a good husband, as long as you both shall live?

¶ *The man shall answer,*

I do.

¶ *Then the Minister shall say to the woman,*

I now ask you, N——, do you take N—— here present, to be your wedded husband; and do you promise to love, honor, and cherish him, in joy and in sorrow, in health and in sickness, in prosperity and in adversity, and to be faithful to him as becometh a good wife, as long as you both shall live?

¶ *The woman shall answer,*

I do.

¶ *If the wedding ring be used, the Minister shall now receive it and give it to the man to put on the fourth finger of the woman's left hand. If two rings be used, the Minister shall receive the second ring and give it to the woman to put on the fourth finger of the man's left hand.*

¶ *The Minister shall say,*

In token of these mutual vows you bestow and receive *this ring*. Let it continue to be to you both a symbol of the purity and the constancy of true wedded life, and a seal of those vows to which you now set your hands.

Join now your right hands.

¶ *Then the Minister shall lay his right hand upon their joined hands and say,*

**F**ORASMUCH then as you, N—— and N——, have consented to live together in holy wedlock, and have plighted each to the other your sacred troth, as a Minister of our Lord Jesus Christ I do hereby pronounce you husband and wife, in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

Whom God hath joined together, let not man put asunder.

## THE BLESSING

¶ *The Minister shall bless them, saying,*

**G**OD the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit, bless, preserve and keep you; the Lord mercifully with his favor look upon you, and fill you with all spiritual benediction and grace; that ye may so live together in this life, that in the world to come ye may have life everlasting. *Amen.*



Let us pray.

**O** MOST holy and merciful God, graciously ratify with thy favor and blessing the union into which these thy servants have entered. Sanctify their hearts by thy grace, and enable them to keep their mutual vows with loving and constant fidelity. Sustain and defend them amidst all trials and temptations and help them to live in fullness of faith toward thee, and in love, one toward another, all their days. Keep them in communion with thy holy Church so that they may at last enter thy blessed kingdom; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**O** UR Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, On earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, As we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

BENEDICTION

**T** HE Lord bless thee, and keep thee: the Lord make his face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee; the Lord lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace. Amen.

THE ORDER FOR BURIAL OF THE DEAD

¶ *The Service may begin with a Hymn, after which the Minister shall say,*

**I** N the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

¶ *Then the Minister shall read the following Sentences of Scripture: Hear Promises & Read in the scriptures!*

**I** AM the resurrection and the life, saith the Lord: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die.

None of us liveth to himself, and no man dieth to himself. For whether we live, we live unto the Lord; and whether we die, we die unto the Lord: whether we live, therefore, or die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ both died and rose, and revived, that he might be Lord both of the dead and living.

And now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the first-fruits of them that slept. O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? Thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

or

**T** HE eternal God is thy refuge and underneath are the everlasting arms.

Blessed are they that mourn, for they shall be comforted.

Like as a father pitieth his children, so the Lord pitieth them that fear him.

For I am persuaded that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present,

nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

¶ Then one or more of the following Psalms shall be read:

Psalm 23

**T**HE Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.  
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Psalm 90:1-6, 14-17

**L**ORD, thou hast been our dwelling place in all generations.

Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God.

Thou turnest man to destruction; and sayest, Return, ye children of men.

For a thousand years in thy sight are but as yesterday when it is past, and as a watch in the night.

Thou carriest them away as with a flood; they are as a sleep: in the morning they are like grass which groweth up.

In the morning it flourisheth, and groweth up; in the evening it is cut down, and withereth.

O satisfy us early with thy mercy; that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

Make us glad according to the days wherein thou hast afflicted us, and the years wherein we have seen evil.

Let thy work appear unto thy servants, and thy glory unto their children.

And let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us: and establish thou the work of our hands upon us; yea, the work of our hands, establish thou it.

Psalm 103:8-18

**T**HE Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and plenteous in mercy.

He will not always chide: neither will he keep his anger for ever.

He hath not dealt with us after our sins; nor rewarded us according to our iniquities.

For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is his mercy toward them that fear him.

As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us.

Like as a father pitieth his children, so the Lord pitieth them that fear him.

For he knoweth our frame; he remembereth that we are dust.

As for man, his days are as grass: as a flower of the field, so he flourisheth.

For the wind passeth over it, and it is gone; and the place thereof shall know it no more.

But the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear him, and his righteousness unto children's children;

To such as keep his covenant, and to those that remember his commandments to do them.

## Psalm 130

**O**UT of the depths have I cried unto thee, O Lord. Lord, hear my voice: let thine ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications.

If thou, Lord, shouldest mark iniquities, O Lord, who should stand?

But there is forgiveness with thee, that thou mayest be feared.

I wait for the Lord, my soul doth wait, and in his word do I hope.

My soul waiteth for the Lord more than they that watch for the morning: I say, more than they that watch for the morning.

Let Israel hope in the Lord: for with the Lord there is mercy, and with him is plenteous redemption.

And he shall redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

## Psalm 121

**I** WILL lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help.

My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth.

He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: he that keepeth thee will not slumber.

Behold, he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep.

The Lord is thy keeper: The Lord is thy shade upon thy right hand.

The sun shall not smite thee by day, nor the moon by night.

The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil: He shall preserve thy soul.

The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth, and even for evermore.

or

Psalm 39; Psalm 46; Psalm 116; Psalm 139

¶ *Then a Hymn or Anthem may be sung.*

¶ *Then one or more of the following Lessons shall be read:*

John 14:1-3, 15-16, 25-27

**L**ET not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also. If ye love me, keep my commandments. And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you forever. These things have I spoken to you, being yet present with you. But the Comforter, which is the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you. Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you; not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

Romans 8:16-18, 28, 31-35, 37-39

**T**HE Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God. And if children, then heirs; heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with Him, that we may be also glorified together. For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us. And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose. What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can



be against us? He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things? Who shall lay anything to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth. Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril or sword? Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. For I am persuaded that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

I Corinthians 15:20-22, 49, 50, 53-58

**B**UT now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the first-fruits of them that slept. For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body. And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly. Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be

brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, inasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.

Revelation 21:1-4

**A**ND I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. And I, John, saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God. And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.

or

Isaiah 53:4-6; Isaiah 54:7-10; Matthew 11:28-30; John 5:24-29;  
Romans 5:1-10; Revelation 7:9-17

¶ Here a Sermon or an Address may be delivered. ✓

¶ Then one or more of the following Prayers shall be offered.

*For Submission to God*

ALMIGHTY and Everlasting God, our heavenly Father, who art the author and disposer of our lives, from whom our spirits have come, and to whom they shall return; we acknowledge thy sovereign power and right both to give and to take away, as seemeth good in thy sight; and we most humbly beseech thee that to all thy righteous dealings we may yield ourselves with due resignation and patience, being assured that though we understand not the mystery of thy ways, yet always in faithfulness, O Lord, dost thou afflict us, and for thy mercy's sake; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*Thankfulness for Good Example*

ETERNAL God, with whom do live the spirits of those who depart hence in the Lord, and with whom the souls of the faithful, after they are delivered from the burden of the flesh, are in joy and felicity; we give thee hearty thanks for the good examples of all those thy servants, who, having finished their course in faith, do now rest from their labors; and we beseech thee, that we, with all those who are departed in the true faith of thy holy Name, may have our perfect consummation and bliss, both in body and soul, in thy eternal and everlasting glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*For Grace to Follow the Example of the Saints*

THOU ever blessed Mediator, who wast dead, but livest forever, of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, and who hast knit all saints in one

communion unto life eternal, in that spiritual body of which thou art the glorious and everliving Head: grant us grace so to follow thy blessed saints, who have gone before us, in the faith and fellowship of thy holy Church, that we may come to those unspeakable joys, which thou hast prepared for all that love thee, from the foundation of the world. *Amen.*

*Thanksgiving for the Comfort of God's Word*

ALMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, we thank thee for thy Word, which is a lamp unto our feet, and a light unto our path. We thank thee especially that in the night of our grief and in the darkness of our sorrow we are not left to ourselves, but have the stars of thy divine promises to cheer and comfort us. O Lord, open thou our eyes, that we may see the consolation which thou hast intended for us, and grant us the continued comfort and guidance of thy holy Word, both in life and in death; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*For Abundant Mercy*

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who art always more ready to hear than we to pray, and art wont to give more than either we desire or deserve; pour down upon us the abundance of thy mercy; forgiving us those things whereof our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask, but through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Lord. *Amen.*

*For the Bereaved*

**A**Lmighty and most merciful God, the Consolation of the sorrowful, and the Support of the weary, who dost not willingly grieve or afflict the children of men; look down in tender love and pity, we beseech thee, upon thy servants, the bereaved household, whose joy is turned into mourning; and according to the multitude of thy mercies be pleased to uphold, strengthen, and comfort them, that they may not faint under thy fatherly chastening, but find in thee their strength and refuge; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*For Divine Support*

**O**LORD, support us all the day long of this troublous life, until the shadows lengthen and the evening comes, and the busy world is hushed, and the fever of life is over, and our work is done. Then of thy tender mercy grant us a safe lodging, and a holy rest, and peace at the last; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *Then the Minister and the Congregation shall say,*

**O**UR Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, On earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, As we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation. But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. *Amen.*

**BENEDICTION**

**T**HE peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. *Amen.*

**AT THE GRAVE**

¶ *The Minister shall say,*

**B**LESSED be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you, who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. →

The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord.

*or*

**I**N the midst of life we are in death; of whom may we seek for succor, but of thee, O Lord, who for our sins art justly displeased?

Seek ye the Lord while he may be found; call ye upon him while he is near.

For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad.



## THE COMMITTAL

UNTO the mercy of Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we commend the soul of our brother departed, and commit *his body* to the ground (*to its last resting place*), earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust; in sure and certain hope of the Resurrection unto eternal life; through our Lord Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

I HEARD a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them.

Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY God, who by the death of thy Son, Jesus Christ, hast destroyed death: by his rest in the tomb hast sanctified the graves of the saints; and by his glorious resurrection hast brought life and immortality to light, so that all who die in him abide in peace and hope; receive, we beseech thee, our unfeigned thanks for that victory over death and the grave which he has obtained for us and for all who sleep in him; and keep us who are still in the body, in everlasting fellowship with all that wait for thee on earth, and all that are around thee in heaven, in union with him who is the Resurrection and the Life, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

## BENEDICTION

NOW the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant,

make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever. *Amen.*

or

THE grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. *Amen.*

## THE BURIAL OF A CHILD

*The Service may begin with a Hymn, after which the Minister shall say,*

I N the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

*Then the Minister shall read the following Sentences of Scripture:*

HE shall feed his flock like a shepherd, he shall gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom. Like as a father pitieth his children, so the Lord pitieth them that fear him.

Psalm 23

THE Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

¶ *Then the following Lessons shall be read:*

Mark 10:13-16

AND they brought young children to him, that he should touch them; and his disciples rebuked those that brought them. But when Jesus saw it, he was much displeased, and said unto them, Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God. Verily I say unto you, whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, he shall not enter therein. And he took them up in his arms, put his hands upon them, and blessed them.

Matthew 18:1-5, 10, 14

AT the same time came the disciples unto Jesus, saying, Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven? And Jesus called a little child unto him, and set him in the midst of them, and said, Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven. Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven. And whoso shall receive one such little child in my name receiveth me. Take heed that ye despise not one of these little ones; for I say unto you, that in heaven their angels do always behold the face of my Father which is in heaven.

Even so it is not the will of your Father who is in heaven, that one of these little ones should perish.

¶ *Here a Sermon or an Address may be delivered.*

¶ *Then the following Prayers shall be offered:*

Let us pray.

O HEAVENLY Father, whose face the angels of the little ones do always behold in heaven; grant us steadily to believe that this child hath been taken into the safe keeping of thine eternal love; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

O GOD, whose ways are hidden and whose works most wonderful, who makest nothing in vain, and lovest all that thou hast made; comfort thou thy servants whose hearts are sore smitten and oppressed; and grant that they may so love and serve thee in this life, that together with this child, they may obtain the fullness of thy promises in the world to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

¶ *Then all shall say.*

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 debts, As we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation. But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

BENEDICTION

THE peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. Amen.

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I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him.

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**T**HE grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. *Amen.*



## THE ORDER FOR ORDINATION OF A MINISTER

¶ *The regular Order of Worship shall be followed and a sermon shall be preached setting forth the significance of the office of a Minister of the Gospel. Following the sermon a hymn shall be sung.*

¶ *The Candidate for Ordination, his name having been announced, shall present himself.*

¶ *The presiding Minister shall say,*

**W**E are assembled to ordain this brother, N——  
N——, to the sacred office of the Christian Ministry in accordance with the Word of God and the order of the Evangelical and Reformed Church.

Let us pray.

**D**IRECT us, O Lord, in all our doings with thy most gracious favor, and further us with thy continual help; that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in thee, we may glorify thy holy Name, and finally by thy mercy, attain unto everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

¶ *The presiding Minister shall address the Candidate, and say,*

**B**ELOVED Brother in Christ; Since you have been called to the sacred office of the Christian ministry and are willing to enter into the same, I exhort you to give heed to the admonition of the Holy Scriptures concerning this sacred office.

¶ *The following portions of the Holy Scriptures may be said by the Ministers assisting in the service:*

**J**ESUS spake unto his disciples saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of

the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world.

Jesus said to his disciples, Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you. And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost: Whose soever sins ye remit, they are remitted unto them; and whose soever sins ye retain, they are retained.

**T**HERE is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling: one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all. But unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ. And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the Ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ.

**I** CHARGE thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom; preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; and they shall turn away their ears

from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables. But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy Ministry.

**F**EED the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind; neither as being lords over God's heritage, but being ensamples to the flock. And when the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away.

¶ *The presiding Minister shall then say,*

**B**ELOVED Brother in Christ; Consider well the true nature and significance of the Christian ministry. The first ministers were the Apostles, who were called and sent forth by Jesus Christ himself. Other men were chosen as pastors and teachers in the Church to succeed them; and thus from generation to generation the office of the Ministry has continued unto the present time. Ordination, therefore, is a most solemn rite in which those who are called are set apart for the service of Christ and his Church.

The Ministers of Christ are set in the world to be the representatives of his authority and the ambassadors of his grace. To them it belongs to preach the Word and to administer the Sacraments. They are appointed to serve the Church of Christ, to offer in his Name the prayers and the supplications of his people, to nurture, to instruct, to watch over and guide the sheep and lambs of his flock. Together with Elders, they are charged also with the government of the Church, and with the proper

use of its discipline, for the preservation of order and for the establishment of Christ's kingdom in the world.

Such is the character of the office to which you are called. In order that you may fulfill these sacred obligations, it is necessary that you apply yourself constantly with great care and faithful study to your ministry. Pray earnestly and daily for divine grace. Remember that your sufficiency is not of yourself, but of God. Devote yourself wholly to your office that you may be able to give full proof of your ministry and show yourself an example to others in godly living.

And now, before God and this Congregation, we call upon you to answer the following questions:

Are you persuaded that you are called of God to the office of the Christian Ministry, and do you trust in the grace of the Holy Spirit to aid you in fulfilling the duties of your office?

*Answer.* I am so persuaded, and I do so trust.

Do you accept the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments as the Word of God and the ultimate rule of Christian faith and practice; do you acknowledge the doctrinal standards of the Evangelical and Reformed Church as authoritative interpretations of the essential truth taught in the Holy Scriptures?

*Answer.* I do.

Do you promise to exercise your ministry with diligence and with due regard for the laws and ordinances of the Church?

*Answer.* I do so promise, with the help of God.

Let us pray.

**M**OST gracious God, our heavenly Father, send down, we beseech thee, the anointing of the Holy Spirit upon this thy servant, now being set apart, through the solemn act of ordination, to the office of the Christian Ministry. Grant unto him, O most merciful Father, such fulness of thy grace, that he may be a faithful and wise steward whom thou settest over thy household. Make him a true preacher of righteousness; a watchful guardian over the flock, and a follower of the true Shepherd who giveth his life for the sheep. May he be an example to the believers, in work, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity, and may he in all things faithfully fulfill his ministry in thy sight. And unto thee, the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God our Savior, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

¶ *The Candidate shall kneel, and the officiating Ministers shall lay their hands upon his head, and the presiding Minister shall say,*

**I**N the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ, the Chief Shepherd of the Church, and trusting in the power of his grace, we ordain, consecrate, and appoint you to the office of the Christian Ministry.

May the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, rest upon you, abide with you and strengthen you always with all might through the Spirit unto every good word and work. Amen.

¶ *The newly ordained Minister shall then rise and the presiding Minister shall say,*

**W**E give you the right hand of fellowship, to take part with us in this Ministry.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**O**UR Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, On earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, As we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

BENEDICTION

**N**OW the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever. Amen.



## THE ORDER FOR INSTALLATION OF A MINISTER

¶ *The Order of Worship or the Evening Service shall be used, with these, or other suitable Lessons: I Peter 5:1-4; John 21:15-17.*

¶ *After the Sermon, the presiding Minister shall say,*

**B**ELOVED in the Lord; in the Name of God, and in the presence of *this Congregation*, we shall now install as Pastor of *this Church*, our brother in Christ, N— N—.

### THE CHARGE TO THE PASTOR

¶ *The Minister-elect, his name having been announced, shall present himself and the presiding Minister shall say,*

**B**ELOVED Brother in Christ; the great Shepherd and Bishop of souls has called you to the office of the Christian ministry and to the pastorate of *this Church*. I therefore ask you in the presence of God and this Congregation: Are you ready and willing to take upon yourself the holy office of the ministry in *this Church* and faithfully to discharge its duties in accordance with the word of God?

*Answer.* I am, with the help of God.

Do you promise, to the best of your ability, to proclaim to all, both old and young, the counsel of God unto salvation according to the Gospel of Jesus Christ, to lead an exemplary life, and to avoid everything that might hinder the fruitfulness of your office and work?

*Answer.* I do so promise, with the help of God.

## THE INSTALLATION OF A MINISTER

### THE CHARGE TO THE CONGREGATION

¶ *The presiding Minister shall say,*

**B**ELOVED in the Lord; You have heard the solemn promise made by him whom you have called to be your Pastor. Do you, now, on your part, receive him in this character and office, promising to show him the love, honor and obedience in the Lord due to a shepherd and guide? Do you further promise, according to the grace that is given you, to labor with him, and support him adequately in his ministry?

*Answer.* We do.

### THE INSTALLATION

¶ *The presiding Minister shall then say,*

**U**PON this mutual assurance and pledge, and by the authority of the N—— Synod of the Evangelical and Reformed Church, I now install you N—— as pastor of *this N—— Church*, in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

The Lord, who hath called you to his service, enlighten, strengthen and guide you through his Holy Spirit, that you may serve *this Congregation* as a faithful laborer bringing forth fruit unto life eternal.

Let us pray.

**B**LESSED be thy name, O God, for the Church of Jesus Christ and the ministry of reconciliation! We pray thee, bless *this Congregation* and Pastor, and seal thou the union into which they have entered, that in all things they may faithfully work together in the building of thy kingdom.

Fill thy servant with the gifts of thy Holy Spirit, enrich his ministry with thy love and peace, strengthen his messages with thy truth and power, and preserve his life in purity to be an example unto many. Grant, O Lord, that he may be truly an ambassador of thine, to proclaim the Gospel of redemption.

Do thou also visit *this Congregation* with thy love and favor. Prepare the hearts of old and young to receive and obey thy Word. Enlighten the minds of all with the light of thy Gospel. Quicken all members of *this Church* to faithful service, willing sacrifice and fervent zeal for thy kingdom; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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 debts, As we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

¶ *The newly installed Pastor shall conclude the Service.*

## THE ORDER FOR ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF ELDERS AND DEACONS

¶ *When the Elders and Deacons of a congregation have been elected, their names shall be publicly announced, and a time appointed for their Ordination and Installation.*

¶ *When Elders are to be set in office without Deacons, or Deacons without Elders, such parts of the following form are to be used as relate to that particular case.*

¶ *Persons previously ordained shall only be installed.*

¶ *The persons to be set in office, their names being announced, shall present themselves; whereupon the Minister, addressing the Congregation, shall say,*

DEARLY Beloved in the Lord; *These persons have been solemnly chosen and called by you, as a Christian Congregation, to take part as Elders and Deacons in the care and service of this Church. They have accepted your call. No one has come forward to urge any just objection to their being set in office. I therefore proceed, in the name of the Lord, to set apart each in his own office, to the work of the ministry among you, and in your behalf.*

¶ *Then, addressing the Candidates, he shall say,*

BRETHREN; As it is a great honor to bear office in the Lord's house, so is it also a solemn trust which no one should take upon himself rashly or lightly. For although your election has been by the free choice of your fellow members, you are not to regard yourselves merely as *servants* of men, but also as *servants* of Christ. You should therefore magnify your office, and make high

account of its duties as a service to be rendered unto God, and not simply to men.

*Elders* are appointed to assist and support the Ministers of the Word in the general government of the Church. They form, with the Minister, in each particular charge, a council in common for the spiritual supervision of the flock which is committed to their care. They are to be the advisers and counsellors of the Minister in the discharge of his holy office; they are to be to him as hands and eyes, acting with him and for him, and representing his presence throughout the Congregation. It is their province to go before the flock in the way of Christian example, to watch over it in the Lord, to take an active interest in its spiritual welfare, to feel a responsibility for its condition, to be at hand in all circumstances with spiritual aid for its necessities and wants. To them, moreover, in conjunction with the Pastor, belongs the whole discipline of the Church, its power of the keys, as exercised both in the form of censure and in the form of restoration.

*Deacons* are appointed to assist and support the Pastor in those ministrations which pertain to the more outward needs of the general household of faith. They are to aid in securing the funds necessary for the support of the Church in its various activities. They are to labor among the people in making known to them the needs of the Church, fostering the principle of stewardship, and thereby cultivating the spirit of liberal and cheerful giving. In discharging these duties, however, they must not lose sight of the true spiritual character of their office, which, although it may be thus occupied with outward

and temporal things, yet remains always a proper branch of the Christian ministry, requiring virtues and merits of like sort with those which are needful for the office of the ministry in its more exalted character.

Having well considered the nature and design of *these sacred offices* to which you have been called by the voice of this Congregation, do you accept the call as coming from God, and do you undertake the work and service it sets before you, in the name and for the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ?

*Answer.* I do.

Do you recognize the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments as the Word of God and the ultimate rule of Christian faith and practice?

*Answer.* I do.

Do you promise to exercise your ministry, as *Elders* or *Deacons*, among this people, with faithful diligence, according to what you have now declared to be the rule of your faith, showing all proper regard for the lawful authority of the Church, and taking heed to your own lives, that you may adorn the gospel of our Savior by a walk and conversation answerable to the place you occupy in the Church of the living God?

*Answer.* I do.

¶ *The Congregation standing, the Minister shall say,*

Let us pray.

**O** LORD, our heavenly Father, who hast been pleased of thy great goodness to call *these thy servants* to office and power in thy Church; send down upon *them*,



we beseech thee, the Holy Spirit, by whose blessed inspiration alone *they* are enabled to fulfill the ministry now committed unto *them*. Make *them* wise and faithful, humble, and yet bold, constant, patient, and persevering in *their* appointed work. In all *their* walk and conversation may thy precepts shine forth; may *they* hold the testimony of a good conscience; and prove *themselves* a good example unto all thy flock, to the glory of thy holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *Here those who have not been previously ordained to the office in which they are now called to serve, shall kneel, whereupon the Minister shall proceed to ordain them, laying his right hand upon each one in succession, and saying,*

**T**AKE thou authority to execute the office of *Elder* —*Deacon*—in the Church of our Lord Jesus Christ, which office I now solemnly commit unto thee, in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

¶ *The newly ordained persons shall now rise, after which the Minister shall install both those now ordained, and those who have been previously ordained, using the following form:*

**I**N the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ, and by the authority invested in me by his Church, I now install you in the charge and service to which you have been called by this Congregation.

May the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit rest upon you, abide with you, and strengthen you in your ministry always with all might through the Spirit unto every good word and work. *Amen.*

## THE ORDER FOR CONSECRATION OF COMMISSIONED WORKERS

¶ *The regular Order of Worship shall be followed, and a sermon shall be preached setting forth the significance of the kind of work to which the Candidate is to be commissioned. Following the sermon, a hymn shall be sung. The Candidate for commissioning, his name having been announced, shall then present himself and the presiding Minister shall say,*

**W**E are assembled to consecrate N—— N—— as a Commissioned Worker in accordance with the order of the Evangelical and Reformed Church.

Let us pray.

**D**IRECT us, O Lord, in all our doings with thy most gracious favor, and further us with thy continual help, that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in thee, we may glorify thy holy Name, and finally by thy mercy, attain unto everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *The presiding Minister shall then address the Candidate and say,*

**D**EARLY Beloved; You have been called to the office of Commissioned Worker in the Church, and have presented yourself to be set apart and consecrated for this service. In so doing, you take upon yourself the yoke of our Lord Jesus Christ, laboring and ministering in his Name that God's kingdom may come, and his will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

It is both a high honor and a solemn responsibility to bear the commission of Christ and his Church. There are diversities of gifts, and differences of ministrations

in the Church; but all proceed from the same Lord, through the power of one and the same Spirit. Thus you may understand how much is comprehended in your present consecration as a Commissioned Worker, serving in the capacity of ———; and how needful it is that you should magnify your ministry, and make high account of its duties as a service to be rendered unto Almighty God.

And now I ask you,

Do you, having well considered the nature and purpose of this sacred office, accept the call as coming to you from God, and do you undertake the work and service it sets before you in the name of, and for the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ?

*Answer.* I do.

Do you accept the Holy Scripture of the Old and New Testaments as the Word of God and the ultimate rule of Christian faith and practice?

*Answer.* I do.

Do you promise to exercise your Commission with diligence, and with due regard for the laws and ordinances of the Church?

*Answer.* I do, with the help of God.

¶ *The Candidate shall kneel, and the presiding Minister shall proceed to consecrate him, saying,*

**I**N the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ, and trusting in the power of his grace, we consecrate you a Commissioned Worker in the Church, and appoint you to the office to which you have been called.

May the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, rest upon you, abide with you and strengthen you always with all might through the Spirit unto every good word and work. *Amen.*

Let us pray.

**A**LL glory, praise and thanksgiving be unto thee, O Lord our God, because in thy great goodness thou dost send forth laborers into thy harvest to the increase of thy kingdom and the honor of thy holy Name.

As thou hast been pleased to call *this* thy servant into work and service in thy Church, send down thy Holy Spirit upon *him* now, we beseech thee, that *he* may worthily accomplish the work committed to *him*, and may in all *his* ministrations be found faithful. Bestow upon *him* the gift of wisdom and sound judgment, of simplicity and singleness of heart, and of sympathy with those among whom *he* dwells and works. Be thou *his* joy and gladness, *his* firm support in every trial, and at the last, *his* exceeding great reward; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## AN ORDER FOR COMMISSIONING MISSIONARIES

¶ *If the Candidate for missionary service has not been ordained as a Minister of the Gospel or consecrated as a Commissioned Worker, this Order, or appropriate parts of it, may be used in connection with the Order either for Ordination or Consecration, as may be required.*

¶ *If the Candidate has been previously ordained or consecrated, the regular Order of Worship shall be followed, and a Sermon shall be preached setting forth the significance of the work of missions. Following the sermon, a hymn shall be sung.*

¶ *The Candidate for Commissioning, his name having been announced, shall then present himself.*

¶ *The presiding Minister shall say,*

**W**E are assembled to commission N—— N——  
as a missionary in the service of the Lord Jesus  
Christ, in fulfillment of his great commission to make disci-  
ples of all nations.

Let us pray.

**L**ORD our God, who didst send thy Son to be the  
Savior of the world; we beseech thee that the knowl-  
edge of thy salvation be spread abroad, till in every place  
thy name shall be worshipped and glorified; through the  
same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

¶ *The presiding Minister shall then address the Candidate and say,*

**D**EARLY Beloved; Since the Board of International  
Missions of the Evangelical and Reformed Church  
has called you into special service as a missionary, we  
proceed now to commission you for this task, bidding you  
to remember the command and promises of the Holy  
Scriptures, and asking of you vows of faithfulness and

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sacrifice in the work to which you are about to give *yourself*.

¶ *The following portions of the Holy Scriptures may be said by the Ministers assisting in the service:*

**R**EMEMBER God's love for all mankind: For God so  
loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son,  
that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but  
have everlasting life.

God our Savior will have all men to be saved and to  
come unto the knowledge of the truth.

**H**EAR also Jesus' command to his disciples: And Jesus  
came to them and spake unto them, saying, all  
power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye  
therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the  
name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy  
Spirit: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I  
have commanded you: and lo, I am with you alway, even  
unto the end of the world.

Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is  
come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both  
in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria and unto  
the uttermost part of the earth.

**R**EMEMBER likewise God's promises: For as the rain  
cometh down and the snow from heaven, and re-  
turneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh  
it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower  
and bread to the eater: So shall my word be that goeth  
forth out of my mouth: It shall not return unto me void,  
but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall  
prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.



IT IS the Lord who calls to this work: Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them.

Unto me, who am less than the least of all saints, is this grace given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ.

¶ *The presiding Minister shall say,*

**D**ECLARE now your intention and purpose as you take up the work of a missionary.

Are you willing to devote your life to the salvation of men and to the building up of the living Church of Christ, through the work of Christian missions?

*Answer.* I am willing.

Are you ready to go forth from your country and from your kindred and from your father's house, unto the land that God has shown you?

*Answer.* I am ready.

Will you labor in accord with the duly appointed authorities of the Church, both at home and abroad, remembering that we are fellow workers with the Lord?

*Answer.* I will, with the help of God.

¶ *The presiding Minister shall proceed to commission the Candidate, saying,*

**I**N the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ, and trusting in the power of his grace, we appoint and commission you a missionary of the Gospel in service beyond this land and nation.

May Almighty God help you and strengthen you in the work to which you now have been set apart. *Amen.*

Let us pray.

**P**RAISE and honor be unto thee, O God, for the blessed Name of Christ Jesus our Lord; for there is none other Name under heaven given among man whereby we must be saved; neither is there salvation in any other, save in the Name of Jesus Christ. We give thanks to thee for the work of redemption, for the giving of the Gospel, and for the raising up of faithful witnesses in all generations.

Let thy Holy Spirit come richly upon *this thy servant* whom thou hast called into missionary service through the Church, that *he* may bear unwearied testimony to the power of thy loving grace manifested in Christ Jesus our Lord, bringing forth the fruit of righteousness and love, and winning many souls unto thee. Give *him* patience and wisdom, tenderness and zeal; support *him* in every trial and tribulation; let thy joy abound in *him*, and may thy peace keep *his* heart and mind in Christ Jesus, unto life eternal; through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

## AN ORDER FOR INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS AND TEACHERS OF THE CHURCH SCHOOL

¶ *The Installation may take place in one of the Services of the Church. The persons to be installed shall present themselves before the Congregation, and the Minister shall say,*

**B**ELOVED in the Lord; You have been called to a special Christian service. Through the power of the Holy Spirit you are to teach the word of God, mould Christian character, guide others to service in God's Kingdom and to help win many souls unto Christ the Lord.

In accepting your office, you assume a task which demands your noblest effort, your faith and prayer, and your Christian example in holiness and virtue. Do not be content with your own knowledge and power, but rely upon Jesus who said, Without me ye can do nothing, and, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Be not discouraged either by the magnitude of the service or any apparent difficulties, but remember the experience of the apostle who wrote, I can do all things through Christ who strengtheneth me.

Therefore, let the life of Jesus Christ, the Master Teacher, be your example; the fidelity of the disciples and apostles your inspiration; and this prophecy your hope of reward: They that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever.

In the presence of Almighty God, who knoweth the secrets of our hearts and giveth power to the faint, I charge you on behalf of the Church school and Congre-

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gation, ever to remember the duties and obligations of your office, your responsibility to the school, the Church, and the Lord Jesus Christ, and ask you: Do you promise, with the help of God and the guidance of his Holy Spirit, to discharge to the best of your knowledge and ability the service for which you have been chosen?

*Answer.* I do, with the help of God.

Upon this assurance I install you as the officers and teachers of the Church school.

May he who has called you into his glorious service endow you with wisdom and strength to do his work.

Let us pray.

**B**LESSED God and Father, who hast heard the pledge of these thy servants, we beseech thee now to grant unto them the spirit of wisdom and understanding, of humility and courage, of love and mercy, in order that the work of Christian nurture may be prospered, and thy kingdom established more fully in our midst. Bless our Church School and all schools teaching thy Word; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## AN ORDER FOR INSTALLATION OF THE OFFICERS OF ORGANIZATIONS IN A CONGREGATION

¶ *Such as the Women's Guild, the Churchmen's Brotherhood and the Youth Fellowship.*

¶ *This Installation may be held in connection with the regular meeting of the organization or may take place in one of the Services of the Church. The Pastor shall always officiate at this service.*

**B**ELOVED in the Lord; You have been called to a special Christian service. Through the office to which you have been elected you are to serve the Church, extending its ministry of service and activity through the work of the \_\_\_\_\_, which is an auxiliary of the Church.

By electing you to *this office*, your fellow-members have shown their confidence in you and in your ability to fulfill the duties of the *position* for which you have been chosen. We invite you, therefore, to enter upon the duties of your office in the spirit of Christian service and consecration.

You have come to assume publicly *the office* to which you have been elected by our \_\_\_\_\_. As you enter upon your duties in the Christian spirit you will find the fulfillment of your obligations to be, not a burden, but a source of joy and blessing. We commend you to him who is able to fill you with grace and knowledge, and to crown your earnest endeavor with success.

I now ask you, in the presence of God and of this Congregation (organization): Do you promise, trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ for strength and guidance, that

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you will faithfully fulfill the duties of the office to which you have been elected?

*Answer.* I do.

I remind you, the members of the \_\_\_\_\_ of this Church, that your officers can discharge their obligations only with your loyal co-operation. Therefore I admonish you to follow their guidance, to support and sustain them, and to remember them in your prayers to Almighty God, that by his grace, you and these newly elected officers may accomplish great things for the upbuilding of your organization, the welfare of this congregation and the progress of the kingdom of God. Do you promise to support your officers by your hearty co-operation?

*Answer.* We do.

Upon this mutual assurance, I now install you as the officers of this \_\_\_\_\_.

May he, who has called you into his glorious service, endow you with wisdom and strength to do his work.

Let us pray.

**H**EAVENLY Father, we thank thee that thou hast called us through the Church to be colaborers with Christ in the work of thy kingdom. Grant that these officers now entering upon their duties may obtain thy favor, be strengthened by thy Spirit and be faithful in the discharge of their duties. Reward and bless those who have served in the past. Give unto all members willing hearts and hands, that they may accomplish the work committed unto them.

Grant us, O God, the spirit of sacrifice and service



which was also in Christ Jesus; and unto thee be all honor and glory for ever. *Amen.*

BENEDICTION

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. *Amen.*

AN ORDER FOR LAYING THE CORNER  
STONE OF A CHURCH

¶ *The Service may begin with a Hymn.*

¶ *Then the Minister shall say,*

**I**N the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

¶ *Then shall be said or sung,*

Psalm 84

**H**OW amiable are thy tabernacles, O Lord of hosts! My soul longeth, yea, even fainteth for the courts of the Lord: my heart and my flesh cry out for the living God.

Yea, the sparrow hath found an house, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, even thine altars, O Lord of hosts, my King, and my God.

Blessed are they that dwell in thy house: they will be still praising thee.

Blessed is the man whose strength is in thee; in whose heart are the ways of them.

Who passing through the valley of Baca make it a well; the rain also filleth the pools.

They go from strength to strength, every one of them in Zion appeareth before God.

O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer: give ear, O God of Jacob.

Behold, O God our shield, and look upon the face of thine anointed.

For a day in thy courts is better than a thousand. I had rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God, than to dwell in the tents of wickedness.

For the Lord God is a sun and shield: the Lord will

give grace and glory: no good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly.

O Lord of Hosts, blessed is the man that trusteth in thee.

¶ *Then the GLORIA PATRI may be sung,*

**G**LORY be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

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

¶ *Then the Minister shall read this Lesson:*

Ephesians 2:13-22

**B**UT now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us; having abolished in his flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances; for to make in himself of twain one new man, so making peace; and that he might reconcile both unto God in one body by the cross, having slain the enmity thereby: And came and preached peace to you which were afar off, and to them that were nigh. For through him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father. Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints, and of the household of God; and are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner-stone; in whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord: In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit.

¶ *Then all shall say the APOSTLES' CREED.*

**I** BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ his only begotten Son our Lord: Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary: Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried: He descended into hell\*; The third day he rose again from the dead: He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty: From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost: The Holy Catholic Church\*\*; The Communion of Saints: The Forgiveness of sins: The Resurrection of the body: And the Life everlasting. Amen.

¶ *A Hymn or Anthem may now be sung.*

SERMON OR ADDRESS

¶ *Then an Offering may be received.*

¶ *Here mention may be made of the articles to be placed in the Corner-stone.*

¶ *Then the Minister and Congregation shall say responsively,*

**O**UR help is in the name of the Lord;  
Who made heaven and earth.  
Blessed be the name of the Lord;  
From this time forth for evermore.

\* or, Hades.

\*\* or, The One Holy Universal Christian Church.

Behold I lay in Zion a chief corner-stone, elect, precious;  
And he that believeth in him shall not be con-  
founded.

The stone which the builders refused;  
Is become the headstone of the corner.

This is the Lord's doing;  
And it is marvellous in our eyes.

Other foundation can no man lay than is laid;  
Which is Jesus Christ.

## PRAYER

*Minister.* The Lord be with you.

*Congregation.* And with thy spirit.

*Minister.* Let us pray.

**O** LORD God, heavenly Father, whom the heavens cannot contain, but whose will it is to have a house upon earth wherein prayer and praise to thy Name may continually be made; look graciously toward this place; and as thou didst move thine ancient people to build for thee an house of worship, do thou fulfill also the desire of our hearts, and bless and prosper what we have undertaken in thy Name. *Amen.*

**O** LORD Jesus Christ, thou Son of the living God, who art the chief Corner Stone and the everlasting Foundation of thy Church; we pray thee, let the stone which we here lay in thy Name be a firm foundation; and as thou art thyself the Beginning and the Ending, be also the beginning, continuance, and completion of what we here commence for thine honor and glory. *Amen.*

**O** LORD God, Holy Spirit, who makest the assembly of thy saints thy dwelling-place; bless and sanctify the gifts and labors that make possible the building of this edifice, consecrate the skill and industry of the workmen, shielding them from all accidents and dangers, and grant that we also, as living stones, may be built up into a spiritual house and an abiding temple of thy glory; who with the Father and the Son livest and reignest, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

¶ *The Corner-stone shall now be laid, and the Minister shall say,*

**I**N the faith of Jesus Christ, we do now lay this Corner-stone: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

¶ *Then all shall say,*

**O**UR Father, who art in heaven; Hallowed be thy Name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done, On earth as it is in heaven; Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our debts, As we forgive our debtors; And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil; For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. *Amen.*

¶ *The Service may conclude with a Hymn and a Benediction.*



## AN ORDER FOR DEDICATION OF A CHURCH

¶ *The Minister and the Congregation, having convened in a suitable place, may go in procession to the door of the Church.*

¶ *A Hymn may be sung in procession.*

¶ *When the procession is omitted, the Minister, with the Consistory or Church Council and the Choir, shall assemble at the entrance of the Church.*

¶ *At the door of the Church, the Minister shall say,*

**I**N the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

¶ *Then shall be sung or said,*

Psalm 24

**T**HE earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein.

For he hath founded it upon the seas, and established it upon the floods.

Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord? or who shall stand in his holy place?

He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully.

He shall receive the blessing from the Lord, and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

This is the generation of them that seek him, that seek thy face, O Jacob.

Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in.

Who is this King of glory? The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle.

Lift up your heads, O ye gates; even lift them up, ye

everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in.

Who is this King of glory? The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.

**G**LORY be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

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

¶ *Then the keys of the building shall be given to the Minister. As he enters the door, he shall say,*

**P**EACE be to this house and to all that enter therein

¶ *Then, moving slowly into the Church, shall be sung or said,*

Psalm 122

**I** WAS glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord.

Our feet shall stand within thy gates, O Jerusalem.

Jerusalem is builded as a city that is compact together:

Whither the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, unto the testimony of Israel, to give thanks unto the name of the Lord.

For there are set thrones of judgment, the thrones of the house of David.

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: they shall prosper that love thee.

Peace be within thy walls, and prosperity within thy palaces.

For my brethren and companions' sakes, I will now say, Peace be within thee.

Because of the house of the Lord our God I will seek thy good.

GLORY be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

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

¶ *The Minister shall go to the Lord's Table, and say,*

SEND out thy light and thy truth, O Lord. Let them lead me unto thy holy hill and to thy tabernacle, that I may praise thee before thine altar, thou God of my salvation.

¶ *A Hymn of Praise shall then be sung.*

¶ *The Lessons shall be read.*

Revelation 21:2-5

AND I, John, saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God. And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away. And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful.

John 2:13-17

AND the Jews' passover was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem, and found in the temple those that sold oxen and sheep and doves, and the changers of money sitting; And when he had made a scourge of small

cords, he drove them all out of the temple, and the sheep, and the oxen; and poured out the changers' money, and overthrew the tables; and said unto them that sold doves, Take these things hence; make not my Father's house an house of merchandise. And his disciples remembered that it was written, The zeal of thine house hath eaten me up.

¶ *The Congregation shall rise, and a Response shall be sung.*

¶ *Then all standing, the Minister shall say,*

Let us pray.

O GOD, who art present in all places of thy dominion, to accept and further the services of all thy creatures; hear us, we humbly beseech thee, and by thy Holy Spirit consecrate this house which we here dedicate unto thee.

For the worship of thy holy Name,  
For the ministry of the Word,  
For the administration of the Sacraments,

*We dedicate this house.*

For comfort to those who mourn,  
For help to those who are tempted,  
For strength to those who are weak.

*We dedicate this house.*

For the sanctification of the family,  
For the guidance of childhood,  
For the summoning of youth to a life of service.

*We dedicate this house.*

For sympathy and fellowship with the needy,

For brotherhood with all men,

For the unity of all believers in Christ,

*We dedicate this house.*

For aggression against evil,

For fostering civic righteousness,

For promoting peace and justice in all the earth

*We dedicate this house.*

For the sending forth of the Gospel unto the uttermost part of the earth,

For the giving of hope and courage to those that labor in the Lord,

For the consecration of life and service, till thy Kingdom come,

*We dedicate this house.*

**O** GOD, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, our Father which art in heaven,

*To thee we dedicate this house.*

O God, the Son, Savior of the World, Head over all things to the Church, Prophet, Priest, and King.

*To thee we dedicate this house.*

O God the Holy Spirit, Teacher, Sanctifier, and Comforter, Lord and Giver of life,

*To thee we dedicate this house.*

¶ *Then the Minister, with uplifted hands, shall say,*

**H**OLY, blessed, and glorious Trinity, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, to thee we dedicate this house, that it may be the habitation of thy Name and the place where thy glory dwelleth.

Arise, O Lord, into thy rest; thou, and the ark of thy strength.

¶ *Here the SANCTUS or SERAPHIC HYMN may be sung.*

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts,  
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory;  
Glory be to thee, O Lord most high.

*or*

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Sabaoth,  
Heaven and earth are full of the majesty of thy glory;  
Hosanna in the highest!  
Blessed is he that cometh in the Name of the Lord;  
Hosanna in the highest!

**A**LMIGHTY and everlasting God, who dwellest not in temples made with hands, yet who delightest thyself in the praises of the sanctuary; accept the offering of this house which thy people have builded to the glory of thy holy Name. Send down thy Holy Spirit, we beseech thee, and let this house, and every part thereof, be sanctified and hallowed unto thee. Here let thy presence dwell and thy glory be revealed; and grant that all who shall call upon thee here may worship thee in spirit and in truth and may in their lives show forth thy praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**N**OW unto him who is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us; unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus, throughout all ages, world without end. *Amen.*

¶ *The Service may be continued according to the Order which follows the General Prayer.*



AN ORDER FOR DEDICATION OF THE  
LORD'S TABLE, THE BAPTISMAL FONT,  
THE PULPIT, ORGAN, OR OTHER AP-  
POINTMENTS AND MEMORIALS

¶ *After the General Prayer in the Order of Worship, a Hymn or Anthem may be sung.*

¶ *Then all shall stand, and the Minister shall say,*

Let us pray.

**D**IRECT us, O Lord, in all our doings, with thy most gracious favor, and further us with thy continual help; that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in thee, we may glorify thy holy Name, and finally by thy mercy, attain unto everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *The Minister shall approach that which is to be dedicated, and shall say,*

**D**EARLY Beloved; Forasmuch as God has put into our hearts to provide this \_\_\_\_\_ for the worship and service of his holy Name, it is right that we should now dedicate it to him, and set it apart to the sacred use for which it is intended.

¶ *Then, stretching forth his hand toward that which is to be dedicated, he shall say,*

**H**OLY, blessed, and glorious Trinity, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, to thee we dedicate this \_\_\_\_\_, setting it apart to thy most blessed service and praise.

¶ *Then the Minister shall offer an appropriate Prayer of Consecration, such as one of the following:*

DEDICATION—LORD'S TABLE, BAPTISMAL FONT, PULPIT, ETC.

*The Lord's Table* **A**Lmighty God, whose blessed Son, Jesus Christ, offered upon the Cross, in his own body, and through the shedding of his own blood, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice for our sins, and for the sins of the whole world, and did institute and command us to continue this memorial of the same, until his coming again; send down thy Holy Spirit we beseech thee, and let this Table be sanctified and hallowed unto thee. Bless the hearts of thy people, that the sacrifice which they shall here offer unto thee may find acceptance in thy sight, through the mediation of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*The Font* **R**EGARD, O Lord, the supplications of thy servants, and accept at our hands the offering of this Font which we dedicate unto thee. Grant that whosoever shall here be consecrated unto thee in Holy Baptism, may be sanctified by thy Holy Spirit, received into the ark of thy Church, and may ever abide in the fellowship of the Faithful; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*The Pulpit* **A**Lmighty God, send down thy Holy Spirit, we beseech thee, and let this Pulpit be sanctified and hallowed unto thee. Grant that thy holy Gospel, which shall be preached from this place, may be effectual unto true faith and eternal life; and that they who hear, receiving the Word with joy, may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfill the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*An Organ* **O** LORD, our God, whose praise is heard in heaven and upon the earth, accept at thy hands the dedication of this instrument of music which we have caused to be placed here for the service of thy praise. Send down thy Spirit, and let this organ be sanctified and hallowed unto thee. May it be thine, and thine alone, used only for thy glory. Grant that its music may ever attune our hearts to sing thy praise, O Lord most high, and finally, by thy mercy, join us with that great multitude of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, who stand before the throne and before the Lamb, ascribing thanksgiving and honor and power and might, unto our God forever and ever. *Amen.*

*Other Appointments* **A**LMIGHTY God, by whose word and power all things were made, and without whose blessing we cannot worthily bring anything into the service of thy praise, send down thy Holy Spirit, we beseech thee, and let *this* — be sanctified and hallowed unto thee. Grant that in the use of *it*, thy holy Name may be honored and magnified, and that now and always we may worship, adore and praise thee in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *If a Memorial is being dedicated, this Prayer may be added.*

*Memorial* **A**LMIGHTY God, who hast brought the living and the departed into one Communion of Saints; we give thee hearty thanks for the grace thou didst bestow upon thy servants whom thou hast called out of this world unto thyself. Encour-

age our wavering hearts by their example, that we may imitate their goodness; and at the last, attain with them, to the perfect fellowship of thy heavenly Kingdom.

Accept, O God, this ———— as a Memorial to the name of ————, and grant, not only that we may ever be reminded of *him* in whose name it is given and dedicated, but that we may also hold in remembrance thy perfect grace and love, whereby only we can be united in communion and bliss with him over whom death hath no more dominion, even Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Spirit, be glory forever and forever. *Amen.*

¶ *The Service may be continued according to the Order which follows the General Prayer.*

## THE FORM FOR LICENSURE

¶ *At his licensure, the applicant shall read and subscribe the following formula, prepared by authority of the General Synod:*

I hereby testify that I accept the doctrinal standards of the Evangelical and Reformed Church as authoritative interpretations of the essential truth taught in the Holy Scriptures, and promise to preach and teach the same. I also promise that I will observe all ordinances of the Church which now are or may hereinafter be enacted in accordance with the Word of God by the authorities of the Church, and that I will submit to all admonitions and decisions of those authorities so long as I remain a member or an officer of the Evangelical and Reformed Church.

## THE FORM FOR INAUGURATION OF A TEACHER OF THEOLOGY

¶ *At his inauguration a Teacher of Theology is to declare and affirm the following:*

Do you, N—— N——, professor-elect of —— Theological Seminary of the Evangelical and Reformed Church at —— acknowledge before God and this assembly that the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are recognized as the Word of God and the ultimate rule of Christian faith and practice; and that the doctrinal standards of the Evangelical and Reformed Church are an authoritative interpretation of the essential truth taught in the Holy Scriptures? Do you declare that as teacher of theology you will be true to the doctrine of the Scriptures and the standards of the Church, and that according to the ability which God will grant, you will so labor that the students entrusted to your care may become faithful ministers of Jesus Christ?

*Answer.* I so declare and affirm.



## A TREASURY OF PRAYERS

### GENERAL PRAYERS

#### ADORATION

**H**OLY! Holy! Holy! Lord God Almighty! There is none like unto thee, who hast set thy glory above the heavens. Praise waiteth for thee in Zion, and unto thee shall the vow be performed. Harken to the adoration of thy people, we beseech thee, and let the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, our strength and our Redeemer. *Amen.*

**O** GOD, eternal, and unchangeable, the same yesterday, today, and for ever: Thou art glorious in holiness, full of love and compassion, abundant in grace and truth. All thy works praise thee in all places of thy dominion; and thy Son hath glorified thee upon earth. Therefore we bow down and adore thee, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, blessed for evermore. *Amen.*

#### THANKSGIVING

**M**OST heartily do we thank thee, O Lord, for all thy mercies of every kind, and for thy loving care over all thy creatures. We bless thee for the gift of life, for thy protection round about us, for thy guiding hand upon us, and for the many tokens of thy love, especially for the saving knowledge of thy dear Son, our Redeemer; and for the living presence of thy Spirit, our Comforter. We thank thee for friendship and duty, for good hopes and precious memories, for the joys that cheer us, and for the trials that teach us to trust in thee. Take from

us everything that would hide the light of thy countenance; and enable us to give ourselves entirely to thy will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**M**OST gracious God, who hast opened thy hand to give us all good things; thou keepest us beneath the shadow of thy wings; thou providest for us as a father; thou lovest us as a friend, and thinkest on us every day. Unto thee, O God, we offer praise for our redemption in Christ. Grant now that what thou hast sown in lovingkindness may spring up in service; let thy grace strengthen our purpose to do always what is pleasing in thy sight; living here in the light of thy favor, may we at last enter into thy glory, and give thanks to thee for ever; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**W**E thank thee, our Father, for life and love, for the mystery and majesty of existence, for the world of beauty which surrounds us and for the miracle of our conscious life by which we behold the wonders of the universe.

We thank thee for the glimpses of nobility in human life which redeem it from sordidness and reassure us that thy image is in the heart of man. We are grateful for the ties which bind us to our fellow-men; for our common toil in industry and marts of trade; for our joint inheritance as citizens of this nation; for traditions and customs hallowed by age through which our passions are ordered and channelled; for the love of beauty and truth and goodness by which we transcend the chasms of race and nation; for the faith of our fathers by which we claim kinship with the past and gain strength for the present;

for the love of dear ones in our homes and for the enlarging responsibilities and sobering duties of our family life; for the serenity of old people which redeems us from fretfulness and for the faith and courage of youth through which we are saved from sloth.

We are not worthy of the rich inheritances of our common life. We confess that we have profaned the temple of this life by our selfishness and heedlessness. We have sought to gain advantage of our brothers who are bound together with us by many different ties. Have mercy upon us that we may express our gratitude for thy many mercies by contrition for our sins and that we may prove our repentance by lives dedicated more fully to thee and to the common good; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**O** GOD, Giver of all good and Fountain of all mercies, in whom are all the springs of our life; all glory, thanks and praise be unto thee for thine unfailling goodness; for thy faithfulness which is from one generation to another; for thy mercies which are new every morning, fresh every moment, and more than we can number. We thank thee for seedtime and harvest, and summer and winter, and nights and days throughout the year; for food and clothing and shelter; for health and reason; for childhood and age, youth and manhood; for thy fatherly hand ever upon us in sickness and in health, in joy and in sorrow, in life and in death; for friends, kindred and benefactors; for home and country; for thy Church and thy Gospel; through him who loved us and gave himself for us, even Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## CONFESSION

**A**LMIGHTY God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we humbly acknowledge our manifold sins and offenses against thee by thought and deed. We have neglected opportunities of good which thou in thy love gavest unto us. We have been overcome by temptations from which thou wast ready to guard us. We have looked unto men, and not unto thee, in doing our daily work. We have thought too little of others and too much of our own pleasure in all our plans. We have lived in forgetfulness of the life to come. But thou art ever merciful and gracious to those who turn to thee. Therefore we beseech thee that thou wilt not cast us out, but wilt have mercy upon us. Forgive, O Lord, our transgressions, and grant us grace to live hereafter more worthily of our Christian calling, for the glory of thy great Name. *Amen.*

*Of Social Sin*

**I**F THOU, O Lord, shouldest mark iniquity, O Lord, who would stand? (Enter not into judgment with thy servants, for in thy sight is no man living justified.)

In thy presence, our Father, our disguises and pretenses do not avail, and under the light of thy holiness we know ourselves for what we are, mean and petty creatures who seek our own in spite of our noble pretensions. Have mercy upon us. Give us the grace to see our faults more clearly that we may truly repent.

We confess the sorry confusion of our common life to thee. The nations are still at war with one another, each nation seeking its own advantage. Our national life is burdened with the sin of injustice. Millions live in insecurity and poverty while others spend their substance in



riotous living. Those who possess authority love power more than justice and use their fellow-men as tools of their own desires. The cry of the needy arouses us only slightly from our selfish indifference.

We acknowledge that the world's sin is our own, that the greed which we condemn when it results in obvious inhumanity, is in our own heart; that the world is unjust because none of us love justice with sufficient abandon; that the vices of civilization are compounded of the lusts of all of us. Give us grace to look into our own hearts before we cast a stone of condemnation.

May we achieve the grace of true humility in thy presence so that we may cease to defeat thy will for the world by our self-will. May the vision of what we might be convict us of what we are, so that thy mercy may redeem us of our sin; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## INTERCESSION

**O** GOD, the Creator and Preserver of all mankind, we humbly beseech thee for all sorts and conditions of men; that thou wouldest be pleased to make thy ways known unto them, thy saving health unto all nations. More especially, we pray for thy Church; that it may be so guided and governed by thy good Spirit that all who profess and call themselves Christians may be led into the way of truth, and hold the faith in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace, and in righteousness of life. Finally, we commend to thy fatherly goodness all those who are in any way afflicted or distressed in mind, body, or estate and especially those for whom our prayers are asked at this time; that it may please thee to comfort and relieve them according to their several necessities; giving them

patience under their sufferings, and a happy issue out of all their afflictions. And this we beg for Jesus Christ's sake. *Amen.*

**O** GOD, who art mindful of thy children everywhere; reveal thy mercy unto all men, and remember in thy good will, those for whom we now make intercession. Remember thy Church which thou hast purchased of old; and let the ends of the earth see the salvation of our God. Remember our nation which thou hast established; give wisdom and power to thy servants on whom thou hast laid the burden of authority. Remember all the persecuted and afflicted; strengthen the weak, confirm the strong, instruct the ignorant, deliver the oppressed, heal the sick, relieve the needy that hath no helper; and lead us all by the waters of comfort, and in the ways of righteousness, to thine everlasting rest; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*For Social Righteousness*

**O** GOD, who hast made us a royal priesthood that we might offer unto thee prayer and intercession for all sorts and conditions of men, hear us as we pray;

For all who toil in the burden and the heat of the day that they may enjoy the rewards of their industry, that they may not be defrauded of their due and that we may never cease to be mindful of our debt to them, remembering with gratitude the multitude of services which must be performed to make our life tolerable;

For those who have authority and power over their fellow-men, that they may not use it for selfish advantage but be guided to do justice and to love mercy;



For those who have been worsted in the battles of life, whether by the inhumanity of their fellows, their own limitations, or the fickleness of fortune, that they may contend against injustice without bitterness, overcome their own weaknesses with diligence and learn how to accept what cannot be altered, with patience;

For the rulers of nations that they may act wisely and without pride, and seek to promote peace among the peoples and establish justice in our common life;

For the teachers and ministers of the Word, for artists and interpreters of our spiritual life that they may rightly divide the word of truth and not be tempted by pride or greed or any ignoble passion to corrupt the truth to which they are committed;

For prophets and seers and saints who awaken us from our sloth that they may continue to hold their torches high in a world darkened by prejudice and sin and never be disobedient to the heavenly vision.

O God, who hast bound us together in this bundle of life, give us the grace to understand how our lives depend upon the courage, the industry, the honesty and the integrity of our fellow-men, that we may be mindful of their needs, grateful for their faithfulness and faithful in our responsibilities to them; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*An Intercession*

COME, O Lord, into the hearts of thy people here before thee, and of those who are absent through age, sickness, or infirmity. Succor the infants, guide the young, support the aged, encourage the faint-hearted,

gather the scattered, and bring back the wanderers to thy fold:

*We pray thee.*

Travel with the voyagers, defend the widows, shield the orphans, deliver the captives, heal the sick, tend and protect all who are in tribulation, necessity, or distress:

*We pray thee.*

Remember for good all those who love us, and those who may hate us, and those who have desired us to pray for them, unworthy though we be: and those whom we have forgotten, do thou, O Lord, remember:

*We pray thee.*

For thou art the helper of the helpless, the savior of the lost, the refuge of the wanderer, the healer of the sick: do thou, who knowest each man's need, grant thy help unto each according to thy merciful kindness and thine eternal love; through Jesus Christ our Lord:

*We pray thee.*

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 debts, As we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. *Amen.*

## PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH

## THE CHURCH

**A**LMIGHTY God, who hast built thy Church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner-stone, grant that, by the operation of the Holy Spirit, all Christians may be so joined together in unity of spirit, and in the bond of peace that they may be an holy temple acceptable unto thee. And especially to this congregation give the abundance of thy grace; that with one heart they may desire the prosperity of thy holy Church, and with one mouth may profess the faith once delivered to the saints. Defend them from sin, let not the foot of pride come nigh to hurt them, nor the hand of the ungodly to cast them down. And grant that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by thy guidance, that thy Church may joyfully serve thee in all godly quietness; that so they may walk in the ways of truth and peace, and at last be numbered with thy saints in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

**W**E pray for thy Church, which is set today amid the perplexities of a changing order and face to face with a great new task. We remember with love the nurture she gave to our spiritual life in its infancy, the tasks she set for our growing strength, the influence of the devoted hearts she gathers, the steadfast power for good she has exerted. When we compare her with all human institutions, we rejoice, for there is none like her. But when we judge her by the mind of her Master, we bow in contrition. O God, baptize her afresh in the life-

giving spirit of Jesus! Put upon her lips the ancient gospel of her Lord. Fill her with the prophet's scorn of tyranny, and with a Christlike tenderness for the heavy-laden and downtrodden. Bid her cease from seeking her own life, lest she lose it. Make her valiant to give up her life to humanity, that like her crucified Lord she may mount by the path of the cross to a higher glory. *Amen.*

## UNITY OF THE CHURCH

**T**HOU Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is head of the Church; give us grace to lay to heart the great dangers we are in by our unhappy divisions. Take away all hatred and prejudice, and whatsoever else may hinder us from godly union and concord; that, as there is but one Body, and one Spirit, and one hope of our calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of us all, so we may henceforth be all of one heart, and of one soul, united in one holy bond of truth and peace, of faith and charity, and may with one mind and one mouth glorify thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## MINISTERS

**T**HOU Shepherd and Bishop of Souls, who didst look with compassion upon the multitudes because they were distressed and scattered as sheep not having a shepherd, and didst admonish thy disciples to pray the Lord of the harvest that he send laborers into his harvest; we beseech thee, help us, thy ministering servants, to lay upon the hearts of fathers and mothers and sons and daughters, the great need of thy Church at this time for men and women who will give themselves wholly to the



work of thy kingdom. May they hear and heed the cry of the helpless and hopeless, the distressed and scattered, coming to thee and to thy people from the ends of the earth. By thy Spirit move the hearts of young men to devote themselves to the ministry of reconciliation. Enable the teachers and ministers by thy grace to inspire the youth under their care to become co-laborers with thee that thy kingdom may come and thy name be glorified throughout the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## HEARERS OF THE WORD

**O** GOD, whose Word is quick and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword; grant unto us who are here before thee that we may receive thy truth into our hearts, in faith and love. By it may we be taught and guided, upheld and comforted; that we be no longer children in understanding, but grow to the stature of perfect men in Christ, and be prepared unto every good word and work, to the honor of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## CONFIRMANDS OR CATECHUMENS

**M**OST gracious God, our heavenly Father, who dost, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord, accept the intercessions of thy people; remember, we beseech thee, the Catechumens of this Congregation and throughout thy whole Church. By thy Holy Spirit enlighten and instruct them in the knowledge of thee and divine things; open their hearts to the influences of thy Holy Word, that they may meditate on thy law day and night; strengthen and confirm them in religion; unite them more closely

with thyself and thy flock; cleanse them from all pollution of flesh and spirit, and let the indwelling of thy grace be evermore their strength and safety. Prepare them for full communion with thy Church; help them to love, honor, and obey thee in all things; and grant them an abundant entrance into thy heavenly kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## PRAYERS FOR THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

**O** GOD, we beseech thee to bless all schools of learning, that in them the rising generation may be trained in thy fear and love and fitted for thy service. May all instructors be disciples of thy wisdom, and obedient to him who is the wise teacher of us all. Make them to be seekers after truth, that their example may lead many to love what is noble, and to live for the honor of thy Name. And hasten the time, we beseech thee, O merciful God, when all shall know thee, from the least to the greatest, and when the whole earth shall be filled with thy glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*Schools and Colleges*

**T**HOU who art the Way, the Truth, and the Life, who didst send forth thy servants to make disciples of all nations, teaching them to observe all things whatsoever thou didst command them; bless, we pray thee, the schools of the Church, the seminaries, colleges and academies, that they may train and send forth men and women to serve thee in the ministry of the Word, in works of mercy and in all the walks of life. In our en-



deavors to advance thy Kingdom through word and deed, may we be sustained by the blessed assurance that thou art with us always, even unto the end of the world; and to thee, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be all the praise. *Amen.*

## EVANGELISM

**M**OST gracious God, our heavenly Father, who hast so loved the world as to give thine only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life; increase, we beseech thee, the faith and zeal of thy people, that they may more earnestly desire, and more diligently seek, the salvation of their fellowmen, through the message of thy love in Christ Jesus, our Lord. Send forth a mighty call unto thy servants to preach thy word; multiply the number of those who labor in the gospel; and so bless the witness of all believers, that multitudes may be brought from the kingdom of evil into the kingdom of thy dear Son. Make all of us to see that souls are perishing for the lack of knowledge of Jesus Christ and him crucified; and since thou hast intrusted to us the knowledge of thy truth and the gift of thy bounty, help us to use them as good stewards, so that thy word may be proclaimed and thy kingdom enlarged, to the glory of thy Name and the salvation of men; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## MINISTRY OF HEALING

**T**HOU who art the Creator and Preserver of all mankind, have pity upon the poor in body and soul. Relieve their misery from thine incredible riches, that, freed from the entanglements of poverty, they may set

their hearts upon thee. Out of the bountiful provisions which thou hast made for all men, by thy grace working in the hearts of those who have authority and power, may just provision be made for human need everywhere. Through those who profess thy name and are heirs of thy Kingdom, give thou meat to the hungry, drink to the thirsty, comfort to the sorrowful, cheer to the dismayed. Strengthen thou the weak, deliver them that are in bondage, and give hope and courage to all those who are engaged in the work of thy kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*For the Sick*

**A**LMIGHTY Father, giver of life and health; look mercifully, we beseech thee, on the sick and suffering, especially those for whom our prayers are desired, that by thy blessing upon them and upon those who minister to them, they may be restored, if it be thy gracious will, to health of body and mind, and give thanks to thee in thy holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*For Hospitals*

**A**LMIGHTY God, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ went about doing good, healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people; continue, we beseech thee, his gracious work among us, especially in the Hospitals and Infirmarys of our land; cheer, heal, and sanctify the sick; grant to the physicians, surgeons, and nurses wisdom and skill, sympathy and patience; and send down thy blessing on all who labor to prevent suffering and to forward thy purposes of love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*For Those in Distress*

**O** THOU who art Love, and who seest all the suffering, injustice, and misery which reign in this world; have pity, we implore thee, on the work of thy hands. Look mercifully upon the poor, the oppressed, and all who are heavy laden with error, labor, or sorrow. Fill our hearts with deep compassion for those who suffer, and hasten the coming of thy kingdom of justice and truth; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*For Divine Strength*

**O** GOD, the Refuge of the poor, and the Hope of the humble, the Salvation of the needy; hear us as we pray for those who are worn by illness, for all who are wronged or oppressed, and for the weary and heavy-laden, that they may be strengthened by thy grace, and healed by thy consolations. Let the dayspring from on high visit those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide their feet into the way of peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*For Divine Peace*

**G**OD of all comfort and infinite compassion, who canst turn sorrow into joy; look mercifully upon all who are in trouble whether of mind, body, or estate; sustain and heal the sick; support and sanctify the dying; visit with thy mercy those who mourn. Pour thy divine peace into every wounded spirit; and give to each desolate soul the assurance of thy love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## THE KINGDOM OF GOD

## GENERAL PRAYER FOR THE KINGDOM

**O** THOU King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, our Savior; hasten, we beseech thee, the coming of thy kingdom upon earth, and draw the whole world of mankind into willing obedience to thy blessed reign. Overcome all the enemies of Christ, and bring low every power that is exalted against him. Cast out all the evil things which cause wars and fighting among us, and let thy Spirit rule the hearts of men in righteousness and love. Restore what was made desolate in former days; let the wilderness rejoice with beauty; and make glad the city with thy law. Establish every work that is founded on truth and equity, and fulfil all the good hopes and desires of mankind. Manifest thy will, Almighty Father, in the brotherhood of man, and bring in universal peace; through the victory of Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## MISSIONS

*For National Missions*

**O** LORD, our heavenly Father, whose tender mercies are over all thy works; we call upon thee in behalf of our beloved nation, which thou hast established in liberty, equality, and righteousness, humbly beseeching thee to hasten the day when all our actions shall be governed by the gospel of thy dear Son. Let thy blessing, we pray thee, rest upon all missionary agencies throughout the land. Bless especially the Board of National Missions; grant them wisdom and grace from on high; and give inspiration and courage to all those who are faith-



fully serving as missionaries of the cross, helping them to interpret Christ to all the people and in all the relationships of life, that religion may give stability to our time, and our land abide in righteousness and peace. So help us, our heavenly Father, to bring this nation into thy kingdom and make us a blessing to all the nations of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*For International Missions*

**O** GOD, whose dearly beloved Son, after his resurrection from the dead, did send his apostles into all the world to preach the gospel to every creature; hear, we beseech thee, the prayers of thy people, and look down in compassion upon the multitudes that are as sheep having no shepherd, and upon the fields now white unto the harvest. Bless those thy servants, who, after the example of thy first missionaries, have gone far hence to the Gentiles, and prosper thou their work of faith and labor of love. Bless especially the Board of International Missions of our own Church, its officers, and all our missionaries. Send forth more laborers into thy harvest, to gather fruit unto life eternal. And grant us grace and power to be fellow-workers with them by our prayers and offerings, that we may also rejoice with them in thy heavenly kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE CHRISTIAN SOCIAL ORDER

**O** GOD of our fathers, we desire to make before thee a solemn act of penitence on behalf of the Church. We, her children, have done little to further thy kingdom on earth by the establishment of social justice.

We humble ourselves before thee for our neglect, and seek thy forgiveness. We confess that we have often forgotten that since thou art our Father, all men are our brethren, and that we are stewards and not owners of all that thou hast given us. Pardon any indifference and apathy toward the sufferings of those who labor. Pardon any bitterness toward those who abound. Forgive us for having allowed injustice and oppression to remain too often unrebuked and unredressed. These and all other sins we confess with grief and shame. Endue thy holy Church with power to break every yoke and to let the oppressed go free. May the love of Christ constrain us, and may thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

WORLD PEACE

**O** GOD, who hast made of one blood all the nations of the earth, and hast set the bounds of their habitation that they might seek after thee and find thee; mercifully hear our supplications, and remove from us the menace of war. Guide the rulers with thy counsel and restrain the passions of the people, so that bloodshed may be averted and peace be preserved. And, by the pouring forth of thy Spirit upon all flesh, quicken the sense of our common brotherhood, bind all the nations into a new bond of fellowship, and hasten the time when the kingdoms of this world shall become the kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

**W**E thank thee, Lord of heaven and earth, that men who were once afar off, one from the other, are made nigh by the blood of Christ, who is our peace; and



who brake down the middle wall of partition, and created in himself, of the Jew and the Gentile, one new man, so that they are no more strangers and sojourners but fellow citizens with the saints and of the household of God. By the power of that same crucified and risen Lord may men of different races, bloods, colors, and creeds now be reconciled in one body; so that they be no longer set one against the other by the prejudice of race, the pride of culture, and the lust of power and dominion. Send forth thy messengers of glad tidings, to preach peace through the cross to them that today are far off and to them that are nigh; so that men will no more exploit one another, and that each nation will bring its sacrifices to Zion and will work with all the nations for the prosperity and welfare of mankind, that thy name be glorified and thy kingdom be established; through Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

## THE BROTHERHOOD OF MAN

**A**LMIGHTY God, from whom all thoughts of truth and peace proceed: Kindle, we pray thee, in the hearts of all men the true love of peace, and guide with thy pure and peaceable wisdom those who take counsel for the nations of the earth; that in tranquility thy kingdom may go forward, till the earth is filled with the knowledge of thy love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**O** GOD, our Father, increase in every nation the sense of human brotherhood, true respect for man and for woman, loyalty in service and charity, happiness in work and justice in reward; that our homes may be kept safe

and pure, our cities renewed in beauty and order, and all the world may reflect the radiance of thy throne in heaven. *Amen.*

**O** GOD, our creator and preserver, Who hast made of one blood all nations to dwell on all the face of the earth, and who didst reveal thy will for men by thy son, the prince of peace; give us charity, we pray thee, to regard all men as our brethren, and to share with them the heritage which we have received from thee. Deliver us from ungodly pride, ungenerous judgments, and presumptuous claims. Help us to put away selfishness and malice, suspicion, envy and anger, and all the unrighteous passions which cause men to be enemies one of another. Give us a mind to understand the aspirations and needs of those who are not of our race and tongue; and teach us to live in modesty and simplicity, giving no occasion for envy or fear, but, being kindly affectioned one to another until thy Kingdom come and thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## THE CHRISTIAN LIFE

*Love*

**O** GOD of love, who hast given a new commandment through thine only begotten Son, that we should love one another, even as thou didst love us, the unworthy and the wandering, and gavest thy beloved Son for our life and salvation; we pray thee, Lord, give to us thy servants, in all time of our life on the earth, a mind forgetful of past ill will, a pure conscience and sincere thoughts,

and a heart to love our brethren; for the sake of Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Lord and Savior. *Amen.*

### Temperance

**A**LMIGHTY God, gracious Father of all men, who openest thine hand and fillest all things with plenty; teach us to use the gifts of thy providence, soberly and temperately, that our temptations may not be too strong for us, nor our affections sensual and unholy. Grant, O Lord, that the blessings which thou givest us may neither minister to sin nor to sickness, but to health and holiness and thanksgiving; that in the strength of thy provision we may faithfully and diligently serve thee, may worthily feast at thy table here, and be accounted worthy to sit down at thy table hereafter; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### Courage

**A**LMIGHTY God, give us grace to contend always for what is true and right, and to be ready if need be to suffer for it. Give us not over to fearfulness of soul, but lift us into that love which casteth out fear, so that we may glorify and enjoy thee now and for ever; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### Steadfastness

**O** GOD, speak to our hearts when men faint for fear, and the love of many grows cold, and there is distress of the nations upon earth. Keep us resolute and steadfast in the things that cannot be shaken, abounding

in hope and knowing that our labor is not in vain in thee. Restore our faith in the omnipotence of good; renew thy love which never faileth; and make us to lift up our eyes and behold, beyond the things which are seen and temporal, the things which are unseen and eternal. *Amen.*

### STEWARDSHIP

**O** LORD, who hast taught us that all our doings without charity are nothing worth, and that it is more blessed to give than to receive, pour into the hearts of thy people that most excellent gift of charity, and incline them to liberal offerings for the extension of thy Church and the salvation of mankind; and, thus bringing forth the fruit of good works, may they by thee be plentifully rewarded, and be made partakers of thy heavenly treasure; through the merits of Jesus Christ, our most blessed Lord and Savior. *Amen.*

### THE HOME AND FAMILY

#### HOME

**O** GOD, our heavenly Father, who hast set the solitary in families; look in favor, we beseech thee, upon the homes of thy people. Defend them against all evil; and supplying all their needs according to the riches of thy grace, make them sanctuaries of purity and peace, love and joy. Keep all our dear ones within the safe shelter of thy love. May they and we follow thee at every step of our daily life, and though our paths may lead us far from one another, may we all be led at last to thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## CHILDREN OF THE CHURCH

ALMIGHTY and Everlasting God, who dost will that not one of these little ones should perish, and hast sent thine only Son to seek and to save that which was lost, and through him hast said, Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of God; most heartily we beseech thee to bless and govern the children of thy Church. Protect and defend them against all danger and harm; and grant that they may grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

## THE HOMELESS

ALMIGHTY and merciful God, who healest those that are broken in heart, and turnest the sadness of the sorrowful to joy; let thy fatherly goodness be upon all that thou hast made. Remember in pity such as are this day destitute, homeless, or forgotten of their fellowmen. Bless the congregation of thy poor. Uplift those who are cast down. Mightily befriend innocent sufferers, and sanctify to them the endurance of their wrongs. Cheer with hope all discouraged and unhappy people, and by thy heavenly grace preserve from falling all those whose penury tempteth them to sin; though they be troubled on every side, suffer them not to be distressed; though they be perplexed, save them from despair. Grant this, O Lord, for the love of him, who for our sakes became poor, thy Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

## A LITANY OF THE PEOPLE

## I

Let us pray for deliverance from evil:

*Lord, deliver us:*

From the love of money:  
 From forgetfulness of duty:  
 From anger, malice, and contempt:  
 From oppression, carelessness, and neglect:  
 From hardness, narrowness, and distrust:  
 From all lack of faith, hope, and charity:

*Lord, deliver us.*

## II

Let us pray for all people:

For all who learn and labor truly: for men and women who face peril and bear pain:

*We beseech thee:*

For those who till the earth: for those who tend machinery:

For those who strive on land or sea or in the air: for those who venture in far countries:

For those who work in offices and warehouses: for those who labour at furnaces and in factories:

For those who toil in mines: for those who buy and sell:

For those who keep house: for those who train children:

*We beseech thee.*



## III

For all who live by strength of arm: for all who live by cunning of hand:

For all women workers:

For all who organize, control, lead, or employ:

For all who enrich the common life through art, and science, and learning:

For all who guide the common thought as writers or as teachers:

For all who serve the common good as pastors, physicians, lawyers, merchants:

For the services, and for all public servants. . . :

For all social workers, leaders, and statesmen. . . :

*We beseech thee.*

## IV

And for all those who are poor, or broken, or oppressed:

*We pray to thee:*

For all whose labor is without hope: for all whose labor is without honor:

For all whose labor is dangerous: for all who live in penury:

For those who have too little leisure: for those who are underpaid:

For those who cannot find their proper work: for those who will not work:

For casual workers: for the unemployed:

For those who are badly housed:

For those who have no home:

For prisoners and outcasts: for the victims of lust:  
For all who are afflicted or sick: for all who are hungry or ill-fed:

For all who are luxurious, intemperate, stupid, or cruel:

For all who are striving after better things:

*We pray to thee.*

## V

Lord's Prayer

THE NATION

GENERAL PRAYER FOR THE NATION

**O** GOD, who hast taught us in thy holy Word, that the nations that will not serve thee shall perish; we acknowledge our dependence upon thee for life and all its blessings, and our obligations to serve and glorify thee in our bodies and spirits which are thine. We praise thy holy Name for the manifold blessings of thy providence and grace; for our birth and education under Christian influences; for the civil and religious liberty we enjoy: for the ministrations of the Church; for the comfort of our homes; and for all the tender relationships of life; and while we enjoy these many tokens of thy favor, we beseech thee to pardon our many sins and failures, and grant that we may show our thankfulness by a sincere obedience to thy holy laws, and always be mindful of thy presence as a holy safeguard against wrong. Bless our land with honorable industry, sound learning, and pure living. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion; from pride and arrogance, and from every evil way.

Defend our liberties, and fashion into one united people the multitudes brought hither out of many kindreds and tongues; and so guide, govern, and direct us in all our ways that there may be justice at home and peace among all the nations of the earth. In the time of prosperity, temper our self-confidence with thankfulness; and in the time of trouble, suffer not our trust in thee to fail. This we ask in the name of thy dear Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

## NATIONAL HOLIDAYS

*For the Opening of the Year*

**A**Lmighty and eternal God, with whom one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day; we bring thee thanks and praise for thy blessings, more than we can number, with which thou hast crowned our lives during the year now past; and since thy mercies are ever new, let the year which has now begun, be to us a year of grace and salvation. Have pity upon us in our misery, whose days are as the grass. Deliver us from the vanity of our old fallen nature; and establish us in the fellowship of that life which is the same yesterday and today and forever. Graciously protect and conduct us through the uncertainties of this new year of our earthly pilgrimage. Prepare us for its duties and trials, its joys and sorrows. Help us to watch and pray, and to be always ready like men that wait for their Lord; and grant that every change, whether it be of prosperity or adversity, of life or of death, may bring us nearer to thee and to that great eternal year of joy and rest, which,

after the years of this vain earthly life, awaits the faithful in thy blissful presence; where we shall unite, from everlasting to everlasting, with angels and saints, in ascribing blessing, and honor, and glory, and power, unto him who sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

*Memorial Day*

**L**ORD God of Hosts, in whom our fathers trusted and found their faith rewarded by thy gracious care, bless us today as we commemorate their valor and their sacrifice. We thank thee for the brave men who in the time of conflict were ready to lay down their lives if need be in the cause of liberty and righteousness. We thank thee for what they did and suffered on our behalf, in unflinching loyalty to this union of free states, in order that popular self-government might not perish from the earth. Unite all the people of this great nation in a holy purpose to defend the principles of freedom and brotherhood for which they lived and died. Help us to emulate the loyalty of these heroic men. And may the nation which they helped to establish on an enduring foundation be ever true to the great ideals of the founders, and gain increasing prosperity, justice, and equal rights for all people; to the honor and praise of thy holy Name. *Amen.*

*Independence Day*

**O**THOU blessed and only Potentate, who hast granted unto our country freedom, and established sovereignty by the people's will; we thank thee for the great

men whom thou hast raised up for our nation, to defend our liberty, and maintain law and order within our borders. Ever give unto the Republic wise and fearless leaders in every time of need. Enlighten and direct the multitudes whom thou hast ordained in power, that their counsels may be filled with knowledge and equity, and the whole commonwealth be preserved in peace, unity, strength, and honor. Take under thy governance and protection thy servants, the President, the Governors of the States, the lawgivers and the judges, and all who are entrusted with authority; so defending them from all evil and enriching them with all needed good, that the people may prosper in freedom beneath an equal law, and our nation may magnify thy name in all the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

#### *Labor Day*

**W**E invoke thy grace and wisdom, O Lord, upon all men of good will who employ and control the labor of men. Amid the numberless irritations and anxieties of their position, help them to keep a quiet and patient temper, and to rule firmly and wisely, without harshness and anger. Since they hold power over the bread, the safety and the hopes of the workers, may they wield their power justly and with love, as older brothers and leaders in the great fellowship of labor. Suffer not the heavenly light of compassion for the weak and the old to be quenched in their hearts. When they are tempted to sacrifice human health and life for profit, do thou strengthen their will in the hour of need, and bring to nought the counsels of the heartless. May they not sin

against thee by using the bodies and souls of men as mere tools to make things. Raise up among us employers who shall be makers of men as well as of goods. Give us men of faith who will look beyond the strife of the present, and catch a vision of a nobler organization of our work, when all shall still follow the leadership of the ablest, no longer in fear, but by the glad will of all, and when all shall stand side by side in a strong and righteous brotherhood of work; according to thy will in Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

#### *Harvest Home*

**A**LMIGHTY and everlasting God, we yield thee hearty thanks for all thy goodness, and especially for this thy bounty again bestowed upon us, who, through thy providence and tender mercy, have now reaped the fruits of the earth in due season, and gathered them into our garner. Give us power to use the same to thy glory, to the relief of those that are needy, and to our own comfort. Continue, we beseech thee, thy lovingkindness toward us, that year by year our land may yield her increase, filling our hearts with joy and gladness; and so dispose us by thy special grace that we, thy servants, may never sow only to the flesh, lest of the flesh we reap corruption, but may sow spiritually to life everlasting, and reap the same in thy heavenly kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*



## Thanksgiving Day

**M**OST high and mighty Ruler of the universe, by whom our nation hath been established in freedom and preserved in union; in this feast of harvest we thank thee for the fruits of the earth. We thank thee also for thy favor shown unto our fathers, and thy faithfulness continued unto their children; for the rich land given us for an inheritance, and the measure of freedom entrusted to the people; for the fidelity of men set in authority, and the peace maintained by righteous laws; for protection from outward dangers, and deliverance from inward strife; for an honorable place among the nations, and the opportunity of increasing service to the world. Keep thou the commonwealth beneath thy care, and guide the State according to thy will: and thine shall be the glory and the praise and the thanksgiving, from generation to generation. *Amen.*

## MORNING PRAYERS

**O** LORD, our heavenly Father, Almighty and Everlasting God, who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day; defend us in the same with thy mighty power; and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger; but that all our doings may be ordered by thy governance, to do always what is righteous in thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**O** GOD, the King eternal, who dividest the day from the darkness, and turnest the shadow of death into the morning; drive far off from us all wrong desires,

incline our hearts to keep thy law, and guide our feet into the way of peace; that having done thy will with cheerfulness while it was day, we may, when the night cometh, rejoice to give thee thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**W**E beseech thee heartily that thou wilt vouchsafe to receive us this day and all the days of our life from henceforth into thy good keeping, ruling and governing us with thy Holy Spirit; that all manner of darkness and evil may be utterly driven out of our hearts, and that we may walk in the light of thy truth, to thy glory and praise, and to the help and furtherance of our neighbor; through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. *Amen.*

## EVENING PRAYERS

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

**A**BIDE with us, O Lord, for it is evening and the day is far spent. Let the light of thy presence comfort us as the shadows deepen, and let us hear thy voice speaking to us as to the disciples of old, saying, "Peace be unto you." May the cares and worries of the day relax their grip, and our minds be lifted to the level where life and all its problems are seen in true perspective. As the stars appear through the gathering dusk, so may thy mercies shine through the dark shadows of our sin and sorrow. Open to us the word of thy truth,

and make our hearts burn within us. Attend us on our homeward way; may we rest tonight in the assurance of thy protecting care, and wake renewed in mind and body for the duties of the morrow; through thy grace, O Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**B**E present, O merciful God, and protect us through the silent hours of this night, so that we who are fatigued by the changes of this fleeting world may repose upon thine unchanging love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### PRAYERS FOR CHURCH MEETINGS

#### CONSISTORY OR CHURCH COUNCIL

**O**LORD, we thank thee for thy Church and for the call that comes to each one of thy children to be laborers in God's vineyard according to the several gifts which thou hast conferred upon us. Be pleased to bless and prosper our undertakings for building up the Kingdom of God in our midst. Give us the spirit of loyalty to thee and to thy Church. May we never grow weary in well doing. May we always be found doing the Master's will, and grant to us as thy laborers, a pure intention, patient faith, and holy zeal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

#### YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETY

**O** GOD, who hast taught us in thy holy Word that we are to remember thee, our Creator, in the day of our youth; bless, we humbly pray thee, the Young People's Societies of thy Church, that all their members

being inspired by faith, hope, and love, may earnestly strive to promote the honor due to thy dear Son, the spread of his Church, and the gathering of wanderers into the fold. Give them grace to fulfill in their lives what they profess with their lips. Deliver them from the spirit of worldliness, and grant that, fervently serving thee with pure hearts, they may show forth the praises of him who hath called them out of darkness into his marvellous light. Help us all, we beseech thee, to bear one another's burdens, and to live not for ourselves, but for others, as members of one family in Christ; make us holy by the indwelling of his Holy Spirit; and bring us all at last to the joy of thy heavenly kingdom; through him who died that we might live, thy Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

#### SUNDAY SCHOOL

**O**LORD, our heavenly Father, in whose image all the children of men are made; bless, we beseech thee, the Sunday Schools of thy Church, that the young may be rightly instructed in thy Word, and find him whom to know aright is life eternal. Open the holy Scriptures, both to those who teach and to those who learn, that the difficulties of the letter may not hide the light of the Spirit. Make all the pupils ready to be taught and willing to obey, that they may find joy and peace in the way of thy commandments. Enrich the teachers with patient faithfulness and loving wisdom, and send more laborers into this part of thy vineyard, that the young and tender plants may be nourished and trained to bring forth fruit unto everlasting life. So let thy truth be manifest from

generation to generation, and the whole family of mankind rejoice together in thy mercy; through him who is the Savior of the world, Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

## BROTHERHOOD

**O** LORD, our heavenly Father, we beseech thee to bless us, and all who belong to this Brotherhood. May its members be sheltered and protected evermore by thy fatherly love; and to its associates vouchsafe the help and guidance of thy Holy Spirit. Help us all to bear one another's burdens, to live not for ourselves, but for others, as members of one family in Christ; make us holy by the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, and bring us all at last to the joy of thy heavenly kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## WOMEN'S GUILD

**O**UR heavenly Father, who art the source of all blessing, we beseech thee to bless our gathering today, and to be gracious towards all who are members of this Guild. May we have the Spirit of Christ in our midst, and by his guidance do only those things which are well pleasing in thy sight. Accept our thanks for all the blessings thou hast conferred upon womankind, and enable us always to live unto thee in gratitude and devotion. As thou hast sanctified womanhood and the home, so may we honor the high position that is ours, and serve our day and generation in all the ways that are open to us. Help us to adore and follow the Savior with pure hearts. For his sake, pardon all our sins and shortcomings. Teach us

the ways of righteousness and peace, and grant us strength to oppose evil wherever we may have opportunity. Give us evermore the spirit of self-sacrificing service; through him who is our blessed Lord and Master, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

## PRAYER FOR THE OPENING OF SYNOD

**A**LMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, who by thy Holy Spirit didst preside in the first council of thy disciples at Jerusalem, and hast promised to be with thy Church always, even unto the end of the world; vouchsafe, we pray thee, unto thy servants, here assembled, thy gracious presence and benediction. Deliver us from all error, pride, and prejudice. Enlighten us with wisdom from above. Fill our hearts with the spirit of unity and peace; and so guide us in all our actions, that the kingdom of Satan may be broken down, thy people comforted and established in their most holy faith, and the pure gospel truly preached and truly followed. Assist us with thy grace in all the work which we are to undertake. Direct us by thy wisdom and support us by thy power, that doing our duty diligently we may bring it to a good end, for the greater glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*



## OFFERTORY SENTENCES

**E**VERY man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the Lord thy God which he hath given thee.

**U**PON the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him.

**L**ET your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

**I**HAVE shewed you all things, how that so laboring ye ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive.

**H**E which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully. Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver.

**W**HOSO hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his heart of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?

**T**O do good and to communicate forget not: for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.

## OFFERTORY PRAYERS

**H**EAVENLY Father, who hast given us all things richly to enjoy, graciously deign to receive these our gifts, which we now lay upon thine altar, and bless us

both in the use and the giving of thy mercies; for Jesus' sake. *Amen.*

**A**LMIGHTY God, our Heavenly Father, who hast spared not thine only Son, but delivered him up for us all, and who with him hast freely given us all things; help us, we beseech thee, with all our gifts to yield ourselves unto thee, that with body, soul, and spirit we may truly serve thee, and in thy service find our deepest joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*

**O** GOD, most merciful and gracious, of whose bounty we have all received; accept, we beseech thee, this offering of thy people. Remember in thy love those who have brought it and those for whom it is given; and so follow it with thy blessing that it may promote peace and goodwill among men, and advance the kingdom of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

## ASCRPTIONS

**N**OW unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us; unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus, throughout all ages, world without end. *Amen.*

**N**OW unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy; to the only wise God our Savior, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and for ever. *Amen.*

UNTO him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood, and hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. *Amen.*

NOW unto the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings, and Lord of lords; who only hath immortality, dwelling in the light which no man can approach unto; whom no man hath seen or can see: to him be honor and power everlasting. *Amen.*

NOW unto the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, be glory and dominion for ever and ever. *Amen.*

AND now to the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, three Persons and one God, be ascribed by us, and by the whole Church, as is most due, the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

UNTO the Father, and unto the Son, and unto the Holy Spirit, be ascribed in the Church all honor and glory, might, majesty, dominion, and blessing, now, henceforth, and for ever. *Amen.*

BLESSING, and honor, and glory, and power, be unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever. *Amen.*

NOW unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honor and glory for ever and ever. *Amen.*